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**THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA**

**TRANSPORTATION STRATEGY STEERING COMMITTEE**

**REPORT 1-2012**

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Minutes of a meeting of the Transportation Strategy Steering Committee held on Tuesday, January 17, 2012, commencing at 11:07 a.m. in Council Chamber, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario.

**ATTENDANCE**

- Committee: Regional Chair Burroughs; Councillors; Zimmerman (Chair), Augustyn, Badawey (Vice Chair), Barrick, Eke, Greenwood, Hodgson, McMullan, Rigby, Bodner (Port Colborne), P. Collard (Fort Erie Alternate), Grimaldi (Welland), Hill (Fort Erie), W. Maves (Niagara Falls), Wilson (Grimsby), S. Wilson (Thorold).
- Staff: Messrs. Brothers, Commissioner Public Works, Cousins, Director, Transportation Services; Ranjan, Associate Director Transportation Planning Section; Bergen, Transportation Planning Section, Ms. Papaiz, Associate Director Corporate Communications, Ms. Stephen, Senior Transportation Planning Engineer, Ms. McManus, Legislative Assistant.
- Other: Mr. Robson, Commissioner Integrated Community Planning; Mr. Dren (Niagara Falls), Ms. Stout (Town of Fort Erie), Mr. Sherlock (St. Catharines Transit), Mr. Parent (Brock Student Union), Ms. Stockdale (Brock Student Union), Mr. Slepko (Resident of St. Catharines and Smarter Niagara Steering Committee member).

## PRESENTATIONS

### 1. Escarpment Crossing Study Terms of Reference

Ms. Stephen, Senior Transportation Planning Engineer, provided Committee members with a presentation respecting the Escarpment Crossing Study Terms of Reference.

Moved by Councillor Badawey  
Seconded by Councillor Augustyn

That Ms. Stephen's presentation respecting the Escarpment Crossing Study Terms of Reference, be received and that Report TSSC 9-2012, January 17, 2012, respecting Escarpment Crossing Study (EA) Terms of Reference be lifted and dealt with at this time.

Carried.

(A copy of Ms. Stephen's presentation is attached to these minutes.)

## ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

### 2. Escarpment Crossing Study Terms of Reference **TSSC 9-2012**

Moved by Councillor Hodgson  
Seconded by Councillor Badawey

That Report TSSC 9-2012, January 17, 2012, respecting Escarpment Crossing Study (EA) Terms of Reference, be received **as amended**;

That this Committee recommend to Public Works Committee:

That the attached Terms of Reference for the Escarpment Crossing Study be approved;

That a Request for Proposals for the Escarpment Crossing Study be released following the approval of the Terms of Reference and the Budget Initiation report;

That the number of Phases of the Escarpment Crossing Study awarded in 2012, be based on the availability of Capital Funds;

***That staff include the evaluation criteria (complete with percentages) and Regional Council's September 15, 2011 motion respecting the significant changes to provincial policy and the need for a new Class Environmental Assessment for a new or improved escarpment crossing which would be designed for commercial traffic and mitigate the negative impacts to motorists and local residents Report TSSC 9-2012; and***

***That staff extend the study area north and east/west to include the Niagara GTA corridor.***

Carried.

3. Inter-Municipal Transit Update

Mr. Ranjan, Associate Director Transportation Planning Section provided Committee members with an update respecting Inter-Municipal Transit.

Moved by Councillor Badawey  
Seconded by Councillor McMullan

That Mr. Ranjan's update respecting Inter-Municipal Transit, and TSSC 7-2012, January 17, 2012, respecting Niagara Region Transit, be received for information.

Carried.

(A copy of Mr. Ranjan's presentation is attached to these minutes.)

*Councillor Badawey assumed the Chair in Councillor Zimmerman's brief absence.*

**CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

4. Communications Activities  
**TSSC 8-2012**

Moved by Councillor Hodgson  
Seconded by Regional Chair Burroughs

That Report TSSC 8-2011, January 17, 2012, respecting Communications Activities, be received for information.

Carried.

*Councillor Zimmerman assumed the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.*

5. Minutes – Transportation Strategy Committee  
**December 6, 2011**

Moved by Councillor Hill  
Seconded by Councillor Bodner

That the Minutes of the Transportation Strategy Steering Committee, December 6, 2011, be received for information.

Carried.

6. Moved by Regional Chair Burroughs  
Seconded Councillor Rigby

That the following reports and items of correspondence be received for information:

TSSC 1-2012	Niagara Advance (November 24, 2011) respecting "Regional Transit could increase taxes for NOTL – but not service"
TSSC 2-2012	St. Catharines Standard (dated November 30, 2011) respecting "Standard readers have their say"
TSSC 3-2012	Welland Tribune (dated December 2, 2011) respecting "Take care, be aware"
TSSC 4-2012	St. Catharines Standard (dated December 3, 2011) respecting "Students' passes might be accepted on Region buses"
TSSC 5-2012	Niagara This Week (dated December 7, 2011) respecting "Regional transit motion irks Welland"
TSSC 6-2012	Welland Tribune (dated December 8, 2011) respecting "City buses a bunch of lemons"

Carried.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Committee adjourned at 12:24 p.m. to meet again at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, February 28, 2012, Committee Room 4.

Debbie Zimmerman  
Chair

Vance Badawey  
Vice-Chair

Lisa McManus  
Legislative Assistant