1. **CALL TO ORDER**
   Committee Chair Quirk called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. and welcomed new and returning Committee members.

2. **DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**
   There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

3. **SELECTION OF COMMITTEE VICE-CHAIR**
   3.1. **Call for Nominations for Committee Vice-Chair**
   Committee Chair Quirk called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Regional Niagara Bicycling Committee for a two-year term (2015-2016).

   Moved by M. Petrachenko
   Seconded by T. Whitelaw

   That Ken Forgeron **BE NOMINATED** for the position of Vice-Chair of the Regional Niagara Bicycling Committee for a two-year term (2015-2016).

   Carried
3.2. **Motion to Close Nominations for Committee Vice-Chair**

Committee Chair Quirk called a second and third time for nominations for the position of Regional Niagara Bicycling Committee Vice-Chair. There being no further nominations and no objections, nominations were closed.

There being only one nominee for the position of Vice-Chair, Committee Chair Quirk announced that Ken Forgeron would be the Regional Niagara Bicycling Committee Vice-Chair for a two-year term (2015-2016).

4. **PRESENTATIONS**

4.1. **Bicycling in Niagara - A Backgrounder**

Kumar Ranjan, Manager, Transportation Systems and Planning, provided information on Bicycling in Niagara - A Backgrounder. Topics of the presentation included:

- The Context
- History
- RNBC Accomplishments
- Education and Encouragement
- Niagara Region Bicycling Map
- Bikeways Master Plan Network
- Connection with Greater Niagara Circle Route
- Complete Streets
- Local Area Municipality Grants
- Looking Forward

(An updated version of the presentation is attached to these minutes.)

**Councillor Information Request(s):**


5. **DELEGATIONS**

There were no delegations.
6. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

6.1. RNBC-C 21-2015

Moved by E. Van Vliet
Seconded by M. Petrachenko

That a decision on the future of the Regional Niagara Bicycling Committee BE DEFERRED to the Regional Niagara Bicycling Committee meeting being held on October 21, 2015 to allow staff time to provide additional information.

Carried

7. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

7.1. RNBC-C 22-2015

A letter from the City of Welland, dated July 8, 2015, respecting Bicycle Facilities Grants (Wellington Street)

Moved by M. Petrachenko
Seconded by T. Whitelaw

That Correspondence Item RNBC-C 22-2015, being a letter from the City of Welland respecting Bicycle Facilities Grants (Wellington Street), BE RECEIVED for information.

Carried

7.2. RNBC 5-2015

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Moved by K. Forgeron
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That Minutes RNBC 5-2015, being the minutes of the Regional Niagara Bicycling Committee meeting held on July 8, 2015, BE RECEIVED for information.

Carried
8. **OTHER BUSINESS**

8.1. **Update on Items from Minutes of July 8, 2015**

Committee members requested updates on the requests for signage on Taylor Road in the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, the presentation from Regional IT staff on statistical information of the Niagara Region bike maps, and the application for Funding to Promote Cycling. Kumar Ranjan, Manager, Transportation Systems and Planning, advised members that signage is being investigated by staff, that a presentation will be requested from Regional IT staff for a future meeting and that the Region has put forward an application for the Funding to Promote Cycling for Merrittville Highway improvements.

8.2. **Extension of Greater Niagara Circle Route**

Committee members were advised that the Greater Niagara Circle Route Committee is actively pursuing an extension of the Greater Niagara Circle Route to include a route from the Port Robinson Ferry to Chippawa and that it was hoped that the Regional Niagara Bicycling Committee would collaborate with the Greater Niagara Circle Route Committee on this project.

8.3. **Active Transportation Niagara Network**

Committee members were invited to participate in the Active Transportation Niagara Network which meets approximately twice yearly. Interested members were encouraged to speak with Jackie Gervais.

8.4. **Toronto Centre for Active Transportation Complete Streets Forum 2015**

Committee members were advised that Toronto Centre for Active Transportation Complete Streets Forum 2015 was being held on October 1, 2015 at the University of Toronto.

Moved by M. Petrachenko  
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That Ken Forgeron and Curtis Thompson **ATTEND** the Toronto Centre for Active Transportation Complete Streets Forum 2015 as representatives of the Regional Niagara Bicycling Committee.  

**Carried**
9. **NEXT MEETING**
   The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in Committee Room 4, Regional Headquarters.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**
    The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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Councillor Quirk
Committee Chair

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Ann-Marie Norio
Legislative Coordinator

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Ralph Walton
Regional Clerk
Bicycling in Niagara
a Backgrounder

RNBC
September 9, 2015

The Context

• Surrounded by Lake Ontario and lake Erie and Niagara River
• Wide diversity of agricultural and rural lands, large urban areas, small villages and hamlets
• Environmentally sensitive spaces

• Wineries
• Golf courses,
• Historic sites
• Operating Welland Canals

and of course
• The Niagara Falls
History

Regional Bicycling Committee
• 1992: Regional Niagara Bicycling Committee formed
• 1995: First Regional Bikeways Master Plan (joint Provincial funding)
• 2003: Second Bikeways Master Plan approved by Regional Council
• 2008: Strategic Plan

OTHER MAJOR TRAILS developed since the mid-1990s
• Greater Niagara Route Committee (140 km trail system)
• Waterfront Trail (Lake Ontario, Lake Erie and Niagara River)
• Greenbelt Route (Greenbelt Cycling Route form Durham to Niagara)

Some Major RNBC Accomplishments
Education and Encouragement

Niagara Region Bicycling Map

- Updated in 2011.
- Good for recreational, tourist or utilitarian bicyclists.
- Has details about multi-use trails, bike paths and information on all the back roads in the region.
- Has information on road conditions (paved vs. unpaved), bicycle facilities (bike lanes), traffic conditions and location of hills is presented.
Connection with Greater Niagara Circle Route

Policies and Guidelines
Active Transportation (AT) Summits

RNBC a key partner in the AT Summits in 2011 and 2015 with a number of agencies

AT Summit 2015
Two key recommendations incorporated in the Regional Transportation Master Plan Study:
• Create consistent way-finding signage, and
• Develop more complete streets

Complete Streets
(that contribute to complete communities)
LAM Grants

- Niagara Region provides grants of up to $200 k annually to the local area municipalities towards implementing the BMP network on their local roads

- Over $1.4 million provided as grants to municipalities

- Over 55 km bike lanes created that are not on regional roads
Looking Forward

• Bicycling as integral part of multi-modal transportation
• Transportation Master Plan
• Inter-Municipal Transit
• Bicycling Tourism
  – Partnerships
• Provincial bicycling initiatives
  – Policies and legislations
  – Bicycling networks

Thank you
Questions?