

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA
INTEGRATED COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

OPEN SESSION

REPORT 2-2012

Minutes of the Open Session portion of the meeting of the Integrated Community Planning Committee held in the Council Chamber, Regional Municipal Building, 2201 St. David's Road, Thorold, Ontario, on Wednesday, February 1, 2012 commencing at 1:12 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Committee: Regional Chair Burroughs; Councillors Hodgson (Chair); Augustyn, Badawey, Barrick, Baty, Greenwood, Jeffs, Joyner, Lepp, Luciani, Marshall, Maves, McMullan, Petrowski, Rigby, Teal, Timms.

Other Councillors: Eke, Grenier

Staff: Messrs. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer; Robson, Commissioner Integrated Community Planning; Weir, Director of Administration; Weaver, Director, Community and Corporate Planning; Bain, Regional Clerk; Ms. Tanner, Associate Director Regional Policy Planning; Ms. Dawn, Legislative Assistant.

Staff

Others: Mr. Milot, NEDC Transition Manager; Mr. Robinson, Executive Officer to the Regional Chair; Ms. Maddalena, Economist.

Regrets: Councillor Volpatti

PRESENTATIONS

21. Economic Development Update

Mr. Verne Milot, Economic Development Transition Manager of the Niagara Economic Development Corporation presented before Committee with an update on the Economic Development Transition Plan. Mr. Milot stated that the new framework for Niagara Economic Development (NED) must contain mandated accountability for actions and outcomes; support collaboration and cooperation among all stakeholders; emphasize sector expertise; and maximize ability to respond to unforeseen opportunities.

Some of the key considerations of the NED transition include: job creation, changing role of NED, real costs of marketing communications; and awareness of the power in a greater collective.

Mr. Milot explained that the role of NED in economic partnerships will be to: identify which activities are “strategic” to Niagara; support existing partnerships that are vital to the NED strategy of Niagara; where needed, collect key participants and create new “strategic partnerships”; and foster healthy community action.

Mr. Milot also provided the Committee with an overview of the organizational structure of the new NED, financial planning and short- and medium-term milestones.

Moved by Councillor Petrowski
Seconded by Regional Chair Burroughs

That Mr. Milot’s presentation respecting Economic Development Update, be received for information.

Carried.

(A copy of Mr. Milot’s presentation is attached to these minutes.)

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

22. **Economic Development Transition Update**
EDTF 1-2012

Moved by Councillor Badawey
Seconded by Councillor Augustyn

That Report EDTF 1-2012, February 1, 2012, respecting Economic Development Transition Update, be received as ***amended***;

That this report be received for information; and

That a **60**-day consultation period be authorized for feedback on the final draft model described in this report.

Carried.

(Refer to Councillor Information Requests.)

23. Code of Conduct for Members of Council
ICP 14-2012

Moved by Councillor Badawey
Seconded by Councillor Luciani

That Report ICP 14-2012, February 1, 2012, respecting Code of Conduct for Members of Council, be received for information; and

That staff be requested to prepare a revised Code of Conduct for members of Council that addresses at a minimum, the matters outlined in Option A in this Report, and including an informal complaint procedure for consideration at a future Integrated Community Planning Committee meeting.

Carried.

(Refer to Councillor Information Requests.)

CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

24. Temporary Closure of a Section of the
Greater Niagara Circle Route Trail and
Proposed Alternate Route
ICP 16-2012

Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Councillor Marshall

That Report ICP 16-2012, February 1, 2012, respecting Temporary Closure of a Section of the Greater Niagara Circle Route Trail and Proposed Alternate Route, be lifted and discussed at this time.

Carried.

(Refer to Councillor Information Requests.)

25. Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Luciani

That the following reports be received for information:

ICP 16-2012	Temporary Closure of a Section of the Greater Niagara Circle Route Trail and Proposed Alternate Route (and be circulated to Area Municipalities)
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ICP 15-2012 Background Information Report
Application to Amend the Regional Policy Plan (RPPA 5-2011)
Two Sisters Estate Winery
Proposed Connection to Sanitary Service
Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake (and be circulated to
the local municipalities and agencies)

ICP 17-2012 *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act* Standards

Carried.

26. Moved by Councillor Baty
 Secoded by Councillor Marshall

That the following correspondence items be received for information:

ICP-C 5-2012 A letter from Regional Chair Gary Burroughs to Mr. Naheed Nenshi, Mayor of Calgary, dated January 4, 2012, congratulating the City of Calgary on receiving a Cultural Capital of Canada designation for 2012.

ICP-C 6-2012 A letter from Ms. Donna Delvecchio, Deputy City Clerk, City of Thorold, dated December 21, 2011, advising that City Council received for information Regional correspondence respecting: Review and Update of the Smarter Niagara Incentive Programs; Smart Growth Principles and the Relationship to School Accommodation Reviews; and the 2012 Budget, November 10, 2011.

ICP-C 7-2012 A letter from Mr. Warren Hoshizaki, Director of Education, District School Board of Niagara, dated December 23, 2011, acknowledging receipt of correspondence respecting Smart Growth Principles and the Relationship to School Accommodation Reviews and advising that the letter will be presented to the Board at their meeting on January 10, 2012.

ICP-C 8-2012 A letter from Mayor J. Diodati, City of Niagara Falls, dated January 17, 2012, respecting the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference (FCM) 2014 and attaching a congratulatory letter from the FCM which announces the Niagara Region and the City of Niagara Falls as the successful host City for the 2014 FCM Conference and Trade Show.

ICP-C 9-2012

A memorandum from Mr. Kirk Weaver, Director Community & Corporate Planning, dated February 1, 2012, respecting Gateway Economic Zone and Centre Market Research Information.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

27. Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference

Chair Burroughs stated he was glad to see the letter from the City of Niagara Falls added to the agenda. Based on his inquiry, staff agreed to forward the letter to the Region's FCM Conference Planning Committee for response in terms of setting aside funds and determining cost sharing arrangements.

Councillor Baty noted that a motion was passed by Regional Council, in principle, to support the formation of an FCM Conference Planning Committee; however, the details as to its membership, etc. have not been established.

COUNCILLOR INFORMATION REQUESTS

Staff was requested to:

- Circulate with Report EDTF 1-2012 the notes and minutes that came from the meetings prior to the last motion of Council and the comments that came back from consultations with the local Economic Development Offices. Councillor Timms (Refer to Minute Item #22.)
- Investigate whether it would be appropriate to include indirect conflicts of interest in the new Code of Conduct. Councillor Petrowski (Refer to Minute Item #23.)
- Investigate the formation of a "Complaint Committee" consisting of the Regional Chair, member(s) of staff, member(s) of the public, and legal representation. Councillor Rigby (Refer to Minute Item #23.)
- Distribute the Code of Conduct for Regional Employees to members of the Committee. Councillor Maves (Refer to Minute Item #23.)
- Amend the first and second paragraphs of the Executive Summary contained in Report ICP 16-2012, February 1, 2012, respecting Temporary Closure of a Section of the Greater Niagara Circle Route Trail and Proposed Alternate Route to include "the Greater Niagara Circle Route Committee" where requested, and to circulate the revised Report with the Blue Book and to the Area Municipalities. Councillor Timms (Refer to Minute Item #24.)

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 3:28 p.m. to meet again at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 22, 2012 in the Council Chamber, Regional Headquarters.

Councillor Hodgson
Chair

Natasha L. Dawn
Legislative Assistant

Kevin Bain
Regional Clerk