

**THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA**  
**GREATER NIAGARA CIRCLE ROUTE COMMITTEE**

**REPORT 4-2011**

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Minutes of a meeting of the Greater Niagara Circle Route Committee held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Wednesday, October 19, 2011 commencing at 5:09 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

Committee: Councillor Timms (Chair); Messrs. Paris, Phillips, Vamplew, Vandermaas; Ms. Hotte

Staff: Ms. Tanner, Associate Director, Regional Policy Planning; Mr. Macbeth, Planner; Ms. Dawn, Legislative Assistant.

Other: Mr. Humber, Shorthills Cycling Club; Mr. Murphy, Niagara Freewheelers; Mr. Kloetstra, Niagara Timber-Line Riders; Ms. Royce, Ministry of Health Promotion and Sport

**Quorum**

There being a lack of ordinary quorum at the meeting, it was determined that the ordinary quorum for the meeting be reduced to six members, pursuant to Section 22.10 of the Procedural By-law 120-2010.

**APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

17. Natasha Dawn, Legislative Assistant, called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Greater Niagara Circle Route Committee for a two-year term (2011 and 2012).

Moved by Mr. Vamplew  
Seconded by Mr. Vandermaas

That Councillor Timms be nominated for the position of Chair of the Greater Niagara Circle Route Committee for a two-year term (2011 and 2012).

Ms. Dawn called a second and third time for nominations for the position of Chair of the Greater Niagara Circle Route Committee.

Moved by Mr. Vamplew  
Seconded by Ms. Hotte

That nominations for the position of Chair of the Greater Niagara Circle Route Committee for a two-year term (2011 and 2012), be closed.

Carried.

With the agreement of Councillor Timms, Ms. Dawn declared him Chair of the Greater Niagara Circle Route Committee for a two-year term (2011 and 2012).

Ms. Dawn called for nominations for Vice Chair of the Greater Niagara Circle Route Committee.

Moved by Mr. Vamplew  
Seconded by Mr. Vandermaas

That Mr. Denis Paris be nominated for the position of Vice Chair of the Greater Niagara Circle Route Committee for a two-year term (2011 and 2012).

Ms. Dawn called a second and third time for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Greater Niagara Circle Route Committee.

Moved by Mr. Vandermaas  
Seconded by Mr. Phillips

That nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Greater Niagara Circle Route Committee for a two-year term (2011 and 2012), be closed.

Carried.

With the agreement of Mr. Paris, Ms. Dawn declared him Vice Chair of the Greater Niagara Circle Route Committee for a two-year term (2011 and 2012).

Councillor Timms assumed the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

### **CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

18. Moved by Mr. Phillips  
Seconded by Ms. Hotte

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

GNCR 1-2011                      Environmental Assessment (EA) for Regional Road No. 87

GNCR 2-2011                      Update on Greater Niagara Circle Route Trail Closure

Carried.

**ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

19. Greater Niagara Circle Route Committee  
**September 7, 2011 Minutes**

Moved by Mr. Phillips  
Seconded by Ms. Hotte

That the minutes of the Greater Niagara Circle Route Committee meeting of September 7, 2011, be received for information.

Carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

20. Use of the Greater Niagara Circle Route  
By Motorized Vehicles

Mr. Alan and Mrs. Jeanne Pender appeared before the Committee to express concerns with respect to the portion of the Greater Niagara Circle Route located near their property along the Welland Canal. The Penders reported that the use of the trail by motorized vehicles has increased significantly through all times of the day. In their opinion, use of the trail by pedestrians and cyclists has become dangerous since motorists are not respecting the rules of etiquette on the trail.

Moved by Mr. Phillips  
Seconded by Mr. Vandermaas

That Mr. and Mrs. Pender's presentation respecting Use of the Greater Niagara Circle Route by Motorized Vehicles, be received for information.

Carried.

Moved by Mr. Vandermaas  
Seconded by Ms. Hotte

That this Committee recommend to the Integrated Community Planning Committee:

That staff contact the Clerks of the municipalities of Thorold, Welland and Port Colborne to determine the status of bylaws regulating the use of the trail within those municipalities' boundaries.

Carried.

Moved by Mr. Paris  
Seconded by Mr. Vandermaas

That this Committee recommend to the Integrated Community Planning Committee:

That Regional Council request the Niagara Regional Police Service enforce the rules of etiquette on the paved portion of the Greater Niagara Circle Route.

Carried.

21. Shorthills Trail Reconstruction Update

Mr. Humber informed the Committee that work will be commencing on the Black Walnut Trail located in Shorthills Provincial Park. The reconstruction will involve completion of a new trail head and sustainable trail, posting trail signage and an updated map.

22. Facilitative Review and Strategic Planning Update

Ms. Tanner informed the Committee that the Facilitative Review and Strategic Planning Study will be available in final draft form at the Committee's next meeting.

**CLOSED SESSION**

23. Moved by Mr. Phillips  
Seconded by Mr. Vandermaas

That this Committee do now meet in Closed Session for purposes of receiving information of a confidential nature relating to a Proposed or Pending Acquisition or Disposition of Land by the Region.

Carried.

24. Moved by Mr. Phillips  
Seconded by Mr. Paris

That the oral report from Ms. Tanner respecting Proposed or Pending Acquisition or Disposition of Land by the Region, be received for information.

Carried.

25. Moved by Mr. Phillips  
Seconded by Mr. Vandermaas

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

**COMMITTEE INFORMATION REQUESTS**

Staff was requested to:

- forward the event details for the Annual Trail Head Conference to Committee members as well as to investigate the way by which the Committee may form a delegation at the event.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Committee adjourned at 6:22 p.m. to meet again on Wednesday, December 14, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. in Committee Room 4.

Councillor Timms  
Chair

Natasha L. Dawn  
Legislative Assistant

Kevin Bain  
Regional Clerk