

**THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA**  
**INTEGRATED COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**REPORT 9-2010**

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Minutes of a meeting of the Integrated Community Planning Committee held in Council Chambers, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Wednesday, July 7, 2010 commencing at 2:08 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

Committee: Regional Chair Partington; Councillors Gabriel, Presiding as Chair; Augustyn, Badawey, Baty; Casselman; D'Angela; Henderson; Marshall; Salci; Timms; Trombetta; Zimmerman.

Staff: Messrs. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer, Robson, Commissioner Integrated Community Planning; Weaver, Director, Community & Corporate Planning; Mr. Bain, Regional Clerk; Ms. McManus, Legislative Assistant.

Other: Messrs. Weir, Director Administration; Gummo, Associate Director, Regional Policy Planning; Bertleff, Associate Director Regional Emergency Planning; McQueen, Operating Officer, Public Health; Ms. Rae, Legal Counsel Real Estate; Ilze Andzans, Project Manager; Ms. Swigger, Co-op Student, Clerks Division; Ms. Britnell, Municipal Intern under the Ontario Municipal Internship Program; Ms. Pierson, Program Integration Analyst; Mr. Parass, Niagara Economic Development Corporation (NEDC); Mr. Gedge, Niagara Economic Development Corporation (NEDC); Mr. Graveline, Niagara Economic Development Corporation (NEDC); Ms. Kuhns, Niagara Economic Development Corporation (NEDC); Mr. Teichroeb; Niagara Economic Development Corporation (NEDC).

## **PRESENTATIONS**

127. Niagara Economic Development Corporation (NEDC)  
Semi-Annual Report and Update

Mr. Gedge, Chief Executive Officer, provided Committee members with information respecting the Niagara Economic Development Corporation (NEDC) Semi-Annual Report and Update.

(A copy of Mr. Gedge's Presentation can be found attached to these minutes)

Moved by Councillor Henderson  
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That Mr. Gedge's Presentation respecting the Niagara Economic Development Corporation (NEDC) Semi-Annual Report and Update, be received for information.

Carried.

(Refer to Councillor Information Requests)

Councillor Casselman declared a pecuniary interest with respect to any matters that SAFESTor, as she has a family member employed with the company and she therefore left the room and took no part in the discussion of, or voting on, this matter.

## **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

128. SAFESTor – Records Management

Councillor Gabriel respectfully requested that Mr. Tony Ravenda please make no mention of personal matters involving identifiable individuals who are Niagara Region staff members.

Following consideration of Ms. Rae's legal advice it was:

Moved by Councillor Trombetta  
Seconded by Councillor Marshall

That Mr. Ravenda's Correspondence and Presentation, be deferred to the Integrated Community Planning Committee meeting on July 28, 2010 in order to obtain a Staff Report on the Request For Proposal (RFP) process and the correspondence from Mr. Ravenda.

Carried.

129. Results of the Request for Proposal for the Leasing of Records Storage Space for the Inactive Records Centre  
**ICP 37-2010**

Moved by Councillor Trombetta  
Seconded by Councillor Marshall

That Report ICP 37-2010, July 7, 2010 respecting Results of the Request for Proposal for the Leasing of Records Storage Space for the Inactive Records Centre, be deferred to the Integrated Community Planning Committee meeting on July 28, 2010 in order to obtain a Staff Report on the Request For Proposal (RFP) process and the correspondence from Mr. Ravenda.

Carried.

130. Culture Committee Revised Terms of Reference  
**ICP 36-2010**

Moved by Councillor Timms  
Seconded by Councillor Marshall

That Report ICP 36-2010, July 7, 2010 respecting Culture Committee Revised Terms of Reference, be received; and

That the Niagara Culture Committee Terms of Reference (attached as Appendix I to the Report) be approved.

Carried.

131. Niagara Water Strategy (NWS) Update and Action Plan 2010/2011  
**ICP 38-2010**

Ilze Andzans, Project Manager presented Committee members with a presentation respecting Niagara Water Strategy and Action Plan.

(A copy of Ms. Andzans Presentation can be found attached to these minutes)

Moved by Councillor Augustyn  
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That Ms. Andzans Presentation respecting Niagara Water Strategy Update and Action Plan, be received for information.

Carried.

132. Niagara Water Strategy (NWS) Update and Action Plan  
2010/2011  
**ICP 38-2010**

Moved by Councillor Augustyn  
Seconded by Regional Chair Partington

That Report ICP 38-2010, July 7, 2010 respecting Niagara Water Strategy (NWS) Update and Action Plan 2010/2011, be received; and

That Regional Council endorse, in principle the Niagara Water Strategy Update and Action Plan 2010/2011, which continues to implement the long term goals of protection, restoration and management of water resources across the Niagara watershed initially adopted by Council in 2003.

Carried.

Quorum

There being a lack of ordinary quorum at the meeting, the Committee Chair determined that the ordinary quorum for the meeting be reduced to nine members, pursuant to Section 22.10 of the Procedural By-law 96-2007.

133. Niagara Peninsula Rail Service Expansion Class  
Environmental Assessment (EA) Study and Preliminary Design  
**ICP 42-2010(PWA 63-2010)**

Moved by Councillor Timms  
Seconded by Councillor Augustyn

That Report ICP 39-2010, July 7, 2010 respecting Niagara Peninsula Rail Service Expansion Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Study and Preliminary Design, be received **as amended**;

That Regional Council pass a resolution supporting Metrolinx efforts to bring weekday commuter GO Rail service to Niagara Region;

That Regional Council endorse the station locations at Casablanca Boulevard in Grimsby, Ontario Street in Beamsville, VIA Rail Station in St. Catharines, and VIA Rail Station in Niagara Falls as selected by Metrolinx;

That Regional Council endorse the layover sites located at Glendale Avenue in St. Catharines, and VIA Station in Niagara Falls as selected by Metrolinx;

That Regional Council pass a resolution supporting the City of Niagara Falls position that the GO Rail service terminate at the Niagara Falls VIA Station using the existing Welland Canal crossing and that Metrolinx explore co-ordination with the Seaway Authority for train crossing on a priority basis;

That Regional Council pass a resolution requesting implementation of GO Rail Service to the St. Catharines VIA Station and the Niagara Falls VIA Station at the same time as GO Rail Service is implemented to the James Street North station in the City of Hamilton;

That Regional Council pass a resolution, requesting Metrolinx to investigate extending the GO Rail service through the international crossings at Niagara Falls and Fort Erie and explore connection to the Empire High Speed Rail Corridor in the United States;

That Regional Council pass a resolution requesting Metrolinx to explore the CP Rail Line for additional expansion program in future; and

That a copy of this report be circulated to the area municipalities, Metrolinx, **Federal and Provincial** Ministry of Transportation, **St. Lawrence Seaway** and the City of Hamilton.

Carried.

Councillor Timms declared a pecuniary interest with respect to matters related to Regional Development Charges as his family owns a business that may be subject to development charges, and he therefore took no part in the discussion of or voting on these matters.

### **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

134. Development Charge First Quarter Forgone Revenue  
January 1, 2010 to March 31, 2010  
**ICP 39-2010**

Moved by Councillor Trombetta  
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That Report ICP 39-2010, July 7, 2010, respecting Development Charge First Quarter Forgone Revenue January 1, 2010 to March 31, 2010, be received for information.

Carried.

(Refer to Councillor Information Requests)

135. Regional Emergency Planning Mid-Year Report  
**ICP 40-2010**

Moved by Councillor Trombetta  
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That Report ICP 40-2010, July 7, 2010, respecting Regional Emergency Planning Mid-Year Report, be received for information.

Carried.

136. Niagara Beaches Symposium  
**ICP 41-2010**

Moved by Councillor Trombetta  
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That Report ICP 41-2010, July 7, 2010, respecting Niagara Beaches Symposium, be received for information.

Carried.

137. Update to the Memorandum of Understanding for  
Improving the Planning Function in Niagara  
**PWA 56-2010**

Moved by Councillor Trombetta  
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That Report PWA 56-2010, July 7, 2010, respecting Update to the Memorandum of Understanding for Improving the Planning Function in Niagara, be received for information.

Carried.

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION (continued)**

138. Minutes – Niagara Region Culture Committee  
**April 19, 2010**

Moved by Councillor Casselman  
Seconded by Councillor Augustyn

That the Minutes of the Niagara Region Culture Committee, dated April 19, 2010, be received and the recommendations contained therein approved.

Carried.

**ITEMS FOR INFORMATION (continued)**

139. **Minutes – Greater Niagara Circle Route Committee**  
**May 26, 2010**

Moved by Councillor Trombetta  
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That the Minutes of the Greater Niagara Circle Route Committee, dated May 26, 2010, be received for information.

Carried.

140. **Minutes – Niagara Economic Development Corporation**  
**May 21, 2010**

Moved by Councillor Trombetta  
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That the Minutes of the Niagara Economic Development Corporation, dated May 21, 2010, be received for information.

Carried.

141. **Minutes – General Meeting - Niagara Economic Development Corporation**  
**May 21, 2010**

Moved by Councillor Trombetta  
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That the Minutes of the General Meeting - Niagara Economic Development Corporation, dated May 21, 2010, be received for information.

Carried.

142. Memorandum (dated July 7, 2010) from P. Robson,  
Commissioner, Integrated Community Planning to  
Members of Integrated Community Planning Committee  
Re: *Smarter Niagara* Incentive Program – Reporting on First Brownfield  
TIF, 583 Welland Avenue, St. Catharines  
**ICP-C 19-2010**

Moved by Councillor Baty  
Seconded by Councillor Augustyn

That the Memorandum (dated July 7, 2010) from P. Robson, Commissioner, Integrated Community Planning to Members of Integrated Community Planning Committee, re: *Smarter Niagara* Incentive Program – Reporting on First Brownfield TIF, 583 Welland Avenue, St. Catharines, be received for information.

Carried.

(Refer to Councillor Information Requests)

143. Memorandum (dated July 7, 2010) from P. Robson  
Commissioner, Integrated Community Planning to  
Members of the Integrated Community Planning Committee  
Re: NYS High Speed Rail Summit  
**ICP-C 20-2010**

Moved by Councillor Baty  
Seconded by Councillor Augusty

That the Memorandum (dated July 7, 2010) from P. Robson, Commissioner, Integrated Community Planning to Members of the Integrated Community Planning Committee, re: NYS High Speed Rail Summit, be received for information.

Carried.

144. Minutes – Joint Advisory Committee Wainfleet Water & Wastewater Servicing Project  
**June 23, 2010**

Moved by Councillor Baty  
Seconded by Councillor Augustyn

That the Minutes of the Joint Advisory Committee Wainfleet Water & Wastewater Servicing Project, dated June 23, 2010, be received for information.

Carried.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

145. Port Colborne Lions Club Correspondence  
Re: Niagara Timber-Line Riders Motorcycle Club Inc.

Moved by Councillor Timms  
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That ICP-C 21-2010 respecting Correspondence from the Port Colborne Lions Club Correspondence on Niagara Timber Line Riders Motorcycle Club Inc., be received for information.

Carried.

146. Integrated Community Planning Committee Meeting Time

Moved by Councillor D'Angela  
Seconded by Councillor Casselman

That Staff be directed to survey Regional Councillors respecting the suggestion to revise the Integrated Community Planning Committee commencement time to 1:00 p.m. as opposed to 2:00 p.m.

Carried.

**COUNCILLOR INFORMATION REQUESTS**

Staff was requested to:

- (Patrick Gedge) Forward list of connections made and companies contacted in the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake and City of Thorold (Refer to Minute Item #127) (Councillor Burroughs & Councillor D'Angela)
- (Patrick Gedge) Forward a list of municipalities that have approved and/or supported the Niagara Original Brand (Refer to Minute Item #127) (Councillor Badawey)
- Circulate copies of ICP 39-2010 and ICP-C 19-2010 to the Smarter Niagara Steering Committee for information (Refer to Minute Items #134 and #142) (Councillor Augustyn)
- Circulate copies of ICP 39-2010 to the ICP-C 19-2010 to the Regional Development Charge Task Force Committee for information (Refer to Minute Items #134 and #142) (Councillor D'Angela)

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Committee adjourned at 4:12 p.m. to meet again at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 28, 2010 in Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters.

Councillor Gabriel  
Presiding as Chair

Lisa McManus  
Legislative Assistant

Kevin Bain  
Regional Clerk