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May 13, 2013

Ms. Bonnie Nistico-Dunk  
Clerk  
City of St. Catharines

Dear Ms. Nistico-Dunk:

**Re: Notice of Decision to Adopt  
Regional Policy Plan Amendment 1-2011  
Niagara Culture Plan Implementation**

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Attached is a copy of the Notice of Regional Council's May 9th decision regarding the adoption of Regional Policy Plan Amendment 1-2011.

The Notice states that any appeals must be submitted to the Regional Clerk. The last date for submitting appeals is June 3rd, 2013. If you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at extension 3593.

Yours truly,

  
Denise Landry,  
Planner

Attachment: Notice of Decision

cc: Ms. Janet Pilon, Regional Clerk  
Ms. Mary Lou Tanner, MCIP, RPP, Associate Director, Integrated Community Planning

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ST. CATHARINES, ONTARIO**

# **Notice of Decision to Adopt Regional Policy Plan Amendment (1-2011) To Implement the Niagara Culture Plan**

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## **Purpose & Effect**

Amendment 1-2011 implements two strategic actions in the Niagara Culture Plan through a policy framework that supports the cultural economy and economic development in Niagara. The amendment proposes to add a new section to the Regional Policy Plan, Creative Niagara and modify a number of sections in the Plan.

## **Decision to Adopt**

The Council of the Regional Municipality of Niagara, as the approval authority under the Planning Act, has made a decision to **adopt** Amendment 1-2011 to the Regional Policy Plan.

## **Process for Appealing a Decision**

Any person or public body who disagrees with the above decision may appeal all or part of that decision to the Ontario Municipal Board by filing a notice of appeal with the Regional Municipality of Niagara. If a decision is appealed, the Ontario Municipal Board will make the final decision on the Official Plan Amendment. A notice of appeal must

- (i) be made in writing to:  
Ms. J. Pilon, Regional Clerk  
Regional Municipality of Niagara  
2201 St. David's Road, P.O. Box 1042  
Thorold, Ontario L2V 4T7
- (ii) set out the specific part(s) of the proposed Regional Policy Plan Amendment to which the appeal applies
- (iii) give the reasons for the appeal
- (iv) be accompanied by a fee of \$125.00 in the form of a certified cheque or money order payable to the Minister of Finance (this is the fee required by the Ontario Municipal Board), and
- (v) be submitted by **June 3, 2013** which is the last day for filing a notice of appeal.

**The proposed Regional Policy Plan Amendment is exempt from approval by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the decision of the Regional Municipality of Niagara to adopt Amendment 1-2011 is final if a notice of appeal is not received before or on the last day for filing a notice of appeal.**

Only individuals, corporations or public bodies may appeal a decision of the approval authority to the Ontario Municipal Board. A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf. No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before this amendment was adopted, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the council or, in the opinion of the Ontario Municipal Board, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

## **Additional Information**

Additional information, including a copy of the Amendment and Regional Council's decision is available to the public for inspection in the offices of the Integrated Community Planning Department at the Regional Municipality of Niagara Administration Building, 2201 St. David's Road, Thorold from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Telephone: (905) 685-4225 or 1-800-263-7215).

**Date Mailed: May 13, 2013  
Last Day for Filing a Notice of Appeal: June 3, 2013**