

**Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority
FULL AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES**

April 16, 2014; 7:00 pm.
250 Thorold Road, 3rd floor; Welland, ON Boardroom

- MEMBERS PRESENT:**
- B. Timms (Chairman)**
 - A. Jeffs (Vice-Chair)**
 - M. Bagu
 - B. Baty
 - S. Beattie
 - T. Dalimonte
 - D. DiFruscio
 - D. Joyner
 - B. Maves
 - D. Ransom
 - B. Steckley
 - D. Zimmerman
- MEMBERS ABSENT:**
- C. D'Angelo (on leave)
 - D. Dick (regrets)
 - B. Sharpe (regrets)
- STAFF PRESENT:**
- T. D'Amario, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer
 - P. Graham, Director, Watershed Management
 - D. Barrick, Manager, Operations
 - M. Brickell, Project Manager
 - G. Furtney, Conservation Area Supervisor
 - M. Stack, Supervisor, Marketing and Community Relations
 - M. Reles, Communications Specialist
 - C. Kaufmann, Accounting Administrator
 - L. Conte, Recording Secretary
- OTHERS PRESENT:**
- Len Aarts, Gerry Beneteau (Friends of One Mile Creek), S. Bernmen, Naomi Brusse, Allen Bunyad, Mike Cordiff, Darren Croghan, Erika Furney, G. Furminger (The Tribune), C. Haeberle, Herb Haeberle, David Honey (Niagara Landowners Assoc), Norm Johnson, Anthony Kaluzny, Stefanos Karatopis, Brenda Kearns, Nadia Kobyłka (Grant Thornton), Betty Konc, Bev Lepard, Donna Masi, Randy Momot (Grant Thornton), Chris Powell (Stantec), Gerry Prentice, Glen Robins, Matthew Schappert, Alex Shaver, L. Shields, Graham Speck, Don Smith, Mike Sullivan, Bonnie Tuson

ROLL CALL:

Meeting called to order at 7:47 pm. Chairman Timms gave recognition to new Board Member Debbie Zimmerman as appointed by the Region. Debbie is currently CEO of Grape Growers of Ontario and a Regional Councilor. We welcome D. Zimmerman to NPCA.

Timms called for an adjustment in the Agenda program. The Delegations will move up, prior to the Chair's remarks. Item 8 Crown Lands Claims will follow the first delegation and Item 6 Niagara Region Wind Corp. will follow second delegation.

Resolution as follows:

FA-61-14

Moved by: B. Baty
Seconded by: D. Ransom

That: Delegations be moved to Item 3 of the agenda, prior to chairman's remarks; Item 8 (Crown Lands) will follow the first delegation and item 6 (Niagara Region Wind Corp) will follow the second delegation.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Debbie Zimmerman declared a conflict should anything arise with regards to the Grape Growers of Ontario.

BUSINESS:

(1) MINUTES – Full Authority Meeting of March 19, 2014

The following resolution was presented;

FA-62-14

Moved by: D. DiFruscio
Seconded by: D. Joyner

THAT: the minutes of the Full Authority Meeting held March 16, 2014 be received and approved as printed

CARRIED

(2) Business Arising from the Minutes

No business arising.

(3) Delegation – Mr. David Honey

David Honey President of the Niagara Landowners Association spoke with regards to the perception of the Authority. He stated that it is his belief the Conservation Authority is meant to stand as an advisory body *only* to the municipalities, in order to reduce flooding and erosion; yet in his opinion, the Authority restricts uses of sensitive lands that are privately owned and fines and sues individuals for non-compliance to the Authority's bylaws. Mr. Honey believes that the Conservation Authority is not legally entitled to lay claim or implement policies and regulations to privately owned properties. He further noted that the Conservation Authority abuses it's power by not applying it's own regulations and only imposes it on others. He went on to list various cases. Mr. Honey also related to the board that the MNR expanded the wetland designation in 2006, based on average precipitation in 2006 which he believes was the wettest year ever in the Niagara Peninsula. He feels this cheats property owners of the use of their lands and reduces the value of such lands.

Board comments:

- B. Baty stated that the MNR creates the designations of wetlands and are enforced by the Authority. Baty further stated that both the Woodend and Ball's Falls developments were not exempt from the Authority's policies – they too went through the same approval process from the NEC for permits. Baty noted that he sits on the board for the Escarpment Commission and clarified that the Escarpment Act is the regulatory branch not the NPCA and people do get approval through the Escarpment Commission for development permits. Member Baty reinforced the fact that the Strategic Plan includes changes to better serve the public – focusing on customer service and as such informed Mr. Honey that the Niagara Landowners Association will have a seat on the (CLAC) Community Liaison Advisory Committee.

The Chairman asked Mr. Honey to kindly leave a copy of his presentation with staff. (attached)

Motion to receive presentation

FA-63-14

Moved by: B. Maves

Seconded by: M. Bagu

THAT: the presentation by David Honey be received and referred to Report 27-14 (Crown Land Claims), item 8 of the Agenda.

MOTION CARRIED

(4) Crown Lands Claims – Report No. 27-14

P. Graham explained that as a result of the board's inquiry about the Crown Land Claims, staff consulted legal services staff at the Region and received the information outlined in Report 27-14 before the board. Namely that;

- Crown Land Patents (CLP) was the tool used by the Crown to transfer lands to the original settlers of Ontario and are still used today to transfer Crown land to private ownership.
- The Ontario Court decisions in 2010 and 2012 disagrees that Crown Land Patents supersede all provincial legislation.
- The Courts confirmed that in Canada, the provinces have the authority to enact legislation.
- Legislative authority to control the use of land belongs to the province under the British North America Act section 92(13) or 92(16).
- The Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority was created in accordance with the provincial legislation, The Conservation Authorities Act ("Act"). Section 20 and 21 of the Act outlines the responsibilities of Conservation Authorities.

Board Comments:

Member D. Zimmerman asked why this issue is being addressed by the NPCA if it is an MNR issue. Timms responded that a delegation to the board in March brought up this issue and the board requested a report for clarification purposes.

Following resolution presented;

FA-64-14

Moved by: D. Zimmerman

Seconded by: D. Ransom

THAT: Report No. 27-14 be received for information.

When questioned whether the Authority sells sensitive lands, CAO, D'Amario stated that since 1985 the NPCA has never sold or disposed of land except for road widening purposes.

MOTION CARRIED

(5) Delegation – Niagara Region Wind Farm

Chris Powell from Stantec Consulting presented on behalf of the Niagara Region Wind Corporation who is requesting approval for use of the Gord Harry Trail for a wind farm turbines project. Powell provided a summary of the process, rationale for requesting access to 635m of the Gord Harry Trail, and further included mitigation and compensation for this project.

The Project would house 77 turbines of 230 MW with 2 substations. The Gord Harry Trail would be used for access during the construction/installation of turbines and cables for approximately 45 days. Since they require a 6m wide access of the trail, the trail would have to undergo a needed widening, however, once the project is complete the trail will be restored to its original state. NRWC wish to enter into agreement for the access during construction and the continued access to service the stations thereafter.

Board comments:

- A. Jeffs commented that ATV's are not allowed on the trail. Who conducted the studies? Powell responded Stantec and Hatch Engineering prepared and submitted to the MNR on behalf of NRWC and to NEC before them. A. Jeffs asked if this project could be run along private landowners instead of the Gord Harry Trail and further inquired if there are any species at risk. Powell responded that there is an existing culvert structure over watercourse and the rail bed.
- D. Zimmerman asked if both agricultural lands leased for turbines are in agreement of this. Powell responded that both are in agreement. Zimmerman asked if putting the collector lines underground is less costly. Powell responded that he doesn't know the cost difference, but going underground will have less disturbance.
- B. Baty asked if the trail would be out of use to the public and if yes, length of time. Powell responded that during the 40-45 days of construction and installation, the trail would be off use however, not 45 consecutive days; it would be split between site preparation. B. Baty requests security and liability if the trail is widened. Powell responded that the widening of the trail is for driving purposes. Baty noted that in the past we have banned private use and how can we avoid this now? Timms suggests we refer to staff. Baty further inquired about the compensation being offered; can you quantify the excess gravel available to NPCA and can you provide a dollar figure with respects to the funds for naturalization and education purposes.
- DiFruscio is concerned about crossing our Conservation property and asked why not use an alternate route? Powell responded that other options were considered but believes the Gord Harry Trail will minimize impact on residents and natural resources by making use of something already in existence. DiFruscio commented that NPCA's mandate is to protect our lands and not allow this encroachment on our land.
- Member Bagu noted that the Lakeshore route is not the way to go, however, our current policy disallows for this sort of access on our trails, furthermore, this project is slated to be placed on lands of private property owners, so why not utilize their land and leave the Gord Harry trail alone? Bagu is not comfortable with the monthly truck

visits for 40 years of service once in operation and asked what kind of traffic is anticipated. Powell responded it would only be once a month for maintenance purposes.

- B. Maves asked for the reference size of the t23, t29 . Powell responded 124 m and 135 m in height. Minimum blade length is 10m. Maves further inquired about the road widening from it's current 3 metre gravel and the decommissioning. Powell responded that the trail would be widened between 5-6 meters and the decommissioning would apply to remove all and restore the trail to it's current state. What is the depth of line and how is it secured, asked Maves. Powell stated that it will be placed below the frost line; 1.5 meters trenching and secured with warning tape on top should anyone be digging. What if Wainfleet doesn't approve of this project, inquired Maves. Powell responded they will have to look at alternate routes.
- D. Joyner commented that NRWC is waiting for completion of (REA) Renewable Energy Approval in June however, noted that they are already considering the preferred line (Gord Harry Trail) prior to getting approval. Powell responded affirmatively. Joyner further noted that the process was initiated in 2008 and had draft reports to the MOE in April of 2013 and submitted to REA. Powell responded affirmatively. Joyner asked if NPCA would be able to comment during the 60 days waiting period. Powell responded that he is available for comments.
- D. Ransom expressed concern over the health issues and migratory birds and needs answers with underground cable / optic lines. Powell stated that final details would be expressed in the agreement. Ransom suggested they negotiate with private landowners since they have agreed to the turbines, why go through our protected land?
- Steckley asked, in the event of unforeseen circumstances, would the NPCA be consulted if NRWC choose to go overhead and can the NPCA change their decision at that point. Powell stated that the NPCA would be consulted of any changes, however, the proposal is to bury the lines underground. Steckley asked what improvements would come about for the Trail. Powell stated that the section impacted by construction would be restored with native vegetation, resurfaced back to it's existing state and funds provided to NPCA for improved signage and educational purposes. Steckley – is this a one-time payout? Powell responded affirmatively. Would this agreement go beyond 20 years asked Steckley; “yes” responded Powell.
- D. DiFruscio has reservations about installing utilities on the property and further commented that the Trail was deeded to NPCA from the Township of Wainfleet and as such, NPCA cannot do anything without consulting the Township of Wainfleet. Chairman Timms stated that the intention is for Mr. Powell to present details of the request and to wait for information to be considered on the upcoming report (Report No. 25-14 next item on the Agenda).
- D. Joyner asked if the compensation refers to the road use agreement. Chris Powell responded, “No, it would be a land lease agreement with compensation”. Clarity is required between land lease agreement & road use agreement, stated Joyner.
- A. Jeffs asked Mr. Powell to present to Wainfleet Council and commented with regards to the buried lines; that Wainfleet has rock close to the surface and asked if this will be an issue. Chris responded that no blasting is being considered since the

studies do not report this problem.

- B. Timms asked for confirmation that the proposal will be using the existing crossing of creek. Powell responded that the culvert rail is currently in place for crossing – need to determine if it is sound in same location, the other alternative is use culvert to cross creek with structure.

Motion as follows:

FA-65-14

Moved by: D. Zimmerman

Seconded by: A. Jeffs

THAT: the presentation by Niagara Region Wind Farm be received and referred to Report 25-14 (NRWC), item 6 of the Agenda.

MOTION TO RECEIVE IS CARRIED

(6) Niagara Region Wind Corp. (NRWC) – Report No.25-14

D. Barrick gave further details to NRWC's request to access a 1km stretch of the Gord Harry Trail, located in the Township of Wainfleet.

In response to the Government of Ontario's initiative to promote the development of renewable electricity in the province, NRWC is proposing to develop, construct, and operate a 230 Megawatt Wind Farm within the Townships of West Lincoln and Wainfleet, and the Town of Lincoln. Access roads to each turbine will be necessary during construction of the turbines and for maintenance during turbine operation; which is 20 years, in accordance with the Ontario Power Authority Feed-in Tariff contract.

The proposed work on the Gord Harry Trail includes:

- Underground collector lines and fibre optic lines being installed beneath the Trail
- The construction of a temporary construction access road to provide access to the two wind turbines located on private property to the south of the Gord Harry Trail
- Removal of vegetation growing along the former railway
- The establishment of a permanent access route

The work is expected to commence in November, 2014 and will be completed within approximately 40 – 45 days. There are no direct costs associated with this project, however, NRWC is willing to make improvements to portions of the Trail and would further provide \$5,000 to the NPCA towards naturalization and/or educational efforts associated with the Trail.

Barrick indicated that NPCA cannot grant access rights to others without consulting the Township of Wainfleet since the trail was deeded to NPCA from Wainfleet.

The following motion was presented;

FA-66-14

Moved by: A. Jeffs

Seconded by: S. Beattie

THAT: Report No. 25-14 be received for information; and

that the Township of Wainfleet be consulted to ensure that any works constructed are not in conflict with the Trail rights held by them and include consultation with NPCA solicitor.

Board comments:

- D. Zimmerman asked for clarification in determining who is in the right to decide, does this go to Wainfleet and then comes back to NPCA for approval? Are we taking a stand prior to consulting with Wainfleet? And further stated that we are not within our rights to grant permission to others. Barrick responded that staff recommendation is from our lawyers; we need to determine from Wainfleet if they are within their rights reserved; listen to Wainfleet's concerns before we make a decision.
- B. Maves asked, "Is it our final call or Wainfleet's?" Barrick responded, "Wainfleet's"

MOTION CARRIED

(7) Chairman's Remarks

- On April 11 at Beamer Memorial C. A. an accident occurred involving a couple who stood on the edge and fell approx. 15 feet. They had to be rescued from Gibson Street, happy to report that injuries are not life threatening. Timms toured the site and a press release was issued advising public to stay on designated trail. D. Ransom asked if there is fault on NPCA part. Timms reported that there are no such allegations from the Chief. DiFruscio asked if we have any warning signs posted. Timms responded affirmatively and noted that our signs are in the parking lot and we will need to improve our signage on the trail.
- Timms wished to address the correspondence sent to Minister Orazietti with following motion;

FA-67-14

Moved by: A. Jeffs
Seconded by: D. Zimmerman

THAT: we move consideration of B. Timms correspondence to Minister Orazietti in response to Cindy Forster's comments.

MOTION CARRIED

Timms explained that following Forster's remarks in the legislature, a written response was sent to Minister Orazietti, the Municipalities and the board, noting that MPP Forster did not consult with Chair or Vice-Chair to address their questions, nor was there a request for a meeting. Following the Chair's correspondence, Forster's office communicated with NPCA to set up a meeting next week.

- A. Jeffs wished to clarify the misunderstanding with regards to waiving the park fee for the Wainfleet property. Our preference is to accept land, cash is a secondary option which was decided by Council. The people in Wainfleet all promote the beach acquisition.
- D. Zimmerman noted that misinterpretation is part of the challenge we face and the \$500K fee is up to Wainfleet to decide. Zimmerman views this beach access as an asset and hopes to see efforts to preserve it in pristine condition.

- D. DiFruscio commented that we can't be faulted, it was public land to begin with and was donated to Easter Seals. The Province should have stepped in and not allowed East Seals to sell it to Lakewood. Having purchased this land, NPCA is trying to protect this property and allow for public access.
- D. Joyner commented that the decision about the Wainfleet property was not Jeffs alone, it was a decision made by the entire council. Wainfleet needs to clarify to the Region and the public and how this fits in with Niagara Region's Lakefront Enhancement Strategy. Joyner suggests we get the facts out to the people with comparative of the Regional Beach; get a "fact sheet" out to everyone – local media & post on NPCA website. Timms commented that we are attempting to do this through question & answers, public consultation, community at large and develop a master plan for this property. "As part of the Strategic plan, our communications need to improve and this is the opportunity to do so", remarked Joyner.
- B. Baty believes there is much misinformation with the public and a need to clear up the negativity. With the Wainfleet purchase, we have gained what we want for the public by protecting the toad habitat and providing public beach access. Through the Strategic plan and the new committee (CLAC) that will be formed, we hope to implement a policy that will protect our lands. The public is concerned because we don't have a disposal policy in place.
- A. Jeffs also commented that Forster went forward without consideration of the board and without the communication of NPCA and along with the media much inaccurate information was disseminated. Timms directed the NPCA's communications staff to provide information on our website.
- D. Zimmerman requested that the public be included in the development of a Master Plan when one is ready to be created. Timms stated that the new Committee (CLAC) will be utilized for this.
- B. Timms spoke about the public call on CKTB for Staff member David Barrick to resign because he is a Regional Councilor. The public incorrectly believes that NPCA is part of the Region. Timms stated that the Conservation Authority is a product of the Province and not of the Region. Communications staff need to get correct answers to the public. Municipalities fund the Conservation Authority and the funding municipalities appoint members to represent their municipality.
- April 2nd was Earth Day. We had ground breaking at Woodend for the Walker Living Centre by DSBN. Timms congratulated Ransom, Baty and Maves for the work they initiated with DSBN and the lease deal.
- Timms attended the AGM for Conservation Ontario on March 31st. Part of the topics covered is that Conservation Ontario is lobbying the province for \$800,000 for flood management program and 60 million to modernize the flood plain mapping.
- The AMEC peer review is complete and the Welland River Flood Plain Committee is reviewing it. The board anticipates recommendations from the Committee once completed.

(8) CAO Remarks
No remarks.

(9) DRAFT - 2013 Financial Statements – Report No. 26-14

The Financial Statements have been reviewed with Authority staff, the Authority Chairman, Vice-Chairwoman and the Auditors and reflect the year-end report with reserve allocations as previously approved by the Board. Mr. Momot from Grant Thornton presented the financial statements to the board. Mr. Momot reported that the balance sheet's financial position is strong. Our reserves were 2.6 million prior to purchasing more capital, leaving us with \$500K in reserves.

Board comments:

- B. Baty expressed concern whether we have enough funds for severances or are we damaging our reserves. Momot replied that 2013 has been allocated, 2014 has not. T. D'Amario stated that this is a one-time cost of \$380K in the budget gross-cost of severance. This was identified at the last meeting. Page 5 shows a reserve fund of \$303K but will look at other reserves. D'Amario believes there should be sufficient funds with budget adjustments made to offset shortfall.
- B. Steckley asked for clarification on page 19, whether the debt repayment of \$1.396 million was anticipated. T. D'Amario confirmed it was. Mr. Momot stated that the Authority was levying the Region, and the Region agreed to debenture the debt and D'Amario was given direction from the board to meet the guidelines from the Region, Hamilton and Haldimand.

The following motion was presented;

FA-68-14

Moved by: B. Maves
Seconded by: B. Steckley

THAT: the Financial Statements for the year ending December 31, 2013 as audited by Grant Thornton be received and adopted.

MOTION CARRIED.

(10) Water Adaptation Management Quality Initiative – Report No. 28-14

P. Graham reported on the Water Adaptation Management and Quality Initiative (WAMQI), who provide funding for research projects that showcase innovative water conservation technologies. As a follow up to the Board's request for information and eligibility of their funding program, Graham noted in his report that WAMQI's aim is to help the agricultural community adapt to the impacts of climate change and low water conditions. Furthermore, in the application for funding, Conservation Authorities were not *specifically* listed as an eligible organization that could receive funding as we are not directly involved in agricultural research projects.

The following resolution was presented;

FA-69-14

Moved by: D. Ransom
Seconded by: D. Joyner

THAT: Report No. 28-14 be received by the Board for information purposes.
CARRIED

Member D. Joyner asked if any organizations have contacted staff about receiving funding. Graham reported none.

(11) St. Johns Master Plan update

As an update on the Master Plan, D. Barrick reported that \$12,000 has already been allocated to some initial work by a consultant. We have held a meeting to refocus, put a plan in place to move forward. B. Baty commented that the meeting held was productive. We need to understand how the new Walker Centre will affect St. Johns and what restrictions are in place with the NEC. We will meet again in June and staff will report back to the Board at the June meeting.

The following resolution was presented;

FA-70-14

Moved by: B. Baty
Seconded by: D. Zimmerman

THAT: the verbal update on St. Johns Master Plan be received for information. CARRIED

(12) Project Status - Report No. 29-14

Motion to receive report,

FA-71-14

Moved by: B. Maves
Seconded by: S. Beattie

THAT: Report No. 29-14 outlining the status of Authority projects/programs be received for information.

- With reference to staff reporting of Cave Springs on page 7, D. Zimmerman commented that Cave Springs is a unique property and in the interest of participating in the development and updating of a Master Plan, why would staff enter into discussions with Twenty Valley Tourism and the adjacent landowner prior to going to the public? M. Brickell noted that past work and discussions have already taken place and we can't confirm if something was ever finalized. By engaging the interested parties we can gain insight and receive an update. They have already shown an interest in participating financially in developing a Master Plan.
- D. Zimmerman believes staff should reword "entering into a process with" to include the public and to ensure it won't be a closed process. Timms agrees that we need to include the public in discussion and is noted as direction to staff.
- D. Ransom said that many have expressed interest in this property and it is noteworthy that in the past, we have turned down requests to purchase this property.
- D. Barrick stated that the update provided on Cave Springs is included in this report to find out what Master Plan initiatives have been undertaken in the past. Once a decision is made to move forward with a Master Plan, the public will be involved as part of our normal procedures.

- B. Maves commented that the existing house located on the property is abandoned and has been broken into many times. The fact that Twenty Valley wants to contribute in joining us in developing a Master Plan is a welcomed opportunity.
- D. Joyner asked when the Unesco biosphere is up for renewal. Baty responded, "imminent, it is underway at the NEC"
- D. Zimmerman proposed that the development of a Master Plan be referred at the next committee meeting to determine if we are willing to support a Master Plan. S. Beattie stated that there is no master plan for Cave Spring. D. Barrick responded that a Draft Master Plan may have been initiated, but we don't know the status. B. Timms noted that the motion is to receive this report for information purposes only, and it is not giving staff direction to move forward with a master plan. T. D'Amario said that there was a desire to have a master plan for Cave Springs over the years but never got to the board for approval. We need to examine the process undertaken. D. Barrick believes the two agencies interested in working with NPCA can assist us. Chair reminded board members that the motion is to receive the report for information purposes only and we are not giving staff approval to go ahead with a master plan.

Motion to receive report for information is CARRIED

(13) Correspondence

The following motion was presented.

FA-72-14

Moved by: B. Baty
Seconded by: D. Joyner

THAT: the correspondence be received for information along with the additional correspondence.

MOTION CARRIED

(14) Other Business

1. Boarder Pass Canada Facility Use Agreement –REPORT NO. 33-14

D. Barrick explained that Boarder Pass Canada has operated a wakeboarding service at the Binbrook site during the 2013 season with great results. It uses approx. 575 ft. x 80 ft. of waterway space located between the beaches and fishing docks of Binbrook CA from mid-May to mid-Oct. They have expressed interest in a continued arrangement for the next 3 years with monthly payments escalating each year. Staff also anticipates an increase in day-use revenues as a result of this service.

Resolution as follows:

FA-73-14
Moved by: S. Beattie
Seconded by: B. Baty

THAT: Report No. 33-14 be received for information; and

that the NPCA Board authorize staff to enter into a three (3) year facility-use agreement allowing Boarder Pass Canada to use and maintain dedicated space at Binbrook Conservation Area for the purpose of operating a Wakeboarding System.

- D. Joyner was concerned that if this wakeboarding is just a passing fad, and the 3 year term is excessive, would there be a clause to withdraw from the agreement. G. Furtney responded that there is an exit clause for 100% at their cost and if we choose to back out in 2014 it's 50%; 2015 is 25% and 2016 10%.
- Staff reported that in 2013 there were no liability issues and participants sign a waiver; one copy goes to Boarder Pass Canada and one copy to Binbrook CA. B. Baty is not comfortable with waivers; Barrick pointed out that clause 11 makes provision for additional liability of \$5 million.

MOTION CARRIED

2. D. Zimmerman put forth a motion with regards to the Cave Springs property and the interest expressed in a Master plan as follows:

FA 74-14

Moved by: D. Zimmerman

Seconded by: B. Baty

THAT: staff bring forward a report on any prior Master Plan related to Cave Spring; and

that staff not proceed with any discussions until the Authority determines the next steps related to the property.

MOTION CARRIED

3. D. DiFruscio ordered 1000 seeds of milkweed and will have them available to any who request them at the next board meeting, free of charge. If you are interested in building a butterfly house the material cost is \$20 and for those who don't want to build their own, DiFruscio knows someone who builds them and sells them for \$40.00.
4. B. Baty expressed disappointment that there were not enough schools on the canopies for kids program this year. Baty also asked that staff investigate the bicycle funding connecting to St. Johns and what opportunities exist for funding of trails.
5. M. Bagu is concerned about the Emerald Ash in the City of Port Colborne and how it has affected our wood lots. M. Bagu would like staff to assess the damage done to our properties, requesting that our Forestry staff survey our properties and report back to the board at the next meeting - May.

With no further business, the following resolution was presented;

FA-75-14

Moved by: B. Maves
Seconded by: D. DiFruscio

THAT: the meeting move in-camera to discuss violations, status on forestry by-law and personnel matter.

CARRIED

(15) In Camera

1A. Proponent Update - CR-30-14

FA-76-14

Moved by: D. Ransom
Seconded by: D. Zimmerman

THAT: Confidential Report No. CR-30-14 be received for information; and direct staff to pursue our enforcement policy.

MOTION CARRIED

1B. Violations Summary

FA-77-14

Moved by: B. Steckley
Seconded by: B. Maves

THAT: the Violations Summary be received for information.

MOTION CARRIED

1C. NPCA correspondence on Violation File (9 Pine Street)

FA-78-14

Moved by: B. Steckley
Seconded by: B. Baty

THAT: the update correspondence on violation for 9 Pine Street, St. Catharines be received.

MOTION CARRIED

2. Forestry By-law Status CR-31-14

FA-79-14

Moved by: Zimmerman
Seconded by: Maves

THAT: Confidential Report No. CR-31-14 regarding the status of the Tree and Forest Conservation By-law be received for information.

MOTION CARRIED

3. NPCA HQ Site evaluation Scoring Criteria - Report CR-32-14

Staff is looking at options available for better operations within the organization.

FA-80-14

Moved by: B. Maves
Seconded by: B. Baty

THAT: *Report No. CR-32-14 be received; and*

that staff be directed to explore the availability and suitability of sites, as per the Site Evaluation Scoring matrix amended, and,

that once the technical evaluation and price evaluation have been completed, staff report back to the Board for further direction.

MOTION CARRIED

The following motion was presented:

FA-81-14

Moved by: D. Zimmerman
Seconded by: D. Ransom

THAT: meeting rise from in-camera with report.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the following resolution was presented:

FA-82-14

Moved by: B. Steckley
Seconded by: D. Joyner

THAT: this meeting is now adjourned.
Received at 11:45 p.m.



Lisa Conte, Recording Secretary



D. Bruce Timms, Chairman