



**NIAGARA PENINSULA CONSERVATION AUTHORITY  
56<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday January 21, 2015; 6:30 pm  
3292 Sixth Avenue; Jordan, ON Ball's Falls Centre for Conservation - Elgin Room

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- MEMBERS PRESENT:** S. Annunziata  
B. Baty  
S. Beattie  
F. Champion  
P. Darte  
D. DiFruscio  
J. Diodati  
B. Hodgson  
A. Jeffs  
D. Joyner  
J. Maloney  
T. Quirk  
R. Shirton  
B. Timms
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** None
- STAFF PRESENT:** C. D'Angelo, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer  
J. Long, Sr. Manager, Corporate Services  
P. Graham, Director Watershed Management  
D. Barrick, Sr. Manager, Operations  
J. Hagar, HR Specialist  
M. Brickell, Project Manager  
B. Wright, Manager, Watershed Projects  
G. Furtney, Conservation Areas Supervisor  
S. McInnes, Manager, Plan Review & Regulations  
M. Reles, Communications Specialist  
M. MacIntyre, Acting Superintendent, Long Beach  
J. Fazekas, Assistant Superintendent, Ball's Falls  
L. Conte, Administrative Assistant, Office of CAO & Board
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Bev Lepard, Gerry Prentice, Glen Robins, Ray A. Konkle, Tony Kaluzny, Erika Furney, Greg Furney, Carol Haeberte, Herb Haeberte, David Honay, Alex Graovac, Allen Garry Bunyan, Mark Barnfield, Sharon Vanderloos, Moe Edwards, Wayne Patterson, K. Young-Chin, Gerry Beneteau

## INTRODUCTION

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NPCA Chief Administrative Officer C. D'Angelo welcomed the new board and attendees to our 56<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting. Each year at the AGM the NPCA holds an election for the Chair and Vice-Chair. Meeting called to order at 6:45 pm.

## BUSINESS:

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### 1. Election of the Chair

#### **Resolution No. FA-01-15**

Moved by: B. Baty  
Seconded by: T. Quirk

THAT the CAO/Secretary Treasurer be appointed Acting Chair for the election of the Authority Chair and Vice-Chair for 2015.

CARRIED

#### **Resolution No. FA-02-15**

Moved by: T. Quirk  
Seconded by: J. Diodati

THAT Jeff Long and Peter Graham be appointed as scrutineers in the event of an election.

CARRIED

#### ◆ **CAO, D'Angelo called for NOMINATIONS for the office of Authority Chair;**

Moved by: T. Quirk

THAT Bruce Timms be nominated for the office of Authority Chair for 2015.

Bruce Timms accepted his name to stand for nomination of Chair 2015.

#### ◆ CAO, D'Angelo called for NOMINATIONS for the office of Authority Chair a second time;

#### ◆ CAO, D'Angelo called for NOMINATIONS for the office of Authority Chair for a third and final time. Having none, the nominations for the office of Authority Chair for 2015 was closed with the following resolution:

#### **Resolution No. FA-03-15**

Moved by: A. Jeffs  
Seconded by: P. Darte

THAT Bruce Timms has been acclaimed as Chair of NPCA for 2015.

CARRIED

### 2. Election of Vice-Chair

#### ◆ **CAO, C. D'Angelo called for NOMINATIONS for the office of Authority Vice-Chair.**

Moved by: A. Jeffs

THAT Sandy Annunziata be nominated for the office of Authority Vice-Chair for 2015.

Sandy Annunziata accepted his name to stand for nomination of Vice-Chair 2015.

- ◆ CAO, C. D'Angelo called for NOMINATIONS for the office of Authority Vice-Chair a second time;
- ◆ CAO, C. D'Angelo called for NOMINATIONS for the office of Authority Vice-Chair for a third and final time. Having none, the nominations for the office of Authority Vice-Chair for 2015 was closed with the following resolution:

**Resolution No. FA-04-15**

Moved by: J. Diodati  
 Seconded by: F. Campion

THAT Sandy Annunziata has been acclaimed as Vice-Chair of NPCA for 2015.

CARRIED

**3. Remarks from Newly Elected Chair and Vice-Chair**

**D. Bruce Timms** who served as Vice-Chair and Chair during the last 4 year term, expressed his appreciation for the Board's confidence in him to Chair in 2015. Timms wants to continue the work commenced in the last term, namely; to continue implementing the Strategic Plan, the Binbrook C.A. Master Plan and develop the St. Johns and Cave Springs Plans. Timms is enthusiastic about NPCA's upcoming contribution to the Provincial Review of the Conservation Authority Act, the Green Belt Act and the Niagara Escarpment Act and Wetlands, with a "no net loss" mandate from the Minister. Working to reduce the cost to taxpayers by improving our revenues from our parks and building our Foundation contributions is another area Timms looks at working hard to achieve in this next term. Also at the forefront is to provide realistic, accurate and reliable flood plain mapping of the Welland River and to consider action on the mandate of the Conservation Authority to manage the health of the River. (attached notes)

**Sandy Annunziata** who is new to the NPCA board, is eager to move forward in our mandate and looks forward to working with this Board.

**4. Selection of Board Members to Standing Committees**

**a. CLAC (Community Liaison Advisory Committee)**

**Resolution No. FA-05-15**

Moved by: T. Quirk  
 Seconded by: F. Campion

THAT the Chair be appointed to the CLAC committee.

CARRIED

**b. NPCF (Niagara Peninsula Conservation Foundation)**

**Resolution No. FA-06-15**

Moved by: J. Maloney  
 Seconded by: P. Darté

THAT the Chair, Vice-Chair and Brian Baty, be appointed to the NPCF committee; and,

THAT the attached DRAFT Terms of Reference be received for information and be brought to the next meeting of the Authority for adoption by the Board.

CARRIED

c. **Budget Steering Committee**

**Resolution No. FA-07-15**

Moved by: D. Joyner  
Seconded by: S. Beattie

THAT the Chair, Vice-Chair, Tony Quirk, Frank Champion, Stewart Beattie and Bill Hodgson be appointed to the Budget Steering Committee .

CARRIED

Note: Budget Steering Committee is currently scheduled to meet on Jan 26<sup>th</sup> & Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am at the Welland Office

d. **Audit Committee**

**Resolution No. FA-08-15**

Moved by: F. Champion  
Seconded by: S. Annunziata

THAT the Chair, Vice-Chair, and Tony Quirk, be appointed to the Audit Committee.

CARRIED

Note: First meeting is anticipated to be held in March

e. **Watershed Flood Plain Committee**

**Resolution No. FA-09-15**

Moved by: J. Diodati  
Seconded by: S. Beattie

THAT the Welland River Flood Plain Review and Implementation Committee name be changed to the Watershed Flood Plain Committee, and;

THAT the Chair, Vice-Chair, A. Jeffs, D. Joyner, J. Diodati, S. Beattie, B. Baty and R. Shirton be appointed to the Watershed Flood Plain Committee.

CARRIED

NOTE: F. Champion declined to sit on this committee declaring a conflict of interest due to ownership of property in the affected area of Welland

f. **Cave Springs Master Plan Committee**

**Resolution No. FA-10-15**

Moved by: F. Champion  
Seconded by: P. Dart

THAT the Cave Springs Terms of Reference be amended to allow 1 additional Community Liaison Advisory Committee member; 3 additional members of the public and a total of two NPCA board members to act as co-chairs for a total of 8 members to the Committee; and,

THAT Bill Hodgson and Stew Beattie be appointed as the two co-chairs from NPCA; and,

THAT David Ruttan, Albert Garofalo, Ray Konkle, Trish Vidler, Kristene Sweet and Carla Carlson be appointed as members to the Cave Springs Master Plan Committee.

CARRIED

Member DiFruscio asked to be added to the Cave Springs Committee with the following resolution;

**Resolution No. FA-11-15**

Moved by: D. Joyner  
Seconded by: T. Quirk

THAT Member D. DiFruscio be appointed to the Cave Springs Master Plan Committee, and

THAT this consideration be added to the Terms of Reference.

CARRIED

**5. Approval of 2015 Meeting Schedule**

- ◆ Feb 18<sup>th</sup> is the Woodend Gala, this affords the Board members the opportunity to attend this event; as such, we will have to re-schedule the February meeting (TBD)
- ◆ Although it has been customary not to hold a Board meeting in the month of August, it was noted that doing so is at the discretion of the Board and is included on the schedule unless a decision is made otherwise.
- ◆ It has also been customary that NPCA meetings be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month. Exception has been made on the 2015 schedule for the months of March and August due to the March break and the AMO conference in August.
- ◆ The Board has recommended that meetings commence at 6:30 pm and be held at Ball's Falls unless otherwise determined.

**Resolution No. FA-12-15**

Moved by: J. Diodati  
Seconded by: P. Darte

THAT the 2015 Meeting schedule be adopted with noted changes.

CARRIED

## ADJOURNMENT

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

**Resolution No. FA-13-15**

Moved by: J. Diodati  
Seconded by: A. Jeffs

THAT the Annual General Meeting be adjourned. Received at 7:15 pm

CARRIED

  
Lisa Conte,  
AA, Office of CAO & Board

  
D. Bruce Timms,  
NPCA Chairman

NPCA Election of Chair , short version delivered publicly at meeting , was acclaimed as NPCA chair, Jan 21, 2015, term not defined,

A vision for the mission of this Board for 2015, 2016

The NPCA Board did good work last term, I was pleased to serve as vice chair and then Chair during that term.

I believe we should continue the work of last term to implement the strategic plan and;

Implement the Binbrook c.a. plan, and develop the St.Johns plan and the Cave Springs plan

Establish NPCA position and make our contribution to the provincial review of the Conservation Authority act, the Green Belt Act and the Niagara escarpment Act and Wetlands, “no net loss” mandate from the Minister.

Work to reduce the cost to taxpayers by improving our revenues from our parks and building our foundation contributions.

And provide realistic , accurate and reliable flood plain mapping of the Welland River/chippawa creek and to consider action on the mandate of the CA to manage the health of the river, ( revisiting the Welland River Eutrophication study in the Niagara River Area of Concern in support of the Beneficial Use Impairment: Eutrophication and Undesirable Algae prepared under the Niagara River Remedial ActionPlan mandate.)

That was the short version

The Province has given clear notice and direction to the minister and the minister on Conservation authority issues in letters of direction and has made these public for the first time. This is very helpful to the board and staff in making clear where our challenges lay in the next 4 years

The municipalities we serve, Niagara and Hamilton have obvious interest in these areas of Prov. Policy review. They will be asking for our advice and comments .

We need to be responding to the ministry and to our funding municipalities. Haldimand has wetland concerns, but no Green Belt or Niagara Escarpment issues.

## Property Acquisition and management

Balanced approach to property acquisition, considering properties that serve our mandate and the broader public interest without un-necessary burden on our budget.

Work with the Niagara region and the waterfront enhancement strategy, while continuing to build our acquisition fund with a levy on Niagara and Hamilton

NPCA has a strong record of acquisition last term. We have seen a clear public appetite for conserving land through the conservation authority and that provides some direction for this term

. The policy direction provided in the Strat plan will guide our acquisition strategy for the next 4 years.

I believe we should Preserve and conserve significant properties for future generations

## Permits and regulation, and Wetlands

Provide prompt, efficient and helpful service to our communities and the people seeking advice and permits

We will pursue, along with several other conservation Authorities, better wetland policy, verification and management procedures with the province reflecting the interests of our funding municipalities and the affected landowners . The ministers letter from the premiere says “ working with other ministries, Municipalities and partners (conservation Authorities) to conduct a review of Ontario”s broader wetland strategy. YOUR GOAL is to strengthen wetland policies and stop the net loss of wetlands” The Premieres letter to the minister put

wetlands 6<sup>th</sup> out of seven, the ministers letter to his parliamentary assistant put wetlands strategy review first.

We will Balance regulatory obligation to the Province, the Niagara Region and the natural resources of our watershed with Niagara's need for growth in the economy and jobs for our youth and respect for the land owners

We will pursue practical ,pragmatic and environmentally responsible solutions that our grand-children will thank us for and solutions that will provide our children with opportunities to live and prosper in Niagara

we will consolidate a new reputation as an agency that provides solutions;

## Budget and funding

Pursue a better funding balance that reflects recent growth in the Hamilton part of our watershed

Better funding balance through more self sufficiency in our recreational parks through higher usage and improved camping experience and stronger marketing and continue to improve management of revenue properties.

Rebuild the Conservation Authority Charitable Foundation so that the public has a better opportunity to donate money and land to increase the acreage of protected property that has real and substantial environmental significance

## Flood plain mapping

Accurate and reliable Welland River Flood plain mapping to advise and protect our people from property loss and personal injury in an ever-changing environment of climate change and extreme storm events This work should extend to looking at other creeks like 12 mile creek and 20 mile creek where storm washouts did happen last year.



Members , I ask for your support as chairman in implementation of this vision for the NPCA direction for the next 2 years and beyond.

Thank you ,