



**NIAGARA PENINSULA CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
FULL AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday January 21, 2015; 7:00 pm
3292 Sixth Avenue; Jordan, ON Ball's Falls Centre for Conservation - Elgin Room

MEMBERS PRESENT: S. Annunziata
B. Baty
S. Beattie
F. Campion
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

Chairman Timms called the meeting to order, welcomed all in attendance and stated that with the exception of one Hamilton seat that is currently vacant, all members are in attendance.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Member F. Campion declared a conflict of interest regarding any issues relating to the floodplain mapping due to ownership of property in the affected area of Welland.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

- The Closed Session portion of the Agenda will be moved to the end following the Business items in Open Session to avoid having the public wait for lengthy period of time.
- Agenda has also been revised to reflect only one "Report for Information". Report 04-15 has been marked VOID and combined with Report No. 03-15.
- One additional item of correspondence to be included in Agenda.

Resolution No. FA-14-15

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

THAT the agenda be adopted with the noted changes.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ITEMS IN OPEN SESSION:

1. **Approval of the Minutes - Full Authority Board Meeting December 17, 2014**

Resolution No. FA-15-15

Moved by: D. DiFruscio
Seconded by: J. Diodati

THAT the minutes of the Full Authority Meeting held December 17, 2014 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

2. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

None.

3. **Correspondence**

- Appointments of Regional Representatives to NPCA Board
- Appointment of Haldimand County Council Member to NPCA Board
- Recommendation from the City of Thorold to Niagara Region for representation to NPCA Board

Resolution No. FA-16-15

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

THAT all items of correspondence be received for information.

CARRIED

4. **Chairman's Remarks**

- B. Timms expressed gratitude for the support shown
- The Strategic Plan Presentation was delivered to Niagara Industrial Assoc. and it is our intention to continue presenting our Strategic Plan to as many as possible this year.

5. **CAO Remarks**

- C. D'Angelo had on hand a "Brides" magazine displaying 20 brides photos at Ball's Falls, great advertising for free.

Reports for Information:

6. **2015 Draft Operating and Capital Budget - Report No. 03-15**

C. D'Angelo provided a summary explanation regarding the levy apportionment to municipalities. In the previous years the apportionment was based on an agreement in 2000. Then in 2004, 2005 and 2009 there was an amendment, there was no disclosure to the 3 funding municipalities that an agreement was required. However, Niagara Region and Hamilton did not have an agreement in place to determine the percentage of apportionment. Without and unless an agreement is reached by the municipalities by February 18th deadline, NPCA must default to the provincial formula to determine the percentage of apportionment. Of the 35 Conservation Authorities surveyed, a majority operate using the provincial formula guidelines. The 3 funding municipalities (Niagara Region, Hamilton and Haldimand) have been cooperative in discussions; however, they have not to date reached a consensus.

Resolution No. FA-17-15

Moved by: S. Annunziata
Seconded by: T. Quirk

THAT the Draft 2015 Operating and Capital Budget be received as information and subsequently forwarded to the Budget Steering Committee for further deliberation.

CARRIED

Reports for Consideration:

7. **Draft 2015 Planning & Regulation Fees Schedule – Report No. 05-15**

S. McInnes stated that the fees have not increased since 2010. A more in-depth comparative analysis of Planning and Regulations fees will be completed and brought to the Board no later than the 3rd quarter of 2015.

Resolution No. FA-18-15

Moved by: T. Quirk
Seconded by: P. Dart

THAT the Board receive the DRAFT 2015 Planning and Regulations Fee Schedule for information; and,

THAT a copy of the comparative analysis report be forwarded to the watershed municipalities and the Community Liaison Advisory Committee (CLAC) for feedback.

CARRIED

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8. Other Business

- Electronic version of the Member Information Handbook was requested by some board members.
- Referencing the Conservation Area map, it was noted that 6 properties have no public access, an explanation was requested. D. Barrick responded that some lands donated are too close to residential properties while others would pose a safety risk and liability to open to the public unless developed for the purpose of accessibility.
- Member DiFruscio provided some bird houses if any are interested in purchasing. He has set one aside to raffle at one of our events / functions.

With no further business, the following resolution:

Resolution No. FA-19-15

Moved by: T. Quirk
Seconded by: P. Dart

THAT the meeting move to closed session to discuss the Stewardship Agreement with the Ontario Heritage Trust and a Land Acquisition.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

BUSINESS – Closed Session:

1. Stewardship Agreement – Report No.CR-01-15

Members are supportive of staff recommendation.

2. Land Acquisition – Report No. CR-02-15

(NOTE: THIS REPORT TO BE DEFERRED TO FEB MEETING)

Resolution No. FA-20-15

Moved by: F. Campion
Seconded by: S. Beattie

THAT the meeting move to open session

CARRIED

Chairman Timms declared the items discussed in closed session with the following resolutions:

Resolution No. FA-21-15

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

THAT the NPCA Board not renew the Cochren Ontario Heritage Trust (OHT) Stewardship Agreement.

CARRIED

Resolution No. FA-22-15

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

THAT Report No. CR-02-15 has been deferred to the next board meeting as the appraisal was not received.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

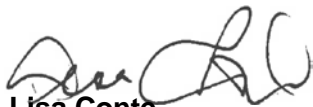
There being no further business, the following resolution was presented:

Resolution No. FA-23-15

Moved by: P. Dart
Seconded by: D. DiFruscio

THAT the Full Authority meeting be adjourned. Received at 9:06 pm

CARRIED



Lisa Conte,
Recording Secretary / A.A., Office of CAO & Board



D. Bruce Timms,
Chairman