



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

Wednesday JUNE 17, 2015; 9:30 am

Fort Erie Conservation Club  
2555 Ott Road; Stevensville, ON

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- MEMBERS PRESENT:** S. Annunziata (Vice-Chair)  
B. Baty  
S. Beattie  
F. Champion  
D. DiFruscio  
J. Diodati  
D. Joyner  
J. Kaspersetz  
J. Maloney  
T. Quirk  
R. Shirton  
B. Timms (Chair)
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** P. Darte (*Regrets*)  
B. Hodgson (*Regrets*)  
A. Jeffs (*Regrets*)
- STAFF PRESENT:** C. D'Angelo, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer  
D. Barrick, Sr. Manager, Operations  
J. Long, Sr. Manager, Corporate Services  
P. Graham, Director, Watershed Management  
M. Brickell, Project Manager  
G. Furtney, Conservation Areas Supervisor  
K. Vallier, Business Development Manager  
Lee-Ann Hamilton, Supervisor, Watershed Biologist  
Kim Frohlich, Ecologist  
M. Reles, Communications Specialist  
L. Conte, Administrative Assistant; Office of CAO
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Lois Johnson, Pierre Sjaardo, Debbie Hughes, Shiloh Bernman,  
Adam Rosso, Betty Konc

Chairman Timms called the meeting to order at 9:32 am

**Resolution No. FA-103-15**

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

That the meeting move to closed session to discuss violations and the legal opinion received regarding the NRWC.

CARRIED

**DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

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Member J. Maloney declared a conflict of interest pertaining to the Violation "Wakulich"

**BUSINESS – Closed Session:**

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1. [Status Report on Violations – Verbal update](#)
2. [NRWC & NPCA DRAFT Agreement – Appendix 1,2 & 3 from Report 64-15](#)

**Resolution No. FA-104-15**

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

THAT the meeting rise from closed session with report.

CARRIED

**PUBLIC MEETING**

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Chair Timms, welcomed all in attendance.

The following resolution resulted from the discussions held in closed session:

**Resolution No. FA-105-15**

Moved by: J. Diodati  
Seconded by: J. Kaspersetz

THAT in the case of the Wakulich appeal, the appeal was dismissed; the NPCA has fulfilled its obligations and the NPCA will not take further legal action.

CARRIED

Chair, Timms welcomed all in attendance to the Fort Erie Conservation Club and invited Mr. Elmer Miskolczi to speak about the Fort Erie Conservation Club. Mr. Miskolczi welcomed the NPCA and invited all to take a walk-about. Chair Timms thanked the Members of the Club for hosting the NPCA.

**DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:**

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No conflicts declared for items in Public Session.

## ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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Report No 64-15 to be considered following the two delegations.

### **Resolution No. FA-106-15**

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

THAT the Agenda be adopted with the noted changes.

CARRIED

## DELEGATIONS:

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### **A. Lois Johnson – Gord Harry Trail**

#### **Resolution No. FA-107-15**

Moved by: F. Campion  
Seconded by: D. DiFruscio

THAT the presentation by Lois Johnson regarding the Gord Harry Trail be received.

CARRIED

### **B. Adam Rosso – Representing NRW**

#### **Resolution No. FA-108-15**

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

THAT the presentation by Adam Rosso regarding the NRW be received.

CARRIED

## BUSINESS ITEMS IN OPEN SESSION:

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### **1. Easement Agreement – Gord Harry Trail – Report No. 64-15**

CAO, C. D'Angelo provided a brief powerpoint presentation regarding the history/background of the Gord Harry Trail describing the purpose and impact of project.

- Member DiFruscio is on record as opposed to the easement.
- Out of courtesy for member Jeffs who could not be at the meeting, the board resolved the following;

#### **Resolution No. FA-109-15**

Moved by: S. Annunziata  
Seconded by: R. Shirton

THAT Report No. 64-15 be deferred until the July 15 meeting.

CARRIED

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**2. Chairman's Remarks**

Chair, B. Timms provided a verbal report on the incident which occurred at Binbrook Conservation Area and the subsequent steps that were taken. The Executive Committee met and as a result made some operational changes.

**Resolution No. FA-110-15**

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

THAT the Chair's report be received; and  
THAT the Board supports the purchase of the equipment; and  
THAT the appropriate funds be taken from reserves.

CARRIED

**3. CAO Remarks**

- Lee-Ann Hamilton, Supervisor, Watershed Biologist introduced the newly hired Ecological Technician, Adam Bouden.
- Requests have been made by the public to have board members contact information made available online. NPCA staff will work on setting up a system on our website to accommodate this request.

**4. Approval of the Minutes - Full Authority Board Meeting May 20, 2015**

**Resolution No. FA-111-15**

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

THAT the minutes of the Full Authority Meeting held May 20, 2015 be approved as presented.

**5. Business Arising from the Minutes**

None.

**6. Correspondence**

- Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing
- Boreal Birds Need Half the Forest
- York Region Under Pressure from Developers
- Environmental Group Fights mobile home park

**Resolution No. FA-112-15**

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

THAT the correspondence items listed on the agenda be received for information.

## Reports for Information:

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7. **Project Status Reports:**

7.1 **Watershed Status Report No. 56-15**

7.2 **Operations Status Report No. 57-15**

7.3 **Corporate Services Status Report No. 58-15**

8. **Financials & Reserve – Report No. 59-15**

9. **Forestry Bylaw – Report No. 60-15**

10. **Update on Strategic Plan Deliverables – Report 61-15**

11. **2014 NPCA Draft Annual Report - 62-15**

**Resolution No. FA-113-15**

Moved by: S. Beattie

Seconded by: T. Quirk

THAT Reports 56, 57, 58, 59 60, 61 and 62, be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

- Member Quirk noted that the next Regional audit process will take place in August.

## Reports for Consideration:

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12. **NPCA Policy Review Consultation Selection - Report No. 63-15**

**Resolution No. FA-114-15**

Moved by: B. Baty

Seconded by: S. Beattie

That Report No. 63-15 be received for information; and,

That the NPCA Board authorize staff to award Dillon Consulting Limited, in accordance with its Consultant Selection policies, with a services contract to assist the NPCA with the intensive public consultation process and fundamental rewrite of its Policy Document.

CARRIED

- Member Quirk commented that there are currently 3 items which will be affecting the 2016 budget year; and has asked that the Budget committee meet to discuss.

**13. Land Management Plan - Report No. 65-15**

**Resolution No. FA-115-15**

Moved by: S. Beattie

Seconded by: T. Quirk

That Report No. 65-15 be received; and

That the NPCA Board approve the 2015 Draft Land Management Plan (Appendix 1).

CARRIED

- Member B. Baty commented on the Lathrope Conservancy and that currently access is through Hurricane Road. Staff Direction to look at alternatives to access property in the future.
- Regarding NPCA's finance of acquisitions, Chair, B. Timms noted that currently the amounts provided by Hamilton & Niagara Region are for the purpose of acquisitions. A follow-up report to the board on the opportunities for NPCA in the Niagara Region's Waterfront Enhancement Strategy.

**14. Conference Style WiFi Microphone System at Ball's Falls – Report No. 66-15**

**Resolution No. FA-116-15**

Moved by: S. Beattie

Seconded by: R. Shirton

That Report No. 66-15 be received; and

That the NPCA Board authorize staff to proceed with Option B as outlined in this report; for the purchase of a Conference Style Wireless (WiFi) Microphone System for the Glen Elgin Room in the Ball's Falls Center for Conservation.

CARRIED

- Member J. Diodati offered the following suggestions;
  1. that as part of the asset management plan, staff take inventory at all our sites; (staff reported that this is in progress); and,
  2. that a policy be developed for the use and borrowing of all equipment. (staff will report back in August)

**15. NPCA Board of Directors Honourariums - Report No. 67-15**

**Resolution No. FA-117-15**

Moved by: S. Beattie

Seconded by: T. Quirk

That the NPCA Board of Directors approve the 2015 honorarium and per diems at 1.5% increase over the previous year; and

That the subsequent annual honorarium and per diem rates be based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the watershed region; and

That the 2015 honorarium and per diems rate for 2015 and subsequent years, expense calculation and approval process, and mileage, be forwarded to the Ontario Municipal Board for approval.

CARRIED

- Member S. Beattie noted a discrepancy with Regulation #1 Section 9.3 regarding timing of reporting and payment. (*Governance and Administration Policies* adopted in November 2014)

## 16. Other Business

- S. Beattie asked for an update regarding the City of Hamilton's appeal. Carmen noted that NPCA's legal representative contacted the City of Hamilton regarding mediation, as per the board's direction at the last meeting; and the City of Hamilton remains in a default position with their payment.
- Member T. Quirk asked for a follow-up to the Geo-caching programing policy for conservation areas. Staff will respond in September.
- Member B. Baty expressed concern that no agendas or meeting minutes were brought to the board as prescribed in the Strategic Plan for accountability and in particular, inquired about the Community Liaison Advisory Committee. Carmen assured the board that it is our intent to bring ratified minutes of all standing committees to the board. CLAC meets quarterly and has not yet approved the minutes of the last meeting held.
- Member Baty noted that meetings held by the Landowner's Association has individuals speaking on the floodplain issue who are dispensing incorrect information to the public. C. D'Angelo commented that request was made recently to have NPCA speak on the Strategic Plan and it was denied by the event's organizers. Chair, B. Timms committed to writing a letter to the Landowner's Association requesting the opportunity to present at their next meeting.
- Member T. Quirk expressed gratitude to NPCA staff for coming out to Grimsby and attending the public meeting held regarding the "right-of-way" issue for Livingston Avenue.

## ADJOURNMENT

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

**Resolution No. FA-118-15**

Moved by: D. DiFruscio

Seconded by: R. Shirton

THAT the Full Authority meeting be adjourned. Received at 12:47 pm



Lisa Conte; Recording Secretary



D. Bruce Timms, Chair, NPCA