



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

Wednesday June 28, 2017; 9:30 am  
Ball's Falls, Centre for Conservation-Glen Elgin Room  
3292 Sixth Avenue, Jordan, ON

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**S. Annunziata (Chair)**

B. Baty  
S. Beattie  
P. Darte  
D. DiFruscio  
J. Diodati (*joined meeting 9:50 am*)  
D. Joyner

**J. Kaspersetz (Vice-Chair)**

J. Maloney  
T. Quirk  
R. Shirton  
B. Timms

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

F. Campion  
B. Hodgson  
A. Jeffs

**STAFF PRESENT:**

M. Brickell, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer  
D. Barrick, Director, Corporate Services  
G. Furtney, Acting Director, Operations and Strategic Initiatives  
J. Campbell, Supervisor, Watershed Projects  
N. Green, Project Manager, RAP  
S. Miller, Manager, Water Resources & Restoration  
J. Diamond, Water Quality Specialist  
K. Royer, Community Outreach Coordinator  
D. Lindblad, Ecology Division  
M. Reles, Communications Specialist  
L. Conte, Administrative Assistant, Office of CAO & Board

**VISITORS / GUESTS:**

Glen Robins, Marco Meggazzini (NCDSB)

**NOTE:** The archived recorded meeting is available on the NPCA website. The recorded video of the Full Authority meeting is not considered the official record of that meeting. The official record of the Full Authority meeting shall consist solely of the Minutes approved by the Full Authority Board. *NPCA Board of Directors Policy Handbook Regulation #2, Meeting Procedures Sec.17.0*

The Full Authority meeting was called to order at 9:48 am and Chair welcomed all in attendance.

## ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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### **Resolution No. FA-128-17**

**Moved by:** J. Maloney

**Seconded by:** S. Beattie

**THAT** the agenda be adopted as presented.

### **Amended motion:**

**Moved by:** B. Baty

**Seconded by:** T. Quirk

**That,** Conservation Foundation Governance Committee and Marketing Facilities regarding South Coast Tourism Organization be considered under item 20, Other Business.

**CARRIED AS AMENDED**

## DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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None.

## DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

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### **1. Mickey DiFruscio and Family Legacy Pollinator Gardens Project – Staff Presentation D. Lindblad & K. Royer.**

- Member Joyner noted that the Township of West Lincoln is interested in a similar project for the spring of 2018 and would like respective staff to coordinate on a suitable location.
- Member Diodati asked that NPCA staff work with Niagara Falls City staff in implementing pollinator gardens along with the City's initiative to upgrade 10 parks/year with various amenities and include planting native species. Furthermore, member Diodati encouraged a Regional / Municipal policy be adopted to plant native species and pollinator gardens.
- Member Maloney congratulated Member DiFruscio for this important initiative and challenged all municipalities to adopt similar initiatives which have long-lasting benefits.
- Members expressed thanks and admiration for Member DiFruscio's continued commitment to the NPCA and the Monarch Butterfly.

## BUSINESS:

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2. A. Approval of Minutes

1. **FULL AUTHORITY MEETING**, held May 17, 2017

**Resolution No. FA-129-17**

Moved by: B. Baty

Seconded by: J. Kaspersetz

**THAT the minutes of the Full Authority Meeting held May 17, 2017 be APPROVED as presented.**

**CARRIED**

2. **SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**, held June 22, 2017

**Resolution No. FA-130-17**

Moved by: R. Shirton

Seconded by: B. Timms

**THAT the minutes of the Full Authority Meeting held May 17, 2017 and the minutes of Special Board Meeting held June 22, 2017 be APPROVED as presented.**

**CARRIED**

B. Approval of Committee Minutes and recommendations contained therein, as follows:

1. Code of Conduct Review Committee Meeting held June 9, 2017

Moved by: T. Quirk

Seconded by: S. Beattie

**THAT the Full Authority Board APPROVE the recommendations made by the Code of Conduct Review Committee to Regulation #2, Appendix B, Code of Conduct as presented; and, THAT the Code of Conduct Review Committee be dissolved.**

**Motion to Refer:**

**Resolution No. FA-131-17**

Moved by: S. Beattie

Seconded by: B. Timms

**THAT the minutes of June 9, 2017 be referred back to the Code of Conduct Review Committee.**

**MOTION TO REFER, CARRIED**

2. Audit Committee Meeting held June 12, 2017

**Resolution No. FA-132-17**

Moved by: J. Diodati

Seconded by: D. Joyner

**THAT the Full Authority Board APPROVE the DRAFT RFP for external audit services as recommended by the Audit Committee.**

**CARRIED**

3. Budget Committee Meeting held June 12, 2017

Member Quirk noted that if NPCA “can maintain the 2% on the levy, overall, we will be sharing a per taxpayer reduction with our funding municipalities”

**Resolution No. FA-133-17**

**Moved by: T. Quirk**

**Seconded by: B. Timms**

**THAT the Full Authority Board APPROVE a 2% total levy increase\* as budget guidance for 2018.**

*\*Which equates to approximately 1.6% budget increase as guidance*

**CARRIED**

4. Strategic Planning Committee Meeting held June 12, 2017

Update provided with no recommendations,

**Resolution No. FA-134-17**

**Moved by: P. Darté**

**Seconded by: B. Baty**

**THAT the Full Authority Board RECEIVE the minutes for information.**

**CARRIED**

3. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

None.

4. **Chair's Remarks**

- We have not to date received a response from the Auditor General, “I’m assuming that with Bill 139, she is looking for language to see whether or not her portfolio is going to be expanded”.
- Living Landscape public consultations have been very well received.  
The resolution passed on April 26, put a time limit on the public consultation process to provide comments by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Staff confirmed that the municipalities have also requested more time to comment and staff is agreeable to the extension period. Having heard from many partners in the community, it is appropriate to push that date back to September 30, 2017. Since that date forms part of the resolution, the Chair will be looking to formalize this through resolution under “other business” to accommodate that date change.
- Regarding the Hamilton appeal, a decision is imminent.
- CLAC (Community Liaison Advisory Committee) welcomed our new partner, Derek Pont Metis Niagara, and thanked all the members who served their respective two-year term and are eager to introduce and work with the new members to this committee.
- Bill 139 was introduced at the first reading in parliament. Within that bill, there are many changes to the Conservation Authorities Act. Both Staff and Board are thrilled to accept those recommendations. There is an alignment with the Province’s suggestions for CA’s and what the NPCA has already adopted.
- Chair thanked member Beattie for ensuring that the Committee comes back with a very thorough and robust Code of Conduct.
- Chair thanked the CAO Steering Committee for their involvement in a lengthy search

process, and welcomed Mark Brickell in assuming the role of CAO.

- Chair attended Conservation Ontario on the 26<sup>th</sup> and the MNRF were available to answer questions regarding Bill 139. They distributed a document that was also circulated to board members in pdf format respecting the changes to the CA Act and Chair Annunziata encouraged members to share it with their respective CEO's and municipal councils. It is a very well worded document that provides great context as far as the CA's mandate, the Province's vision and new changes forthcoming. Within the next few months, MNRF will be proposing new regulations regarding wetland conservation including an updated (OWES) Ontario Wetland Evaluation Scoring system and what the provincial mandated role will be.

An important note is that specific scope, roles and responsibilities assigned to CA's in implementing the new proposed wetland conservation strategy, could be consistent across all Authorities or it could differ from one CA to another CA. This will depend upon factors such as the capacity of an authority to deliver additional programs or the rate of wetland loss in a CA's jurisdiction. You may recall that back in 2016 the province put forward a proposal in their discussion paper asking for a net gain approach on wetland conservation; the MNRF put forward the position of a no net loss (1:1 ratio); the NPCA had requested a 3:1 ratio, net gain due to the historical loss of wetlands. We should know in a few months whether our comments were accepted and were successful in our advocacy to the Ministry that a "one-size-fits-all" approach was not necessarily in the interests of Niagara and that we required more tools to manage wetland conservation more effectively. Our position remains unchanged, we want more wetlands in Niagara 3:1 ratio.

- We have informally proposed to Conservation Ontario to host the 2019 Biennial Tour which is also NPCA's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It has been left to staff to come back to the board with associated costs in order to firm up. We are hopeful that the board will have all the metrics related to this event for the board's decision in July. The Chair of Conservation Ontario is expecting a response soon.
- We continue to reach out to our lower tier municipalities and the potential MOU's being developed with our partners (DSBN, Bench Brewery)
- An incredible operation run by Winkel Molen Nursery producing about 2 million trees per year and we hope to establish a partnership regarding our comfort maple tree.
- "We are working on many great things to further our mandate."

#### Comments:

- Members were encouraged to participate in the biennial tour coming up in October 2017 and gain some insight on what we can do to showcase Niagara Peninsula watershed with our three funding partners if we will be hosting 2019.
- Members thanked Blue Ant Media via Cottage Life for producing the video featuring the Comfort Maple tree.

#### 5. **CAO Remarks**

- M. Brickell thanked all board members for the confidence they placed in him and looks forward to working closely with all members and their municipalities.
- S. McInnes introduced NPCA's new Project Manager representative for the Niagara River, Natalie Green. Ms. Green has experience in a bi-national setting, she was the Project Manager for the Detroit river remedial action plan for six years and comes to the NPCA with a very strong educational background with a master's degree in biology. Natalie Green addressed the board members and thanked them for the opportunity to work with the NPCA in protecting and restoring the Niagara River.

- Binbrook C. A. will be hosting the Canada 150<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration this coming Saturday July 1<sup>st</sup> 11:00 am – 11:00 pm and will officially open the new splash pad for which NPCA received funding through the Canada 150 program in support of that initiative. A family themed event, with water activities, music, entertainment; all were invited to attend.
- The Hamilton Levy appeal hearing was held at the end of May. Parties agreed to provide written submissions with Hamilton's comments due on June 23<sup>rd</sup>; Niagara Region, Haldimand County and NPCA due on June 30<sup>th</sup>. July 5<sup>th</sup> has been set aside for any questions from the Commissioner. We hope to receive a decision by September.
- The CAO thanked staff for planting 80 trees at Smithness in honour of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Niagara Falls Nature Club. The trees were made available to them at the volunteer achievement awards program and were happy to undertake this project.

## Reports for Information:

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**Note: Member Joyner left the meeting 10:40am**

6. **Financial & Reserves – Month ending May 31, 2017**      **Report No. 61-17**

No comments.

**Resolution No. FA-135-17**

**Moved by:**                      T. Quirk

**Seconded by:**                J. Diodati

**THAT Report No. 61-17 regarding the Financial and Reserves status as at May 31, 2017, be RECEIVED for information.**

**CARRIED**

7. **Binbrook splash pad & Canada 150 update - Report No. 62-17**  
**PRESENTATION – Staff Adam Christie**

A promotional video presentation and a powerpoint presentation provided an overview of what has been organized for the Canada 150<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration this coming Saturday July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Comments:**

- Member Shirton suggested staff contact Haldimand County to promote this event on their website.

**Resolution No. FA-136-17**

**Moved by:**                      R. Shirton

**Seconded by:**                S. Beattie

**THAT Report No. 62-17 and staff presentation regarding the Canada150 and Binbrook splash pad, be RECEIVED for information.**

**CARRIED**

8. **Binbrook Reservoir Lake Niapenco – Dissolved Oxygen update – Report No. 63-17**

No comments.

**Resolution No. FA-137-17**

Moved by: J. Diodati

Seconded by: B. Timms

**THAT Report No. 63-17 regarding the dissolved oxygen in Lake Niapenco be RECEIVED for information.**

**CARRIED**

9. **Annual Water Quality Report (2017) - Report No. 64-17**  
**PRESENTATION – Staff Josh Diamond**

Comments:

- Member Timms requested staff communicate with City of St. Catharines whether their council would be interested in receiving this staff presentation.

**Staff Direction: that a letter stating that at June 28<sup>th</sup> meeting, Board accepted the Water Quality Report, and to extend the presentation to each municipality and coordinate presentation to Council if they so wish.**

- It was suggested that staff presentation be extracted from our live stream and post it on our website for anyone who would like to educate themselves respecting our water quality.
- Member Quirk requested the map sites reflecting the problem areas be shown over periods of time as a tool to gauge where further investing of restoration projects may be required so as to take care of the source water protection as mandated by the Province.
- Members expressed concern regarding the “poor” quality rating and suggested staff consider strategies and programs to improve the water quality in Niagara’s watershed.
- Member Kaspersetz expressed concern over the PFOS and whether there is any remediation option to remove this from Lake Niapenco. Staff will respond at a later date.
- Member Baty requested more detailed information regarding the water temperatures being monitored for the 12 mile creek and further requested a media release be prepared due to the general perception that the significant pond development in the East Fonthill area will lessen the quality of water.

Much of the questions about various parameters and the trending decrease in various areas are provided in the detailed report posted on the NPCA website <https://npca.ca/water-quality> and the staff presentation is posted at; <http://bit.ly/WQ2017>

**Resolution No. FA-138-17**

Moved by: B. Baty

Seconded by: S. Beattie

**THAT the Annual Water Quality Report No. 64-17 and staff presentation be RECEIVED for information.**

**CARRIED**

10. **CA Act Review – Proposed amendments – Bill 139 - Report No. 65-17**  
**PRESENTATION – Staff Suzanne McInnes**

**Staff Direction:**

If Senior Management and / or Board want to provide comments respecting changes to Bill 139, please keep board apprised of what those comments are prior to the due date of July 30<sup>th</sup>. Furthermore, a comparison to be provided to the board on recommendations made by the board in 2016 vs. Bill 139.

- It was suggested, staff explore the possibility to have staff or members of the NPCA appear before the committee designated to review changes to Bill 139, in order to emphasize those areas of the Act that NPCA supports and those they do not as part of the process moving forward.
- As clarification, NPCA has programs and services that are mandated, however, for any programs and services that are extended beyond the Authority's mandate, they are undertaken in partnership between the municipality and the NPCA. Respecting the governance model, Chair Annunziata emphasized the importance that board members working with their respective municipalities ensure any MOU or partnership that is undertaken with the NPCA be clearly articulated and understood with clear language.

**Resolution No. FA-139-17**

**Moved by: J. Kaspersetz**

**Seconded by: R. Shirton**

**THAT Reports 65-17 and staff presentation regarding proposed amendments to Bill 139, be RECEIVED for information.**

**CARRIED**

**Note: Member Diodati left the meeting 11:35 am**

## **Reports for Consideration:**

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11. **Virgil Dams, NOTL – Future Ownership and Management - Report No. 66-17**

**Recommendation:**

**Whereas, the primary purpose of the Dams and subsequent impounding of water is to provide for agricultural irrigation, and whereas, the existing natural features on the property are not threatened, endangered, or of significant value; therefore, Be it resolved that the Board DIRECT staff to enter negotiations for the transfer of ownership of the Virgil Dam and Reservoir properties to the Town of NOTL.**

- Mayor Darté commented that the Town of NOTL, the Irrigation Committee and Irrigation Supervisor are very interested in entering these discussions with NPCA. Their only concern is the timeline / deadline with the MOECC and may require an extension to ensure it is all coordinated properly. Staff confirmed that an extension to our partners can be provided.

**Resolution No. FA-140-17**

**Moved by: P. Darté**

**Seconded by: T. Quirk**

**THAT Report No 66-17 regarding Virgil Dams be RECEIVED and recommendation within, be APPROVED.**

**CARRIED**



12. **NCDSB Lease Agreement for St. Johns Valley Centre – Report No. 67-17**

**PRESENTATION by Marco Meggazzini NCDSB (powerpoint attached)**

Comments:

- It was suggested that it be communicated to the former owners (Jackman Foundation) of this property, the nature of the program as this is carrying on with the traditions they began but with much broader components.
- It was further suggested that since this building has been repurposed as an educational institution NPCA should consider applying for a tax exemption. Staff to qualify.

**Resolution No. FA-141-17**

**Moved by:** B. Timms

**Seconded by:** T. Quirk

**THAT the NPCA Board of Directors, DIRECT the CAO to enter a (5) five-year Lease Agreement with the Niagara Catholic District School Board to operate educational programming at St. John's Valley Center property, owned by the NPCA.**

**CARRIED**

**Note: Member Darté left the meeting at 12:20 pm**

13. **MNRF, WECl Agreement – St. Johns Dam Safety Review – Report No. 68-17**

Comments:

- Member Quirk, Chair of the Budget Committee noted that this cost is not a funded project within the current 2017 budget and suggested that in lieu of taking the funds from the general operating reserves moving forward, any significant dam maintenance and construction be considered through an "emergency funding reserves". Staff commented that the funds were requested through the WECl fund agreement and upon approval of the project, matching funds would be required by NPCA.
- Member Kaspersetz suggested that the costs go through "special levy" moving forward. Potential consideration in this regard will be discussed in budget the next budget cycle.
- Member Beattie wanted clarification on the understanding he has regarding dams being paid for by the municipality in which the dam is located. It was noted that the Binbrook dam is currently being paid through the City of Hamilton's special levy.

**Staff Direction:** In order for the board to move in one direction or the other, staff is to provide options on who funds this particular dam in the future.

**Resolution No. FA-142-17**

**Moved by:** J. Kaspersetz

**Seconded by:** S. Beattie

**THAT the NPCA Board APPROVE the recommendation to enter into an agreement with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry whereby both the MNRF and the NPCA would contribute \$40,000.00 toward the proposed St. John's Dam Safety Review pursuant to the MNRF's Water and Erosion Control Infrastructure (WECl) program.**

**CARRIED**

14. **OPG Data Sharing Agreement – Report No. 69-17**

**Staff direction:** Staff to assess whether NPCA has sufficient monitoring stations to allow thorough research through collection of data.

**Resolution No. FA-143-17**

**Moved by:** B. Timms

**Seconded by:** J. Kaspersetz

**THAT the NPCA Board APPROVE the recommendation to enter into an agreement with Ontario Power Generation (OPG) whereby the NPCA and OPG would share stream gauge data between the two organizations as per the attached ‘Information Sharing – Flow and Elevation Data’ Agreement.**

**CARRIED**

15. **Reforestation – Land Care Niagara Agreement – Report No. 70-17**

No comment.

**Resolution No. FA-144-17**

**Moved by:** T. Quirk

**Seconded by:** R. Shirton

**THAT the NPCA Board APPROVE the recommendation that the NPCA to enter an agreement with Land Care Niagara whereby the NPCA would contribute \$7,150.00 toward the implementation of Land Care Niagara’s six (6) rural tree planting projects as per the attached Memorandum of Agreement.**

**CARRIED**

16. **Reforestation – Haldimand Stewardship Council Agreement – Report No. 71-17**

No comment.

**Resolution No. FA-145-17**

**Moved by:** T. Quirk

**Seconded by:** R. Shirton

**That the NPCA Board APPROVE the recommendation that the NPCA enter an agreement with the Haldimand Stewardship Council whereby the NPCA would contribute \$4,000.00 toward the implementation of the Haldimand Stewardship Council’s four (4) rural tree planting projects as per the attached Memorandum of Agreement.**

**CARRIED**

17. **DiFruscio Family Legacy – Pollinator Gardens Project – Report No. 72-17**

Member Quirk asked that the report be referred to the Foundation for funding opportunities and that the Foundation report back to the board before approving the project financial contribution and further, asked that this be discussed at the earliest possible convenience.

**Resolution No. FA-146-17**

Moved by: T. Quirk

Seconded by: J. Kaspersetz

THAT Report No. 72-17 regarding the Pollinator Project be RECEIVED for information;

THAT the NPCA Board of Directors APPROVE the Mickey DiFruscio Legacy Pollinator Project initiative, in principle; and,

THAT this Report be REFERRED to the Niagara Peninsula Foundation.

**CARRIED**

18. **Canada 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary School Board Project – Report No. 73-17**

No comment.

**Resolution No. FA-147-17**

Moved by: T. Quirk

Seconded by: D. DiFruscio

THAT Report No. 73-17 be RECEIVED for information; and,

THAT the NPCA Board AUTHORIZE staff to use up to \$25,000 from the OPG reserve account to fund the Canada 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Schoolboard Project as outlined in this report.

**CARRIED**

19. **Unsolicited Proposal – Burlington Beach Rentals Agreement – Report No. 74-17**

No comment.

**Resolution No. FA-148-17**

Moved by: J. Kaspersetz

Seconded by: R. Shirton

THAT the NPCA Board of Directors, DIRECT the CAO to enter into a one (1) year Facility Use Agreement with Burlington Beach Rentals, to operate at Binbrook Conservation Area.

**CARRIED**

20. **OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Regarding the Conservation and Governance Committee, member Baty noted the Foundation is putting out a call for volunteers to serve on a committee that would review recommendations put forward by the consultant and to examine other foundations in the Province for best practice, by developing a process/model for governance.

**Direction to Board** to convey the message that the Foundation is looking for Board members.

2. Member Timms requested that staff be directed to investigate and/or initiate discussions with the South Coast Tourism organization. It is one of the destination marketing organizations that are in partnership with the TPN or RTO #2. Opportunities that might be there for the CA to promote and market our properties along the Lake Erie shoreline. CAO Brickell, noted that this is built into the Lakefront Master Plan to consult and work with them to develop a stronger profile. Members expressed interest in initiating discussions now rather than waiting for the adoption of a Master Plan.

**Staff Direction**: to Investigate the opportunities available with the current structure.

3. Regarding Living Landscape Report #50-17 that was passed April 26, 2017 which specified that the *"public be requested to provide comments by June 30, 2017"*, the timeline requested, does not allow sufficient time for the public to comment in a timely manner.

**Resolution No. FA-149-17**

**Moved by:** T. Quirk

**Seconded by:** B. Baty

**That Resolution No. FA-101-17 related to Report 50-17 be amended to extend the deadline for public comments to September 30, 2017.**

**CARRIED**

**NOTE: It was requested by members that the September 30<sup>th</sup> extension date be properly conveyed to the public and municipalities through our website and social media.**

4. Member Baty requested that the process of seeking Ramsar designation be renewed in particular as we approach a significant anniversary for this Organization and showcase Niagara Watershed. The Niagara River "is a champion trophy model" with respect to improving water quality. Chair Annunziata noted that Niagara Parks Commission Chair, Janice Thomson is seeking direction from this Board on what our involvement will be in Ramsar.

**Staff Direction**: that staff provide information update to Board regarding the status of the Ramsar designation.

5. Member DiFruscio proposed installing an osprey telephone pole at Mel Swart Park and if approved, would like to see the installation completed prior to the Fall. Chair commended member DiFruscio for this great initiative and **directed** that Mr. DiFruscio coordinate with NPCA Ecologist to develop and formalize a plan with costs for the board's consideration.

With no further business, motion to move in closed session as follows:

**Resolution No. FA-150-17**

**Moved by: J. Kaspersetz**

**Seconded by: R. Shirton**

**THAT the meeting move to closed session to discuss a legal matter involving an identifiable individual.**

**CARRIED**

## **CLOSED SESSION**

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**1. Legal matter (verbal)**

**Resolution No. FA-151-17**

**Moved by: T. Quirk**

**Seconded by: J. Kaspersetz**

**THAT the meeting rise from closed session with no report.**

**CARRIED**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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There being no further business to consider, the Full Authority meeting was adjourned with the following resolution;

**Resolution No. FA-152-17**

**Moved by: J. Kaspersetz**

**Seconded by: B. Timms**

**THAT the Full Authority Meeting be adjourned.**



**Sandy Annunziata,  
Chair,  
Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority**



**Lisa Conte  
Administrative Assistant,  
Office of CAO and Board**

Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority  
in Partnership with  
Niagara Catholic District School Board

join **together**  
collaborate connect unite  
partner community work  
share move create  
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# St. John's - Saint Kateri Centre

## Saint Kateri Tekakwitha



- ▶ St. Kateri Tekakwitha is the first Native American to be recognized as a saint by the Catholic Church. She was born in 1656, in the Mohawk village of Ossernenon. Kateri was very devout and was known for her steadfast devotion. Her name, Kateri, is the Mohawk form of Catherine, which she took from St. Catherine of Siena.
- ▶ St. Kateri Tekakwitha was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on Oct. 21, 2012. She is the patroness of ecology and the environment, people in exile and Native Americans.

# Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority in Partnership with Niagara Catholic District School Board

- ▶ October/November 2015 proposal was brought forward to NPCA.
- ▶ Partners included NPCA, NCDSB, Brock University, Niagara College, Niagara Regional Native Centre, Ministry of Education
- ▶ Focus was educational learning activities including outdoor education and indigenous studies.
- ▶ June 2015 NCDSB and Brock University enter in to an agreement for elementary outdoor education opportunities.
- ▶ Spring 2016 to June 2017 over 1500 students attended.
- ▶ Students from NCDSB Elementary, Secondary Schools, Alternative Learning Centres, Young Parent Program, ESL classes, Section 23 (David S Horne) as well as Multicultural Centres and Private Schools



# Outdoor Education - Elementary Program - Multicultural Centres



# Outdoor Education - Pope Francis Centre





# Outdoor Education - Environmental Science - English as Second Language



# Soaring Eagles Program Update



# Soaring Eagles Program Information

## ► Enrollment 2016/2017: 30 students registered

- 28/30 students were not attending a secondary school prior to registering in the Soaring Eagles Program
- 15 students graduated with their Ontario Secondary School Diploma
- 7 Students attended the Dual Credit Connecting to College program at Niagara College
- 4 of the 2017 graduates were accepted to Niagara College for September 2017
- 2 Students participated in the Specialist High Skills Program at the NCDSB Launch Centre

## ► Enrollment 2017/2018: 28 students registered as of June



# Pictures From Saint Kateri Site taken by Matt Terryberry -Soaring Eagles Student





# Pictures From Saint Kateri Site taken by Matt Terryberry -Soaring Eagles Student





# Testing The Health Of The Creek

Checking the PH levels, temperature, and viscosity





# Working On Art Outside



# Drum Making Workshop Outside





# Soaring Eagles Graduation Ceremony



# Soaring Eagles Graduation Ceremony





# Soaring Eagles Graduation Ceremony





# Staff Development



# Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority in Partnership with Niagara Catholic District School Board

- ▶ Next steps - Brock University
- ▶ Facility Improvements - Flooring both houses, lighting, plumbing, roof replacement.
- ▶ Grounds - Native Planting together with NPCA
- ▶ Future Programming - Indigenous Cultural Events, Kindergarten Programming, Special Education Programming

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