



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

Wednesday July 19, 2017; 9:30 am
Ball's Falls, Centre for Conservation-Glen Elgin Room
3292 Sixth Avenue, Jordan, ON

MEMBERS PRESENT: **S. Annunziata (Chair)**
B. Baty
S. Beattie
D. DiFruscio
J. Diodati
A. Jeffs
D. Joyner
J. Kaspersetz (Vice-Chair)
J. Maloney
T. Quirk
R. Shirton
B. Timms

MEMBERS ABSENT: F. Champion
P. Darte
-Vacant Seat-

STAFF PRESENT: D. Barrick, Acting CAO
P. Graham, Director, Watershed Management
G. Furtney, Acting Director, Operations and Strategic Initiatives
N. Green, Project Manager, RAP
M. Reles, Communications Specialist
S. Miller, Manager, Water Resources & Restoration
L. Conte, Administrative Assistant, Office of CAO & Board

VISITORS / GUESTS: Glen Robins, David Clow, Ed Smith

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The Full Authority meeting was called to order at 9:39 am and Chair welcomed all in attendance.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution No. FA-153-17

Moved by: T. Quirk

Seconded by: B. Timms

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

None.

BUSINESS:

1. Approval of Minutes; **FULL AUTHORITY MEETING**, held June 28, 2017

Resolution No. FA-154-17

Moved by: R. Shirton

Seconded by: J. Kaspersetz

THAT the minutes of the Full Authority Meeting held June 28, 2017 be APPROVED as presented.

CARRIED

2. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

None.

3. **Correspondence**

Niagara Escarpment Commission, letter dated July 6, 2017

4. **Chair's Remarks**

Chair Annunziata thanked the board and members for their commitment and dedication to the NPCA, whether volunteering at the various events, keeping up to date respecting the CA Act and keeping their respective municipalities apprised of any changes.

5. **CAO Remarks**
Acting CAO, David Barrick noted that CAO Mark Brickell sends his regrets as he is currently away on vacation.

Member Diodati joined the meeting at 9:44 am

Reports for Information:

6. **Financial & Reserves – Month ending June 30, 2017** **Report No. 75-17**
7. **NPCA Quarterly Report 2017 Q2 - Report No. 76-17**
8. **Corporate Services Status Report Q2** **Report No. 77-17**
9. **Watershed Management Status Report Q2** **Report No. 78-17**
10. **Operations Status Report Q2** **Report No. 79-17**
11. **Strategic Initiatives Report Q2** **Report No. 80-17**
12. **Capital Projects Status Report Q2** **Report No. 81-17**
13. **Ecological Status Report Q2** **Report No. 82-17**
- Member Timms noted that the Lake Erie Shoreline Master Plan does not include the property owned by the Region managed by the CA (Regional Access Beach) and requested staff engage Niagara Region in discussions about including this property in the long term plan and further provided the following **Notice of Motion: That NPCA request permission from Niagara Region to consider including the Regional Access Beach property in the Lake Erie Shoreline Master Plan.**

Staff Direction: To engage Niagara Region and report back to the board at the next meeting.

14. **Forestry Status Report Q2** **Report No. 83-17**
15. **Niagara River (RAP) update** **Report No. 84-17**
- **Staff Presentation – Natalie Green**

Through the various member comments, clarification was provided about the AOC's (areas of concern) with the defined actions expected to be completed by end of 2019 and that the lengthy delisting process should commence thereafter.

Furthermore, it was also clarified that the NPCA is not leading the Remedial Action Plan (RAP) program, rather it is locally based with stakeholders that have involvement in the Niagara River. NPCA staff, represents a partnership in RAP and all those involved in the Health and Restoration of the Niagara River Ecosystem. Not all projects are led by the NPCA. It is a partner in the Action Plan and upon receiving funding by the Provincial or Federal governments, in order to fulfill their duties, it administers the program, coordinates all the efforts and studies by ensuring all relevant parties are involved. It is the model in all AOC's.

It was further suggested that the positive progress that is being done through RAP be highlighted at the biennial tour.

16. **C.A. Act Review, Bill 139 - Comparative Review Report No. 85-17**
- Member Timms requested that our concerns to the CA Act Review be sent to the Minister.

Staff Direction: Given that the deadline for comments is July 30th, Director of Watershed Management will draft up a letter for the Chair's review and submittal.

Resolution No. FA-155-17

Moved by: J. Beattie

Seconded by: B. Baty

THAT Reports 75-17 to 85-17 be RECEIVED for information.

CARRIED

Amended Motion:

Moved by: B. Timms

Seconded by: T. Quirk

That NPCA formalize the three concerns as outlined in Report No. 85-17 regarding the CA Act Review, to the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF).

AMENDED MOTION CARRIED

Reports for Consideration:

17. **Great Lakes Sustainability Funding Agreement - Report No. 86-17**

No comments

Resolution No. FA-156-17

Moved by: B. Timms

Seconded by: S. Beattie

THAT the NPCA enter into an agreement with Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) to accept the Great Lakes Sustainability Fund (GLSF) grant of \$50,000 towards the implementation of environmental projects required to meet the goals and objectives identified in the 2009 Niagara River (Ontario) Remedial Action Plan Stage 2 Report.

CARRIED

18. **Proposed 2019 Wedding Fee Schedule – Ball's Falls CA - Report No. 87-17**

Resolution No. FA-157-17

Moved by: R. Shirton

Seconded by: T. Quirk

That the NPCA Board APPROVE the proposed 2019 Ball's Falls Wedding and Corporate Fee Structure for 2019 as outlined in Appendix 1 of this report.

MOTION DEFEATED

Members would like more details regarding weekday pricing vs weekends and further explore what opportunities we have with the 20 weekends / year at the St. Johns Centre with smaller weddings.

Staff Direction: That staff investigate revenue opportunities for St. Johns Centre and provide a more detailed report on the wedding rates for Ball's Falls.

Members expressed concern about waiting until September since there are currently 14 couples that are on a waiting list pending approval of the 2019 rates. Board Members resolved the following:

Resolution No. FA-158-17

Moved by: J. Diodati

Seconded by: T. Quirk

**That Report 87-17 be RECEIVED, and,
That the 2019 fee schedule (appendix 1) be implemented for the 14 couples currently confirmed; and,
That staff provide a detailed fee schedule highlighting other opportunities at the September meeting.**

CARRIED

NOTE: with the exception of the 14 couples currently confirmed, deposits will be refundable for anyone booking from today onward, until a new fee schedule is approved in September.

19. Conservation Ontario Biennial tour 2019 - Report No. 88-17

Resolution No. FA-159-17

Moved by: J. Kaspersetz

Seconded by: B. Baty

- 1. That the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) formally confirm its desire and willingness to host and organize the 2019 Conservation Ontario Biennial Tour, as it coincides with the NPCA's 60th Anniversary, AND;**
- 2. That this action be communicated to Conservation Ontario, Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority and Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority.**

CARRIED

- It was suggested that a committee be formed to begin preparations for the 2019 Tour. Staff noted that Terms of References will be brought to the board in September.
- It was also suggested that staff prepare a video or brochure highlighting NPCA's events and feature properties we would like to showcase in 2019 and have it ready to advertise at the upcoming biennial tour in October.

20. Other Business

Member Baty noted that the St. Catharines "Snap" highlighted the poem used for the Canada 150th celebration.

With no further business, motion to move in closed session at 11:06 am as follows:

Resolution No. FA-160-17

Moved by: R. Shirton
Seconded by: D. DiFruscio

THAT the meeting move to closed session to receive an unsolicited proposal related to public & media relations; and a legal update involving identifiable individuals.

CARRIED

CLOSED SESSION

1. Legal matter (verbal)
2. Unsolicited Proposal (Public & Media Relations).....Report No. CR-89-17

Resolution No. FA-161-17

Moved by: J. Kaspersetz
Seconded by: R. Shirton

THAT the meeting rise from closed session with report.

CARRIED

Public Session:

Resolution(s) resulting from Closed Session

Resolution No. FA-162-17

Moved by: J. Kaspersetz
Seconded by: R. Shirton

That staff follow board direction provided in closed session.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT


There being no further business to consider, the Full Authority meeting was adjourned at 12:05pm with the following resolution;

Resolution No. FA-163-17

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

THAT the Full Authority Meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED



Sandy Annunziata,
Chair,
Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority



Lisa Conte
Administrative Assistant,
Office of CAO and Board