

PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
250 Thorold Rd, Welland, ON
MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, July 5, 2023
5:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert Foster (Committee Chair)
Lennie Aarts
Philip Beale
Tracy Boese
Lageera Chatheechan
Leslie Clarke
David Cribbs
Cindilee Ecker-Flagg
George McKibbon
Jonathan Musso
Naheed Qureshi
William Rapley
Albert Witteveen
David Wyllie

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: C. Sharma, C.A.O. / Secretary – Treasurer
G. Shaule, Administrative Assistant
D. Deluce, Senior Manager, Planning and Regulations
J. Sinibaldi, Manager, Strategic Business Planning and Public Relations
L. Lee-Yates, Director, Watershed Management
K. Royer, Coordinator, Community Outreach

Welcome from Chair Foster and the meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m.

1. OPENING WELCOME FROM CINDILEE ECKER-FLAGG

- Cindilee Ecker-Flagg provided an opening statement.
- Added – introductions of members (roundtable)

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Recommendation No. PAC-01-2023
Moved by Member Albert Witteveen
Seconded by William Rapley

THAT the Public Advisory Committee agenda dated July 5, 2023 **BE RECEIVED.**

CARRIED

3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

4. Approval of the minutes

None.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

6. PRESENTATIONS

- a) PowerPoint Presentation by Leilani Lee-Yates, Director of Planning and Development/Interim Director, Watershed Strategies and Climate Change, Overview of NPCA Programs and Services and NPCA Administrative By-Law. Ms. Lee-Yates provided comments.

Recommendation No. PAC-02-2023

Moved by Member Lageera Chatheechan

Seconded by Member David Wyllie

THAT the PowerPoint Presentation by Leilani Lee-Yates, Director of Planning and Development/Interim Director, Watershed Strategies and Climate Change RE: Overview of NPCA Programs and Services and NPCA Administrative By-Law **BE RECEIVED.**

CARRIED

- b) PowerPoint Presentation by Kerry Royer, Community Outreach and Engagement Specialist, RE: PAC Terms of Reference: Roles and Responsibilities of Members and Election Process - Ms. Royer, provided a background on the item including a short PowerPoint presentation.

Recommendation No. PAC-03-2023

Moved by Member Lageera Chatheechan

Seconded by Member David Wyllie

THAT the PowerPoint Presentation RE: PAC Terms of Reference: Roles and Responsibilities of Members and Election Process **BE RECEIVED.**

CARRIED

7. DELEGATIONS

None

8. CONSENT ITEMS

Report No. PAC-01-23 RE: Public Advisory Committee 2023 Meeting Dates

Recommendation No. PAC-04-23

Moved by Member Phil Beale

Seconded by Member William Rapley

THAT Report No. PAC-01-23 RE: Public Advisory Committee 2023 Meeting Dates **BE RECEIVED.**

CARRIED

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Roundtable Discussion

Chair Foster recommended moving the roundtable discussion to next meeting.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

10. NEW BUSINESS

Members' Updates (Verbal) – Information / Issues / Items of Interest –

- Chair Foster suggested that Committee Members who attend public events as ambassadors of NPCA to discuss with NPCA in advance. Chair Foster also encouraged Committee members to keep the lines of communication open with the Full Authority Board Members.
- Foundation discussed briefly by Chair Foster: for future meeting.
- CAO Sharma provided updates on Land Securement Strategy. Fund matching was approved by Full Authority Board Members.
- CAO Sharma also briefed Committee Members on The Niagara Peninsula Conservation Foundation's \$5 million Funding Campaign - Restoration, Land Securement Strategy, Parks and Infrastructure, and Education Stewardship
- CAO Sharma commented on the development of a national trails tourism strategy.

11. ADJOURNMENT

THAT the Public Advisory Committee meeting of July 05, 2023 **BE ADJOURNED** at 6:53 p.m.

CARRIED

Rob Foster
Public Advisory Committee Chair

Chandra Sharma
Chief Administrative Officer / Secretary –
Treasurer