

**PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ONLINE VIDEO CONFERENCE
MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, September 29, 2022
5:00 p.m.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: J. Ariens (departed at 6:01 p.m.)
C. Ecker-Flagg
R. Foster (departed 5:15 p.m.)
E. Furney
D. Kelly
H. Korosis
J. Schonberger
N. Seniuk (departed at 6:01 p.m.)

MEMBERS ABSENT: T. Boese
J. Musso
M. Kauzlaric
D. Speranzini

STAFF PRESENT: C. Sharma, C.A.O. / Secretary – Treasurer
G. Bivol, Clerk
E. Baldin, Manager, Land Planning
R. Hull, Manager, Strategic Business Planning and Public Relations
L. Lee-Yates, Director, Watershed Management
K. Royer, Coordinator, Community Outreach

ALSO PRESENT: J. Hellinga, NPCA Board Member

In the absence of an appointed Committee Chair, NPCA Board Chair Rob Foster presided, calling the proceedings to order at 5:03 p.m..

1. OPENING WELCOME FROM CINDILEE ECKER-FLAGG

Member Cindilee Ecker-Flagg provided an opening statement.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Recommendation No. PAC-20-2022
Moved by Member Ecker-Flagg
Seconded by Member Ariens

THAT the agenda of the NPCA Public Advisory Committee meeting dated Thursday, September 29, 2022 **BE APPROVED**.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None declared.

4. APPOINTMENT OF A CHAIR

NPCA Chair Foster called for nominations to the position of Committee Chair and received the following:

Nomination:

Moved by Member Kirosis

Seconded by Member Seniuk

THAT Joseph Schonberger **BE NOMINATED** as Chair of the Public Advisory Committee.

Chair Foster called a second and third time for nominations. With no further nominations coming forward the Committee enacted the following:

Recommendation No. PAC-21-2022

Moved by Member Ariens

Seconded by Member Kirosis

THAT nominations for NPCA Public Advisory Committee Chair **BE CLOSED**.

CARRIED

Recommendation No. PAC-22-2022

Moved by Member Kirosis

Seconded by Member Ecker-Flagg

THAT Joseph Schonberger **BE APPOINTED** as Chair of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority Public Advisory Committee for the remainder of the term.

CARRIED

Chair Schonberger presided over the remainder of the meeting.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes of the Public Advisory Committee meeting dated Thursday, June 2, 2022

Recommendation No. PAC-23-2022

Moved by Member Kirosis

Seconded by Member Furney

THAT the minutes of the NPCA Public Advisory Committee meeting dated Thursday, June 2, 2022 **BE APPROVED**.

CARRIED

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Email from Jacki Oblak to NPCA Chair Rob Foster dated August 22, 2022 RE: Resignation – The Chair indicated that he would prepare and circulate a thank you letter to Ms. Oblak acknowledging her service.

Recommendation No. PAC-24-2022

Moved by Member Ariens

Seconded by Member Kelly

THAT the email from Jacki Oblak to NPCA Chair Rob Foster dated August 22, 2022 RE: Resignation **BE RECEIVED**.

CARRIED

7. PRESENTATIONS

- a) PowerPoint Presentation by Eric Baldin, NPCA, Manager, Land Planning RE: Land Securement Strategy 2022-2023 - This presentation was addressed in conjunction with agenda item 10. a) Report No. FA-24-22 RE: Draft Land Securement Strategy 2022-2023. Members posed questions and offered feedback. Member Ariens emphasized the need to prioritize the acquisition of floodplain hazard lands.

Recommendation No. PAC-25-2022

Moved by Member Kirois

Seconded by Member Ecker-Flagg

THAT PowerPoint presentation by Eric Baldin, NPCA, Manager, Land Planning RE: Land Securement Strategy 2022-2023 **BE RECEIVED**.

CARRIED

10. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a) Report No. FA-24-22 RE: Draft Land Securement Strategy 2022-2023 - It was noted that the Land Securement Strategy 2022-2032 document was updated as of August 29, 2022 and included in place of Appendix 2 from the subject report. Members posed questions.

Recommendation No. PAC-26-2022

Moved by Member Ariens

Seconded by Member Furney

THAT Report No. FA-24-22 RE: Draft Land Securement Strategy 2022-2032, and the Land Securement Strategy 2022-2032 document updated as of August 29, 2022 **BE RECEIVED**.

CARRIED

8. DELEGATIONS

None

9. CONSENT ITEMS

- a) Appointment of Tracy Boese as Metis Niagara Representative to PAC – Kerry Royer Coordinator, Community Outreach spoke to the appointment of Ms. Boese.

Recommendation No. PAC-27-2022

Moved by Member Ariens

Seconded by Member Kelly

THAT the Public Advisory Committee **ACKNOWLEDGES** appointment of Tracy Boese as the Metis Niagara representative on the Committee.

CARRIED

- b) Report No. PAC-02-22 RE: Response to Public Advisory Committee Discussion Paper

Recommendation No. PAC-28-2022

Moved by Member Kirosis

Seconded by Member Ecker-Flagg

THAT Report No. PAC-02-22 RE: Response to Public Advisory Committee Discussion Paper **BE RECEIVED** and **PROVIDED** to the Board of Directors.

CARRIED

- c) Verbal Update on Indigenous Engagement Activities - R. Hull, Manager, Strategic Business Planning and Public Relations spoke to the Committee on the status of these initiatives.

Recommendation No. PAC-29-2022

Moved by Member Furney

Seconded by Member Seniuk

THAT the verbal update on Indigenous engagement activities **BE RECEIVED**.

CARRIED

10. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Continued)

- b) Recommendation on Appointment of the Environmental Sector Representative to PAC - Kerry Royer Coordinator, Community Outreach spoke to the appointment process and timing.

Recommendation No. PAC-30-2022

Moved by Member Ariens

Seconded by Member Kelly

THAT with its term concluding on December 31, 2022, the Public Advisory Committee **RECOMMENDS** appointment of an Environmental Sector Representative to the Committee as a part of the regular appointment process to be conducted in 2023 with the new term of the Board.

CARRIED

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

12. NEW BUSINESS

- a) C.A.O. Update - Chandra Sharma, C.A.O. / Secretary – Treasurer updated the Committee verbally on status of the recommendations from the Ontario Auditor General, Conservation Authorities Act transition requirements and status, Board composition changes anticipated revisions to the PAC Terms of Reference, memorandums of understanding and service level agreements with partner municipalities, the Ball's Falls Thanksgiving Festival, funding for the NPCA recently received and ongoing funding opportunities. The proceedings lost quorum during Ms. Sharma's presentation.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting stood adjourned at 6:14 p.m..

J. Schonberger
Public Advisory Committee Chair

Chandra Sharma
Chief Administrative Officer / Secretary –
Treasurer