

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

**Thursday, June 2, 2022
5:00 p.m.**

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- MEMBERS PRESENT:** J. Oblak (Committee Chair)
J. Ariens
K. Huxley
M. Kauzlaric
H. Korosis
J. Schonberger
D. Speranzini
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** C. Ecker-Flagg
E. Furney
D. Kelly
J. Musso
N. Seniuk
- STAFF PRESENT:** C. Sharma, C.A.O. / Secretary – Treasurer
G. Bivol, Clerk
D. Deluce, Senior Manager, Planning and Regulations
N. Green, Manager, Climate Change and
R. Hull, Manager, Strategic Business Planning and Public Relations
L. Lee-Yates, Director, Watershed Management
A. Parks, Manager, Planning Ecology
K. Royer, Coordinator, Community Outreach

Chair Oblak called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.. Due to technical difficulties, members were late in joining the virtual meeting. In the absence of quorum, the Chair initiated proceedings with item 2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest followed by item 5. Presentations. The formal meeting proceeded once quorum was achieved at 5:25 p.m..

2. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Member Speranzini stated for the record that her opinions as expressed are her own and not that of her employer.

5. PRESENTATIONS

- a) PowerPoint Presentation RE: Collaborative Efforts Toward A Healthier Niagara River: Progress Update by Natalie Green, NPCA Manager, Climate Change and Special Projects - Ms. Green provided a background on the item along with her presentation. Discussion ensued. With the establishment of quorum, at 5:25 p.m. the Chair presented the following

motion:

Recommendation No. PAC-13-2022

Moved by Member Ariens

Seconded by Member Speranzini

THAT the PowerPoint Presentation RE: Collaborative Efforts Toward A Healthier Niagara River: Progress Update by Natalie Green, NPCA Manager, Climate Change and Special Projects **BE RECEIVED**.

CARRIED

- b) PowerPoint Presentation RE: Policies for the Administration of Ontario Regulation 155/06 and the Planning Act, (May 1, 2020 Consolidation) Phase 2 Policy Review Interim s. 28 EIS Guideline and Wetlands Procedure Document by Leilani Lee-Yates, NPCA Director, Watershed Management - Ms. Lee-Yates along with Amy Parks, Manager, Planning Ecology and David Deluce, Senior Manager, Planning and Regulations provided a background on the item including a short PowerPoint presentation. This presentation was in conjunction with agenda items 7. a) and b) being Report No. FA-20-22 RE: NPCA Draft Interim Section 28 Environmental Impact Study Guideline and Report No. FA-21-22 RE: NPCA Draft Interim Wetlands Procedure Document. Members asked questions and provided comment. Ms. Speranzini expressed the need to keep the process simplified, cautioned on the effects of cumulative protection and recommended a sensitivity analysis on development areas. The Chair cautioned against widescale consultations during the summer.

Recommendation No. PAC-14-2022

Moved by Member Schonberger

Seconded by Member Huxley

THAT the PowerPoint Presentation RE: Policies for the Administration of Ontario Regulation 155/06 and the Planning Act, (May 1, 2020 Consolidation) Phase 2 Policy Review Interim s. 28 EIS Guideline and Wetlands Procedure Document by Leilani Lee-Yates, NPCA Director, Watershed Management **BE RECEIVED**.

CARRIED

4. CORRESPONDENCE

None

6. DELEGATIONS

None

7. CONSENT ITEMS

- a) Report No. FA-20-22 RE: NPCA Draft Interim Section 28 Environmental Impact Study Guideline

Recommendation No. PAC-15-2022

Moved by Member Kauzlaric
Seconded by Member Korosis

THAT Report No. FA-20-22 RE: NPCA Draft Interim Section 28 Environmental Impact Study Guideline **BE RECEIVED**.

CARRIED

- b) Report No. FA-21-22 RE: NPCA Draft Interim Wetlands Procedure Document

Recommendation No. PAC-16-2022

Moved by Member Kauzlaric
Seconded by Member Korosis

THAT Report No. FA-21-22 RE: NPCA Draft Interim Wetlands Procedure Document **BE RECEIVED**.

CARRIED

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

None

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Minutes of the Watershed Floodplain Sub-Committee Meeting dated May 26, 2022

Recommendation No. PAC-17-2022

Moved by Member Speranzini
Seconded by Member Schonberger

THAT the minutes of the Watershed Floodplain Sub-Committee Meeting dated May 26, 2022 **BE APPROVED**.

CARRIED

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a) C.A.O. Update (Verbal) – Ms. Sharma indicated that she would provide an update as may be required at a subsequent meeting.
- b) Members' Updates (Verbal) – Information / Issues / Items of Interest – Chair Oblak expressed concerns with communication between the NPCA and the public, lack of consultations with the Public Advisory Committee (PAC), difficulty for the PAC to perform its role as liaison and the need for a venue where the public can bring forward concerns to the NPCA. She requested that an item be included on the next PAC agenda to identify and encourage ways for inclusion and two-way discussion between the NPCA and the public.

Recommendation No. PAC-19-2022

Moved by Member Schonberger
Seconded by Member Huxley

THAT the Members' Updates for Information / Issues / Items of Interest **BE RECEIVED.**
CARRIED

11. ADJOURNMENT

Recommendation No. PAC-20-2022

Moved by Member Ariens

Seconded by Member Huxley

THAT the Public Advisory Committee meeting of June 2, 2022 **BE ADJOURNED** at 6:35 p.m..

CARRIED

Jackie Oblak
Public Advisory Committee Chair

Chandra Sharma
Chief Administrative Officer / Secretary –
Treasurer