

**WATERSHED FLOODPLAIN COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Thursday, June 13, 2019**  
**3:00 p.m.**  
**Ball's Falls**  
**Centre for Conservation – Glen Elgin Room**  
**3292 Sixth Avenue, Jordan, ON**

**A G E N D A**

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**1. WELCOME BY THE CHAIR**

**2. INTRODUCTIONS**

**3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

- a) Addition of items
- b) Change in order of items
- c) Adoption of agenda

**4. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

**5. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS**

- a) Approval of Draft Minutes – Watershed Floodplain Committee Meeting Minutes dated June 13, 2018 Page 2

**6. PRESENTATIONS (and/or Delegations)**

- a) PowerPoint presentation by Steve Miller, NPCA Senior Manager, Water Resources RE: Welland River Backgrounder (Hardcopies of the presentation will be available at the meeting.)
- b) PowerPoint presentation by Steven van Haren, WSP Consulting RE: Welland River Floodplain Mapping Update Report Final Draft (Hardcopies of the presentation will be available at the meeting.)
- c) PowerPoint presentation by David Deluce, NPCA Senior Manager, Planning and Regulations RE: Revised NPCA Floodplain Policies adopted September 2018 (Hardcopies of the presentation will be available at the meeting.)

**7. BUSINESS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- a) Report No: WFPC-01-19 RE: Proposed Watershed Floodplain Committee - Northern Watersheds Page 5
- b) Report No: WFPC-02-19 RE: Welland River Floodplain Mapping Update Public Consultation Page 7

**8. ADJOURNMENT**



**NIAGARA PENINSULA CONSERVATION AUTHORITY (NPCA)  
WATERSHED FLOODPLAIN COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday June 13, 2018  
6:30 p.m.  
Ball's Falls Centre for Conservation  
Glen Elgin Room  
3292 Sixth Avenue, Jordan, ON

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** J. Kaspersetz (Vice-Chair)  
S. Beattie  
L. Aarts  
L. Johnson  
G. Robins  
J. MacLellan  
T. Quirk

**NON-VOTING MEMBERS:** B. Lepard  
D. Smith

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** S. Annunziata (Chair)  
B. Konc (representing Board Member Jeffs)  
B. Baty

**STAFF PRESENT:** G. Furtney, Acting Director, Watershed Management  
D. Deluce, Manager Planning Review & Regulations  
D. Mackenzie, Supervisor, Construction Permits & Compliance (6:41)  
G. Shaule, Recording Secretary, Administrative Assistant

In the absence of the Committee Chair, Vice-Chair Kaspersetz chaired the meeting. The Committee Chair called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm

## 1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

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The Committee Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

## 2. OVERVIEW / MEETING PURPOSE

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G. Furtney, Acting Director Watershed Management, outlined for Committee Members the process to date respecting the revised Policy Document, including professional and board member consultation.

## 3. PRESENTATIONS

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### 3.1 NPCA Policy Document Review

3.1.1 Patrick Kennedy, Partner, Dillon Consulting Limited, provided committee members with a presentation respecting the revised Draft of NPCA Policy Document Review. Topics of the presentation included:

- Purpose
- Revised Policy Document
- Ontario's Floodplain Policy Framework
- Feedback
- Next Steps

Resolution No WCF-04-18

Moved by Board Member J. Kaspersetz

Seconded by Board Member S. Beattie

1. That the presentation respecting the revised NPCA Policy Document Review **BE RECEIVED** for information.

**CARRIED**

## 4. DISCUSSION AND FEEDBACK

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Committee members echoed much of the same comments from the April 26<sup>th</sup> Watershed Floodplain Committee Meeting with respect to the NPCA Policy Document Review. Revisions discussed were:

- Exceptions for balanced cut and fill have been implemented.
- Some forms of development will be subject to lower standards of regulation
- Where applicable NPCA can approve a two-zone approach
- Exploring reasonable alternatives to replacing existing septic systems
- NPCA to minimize the need for studies
- Special consideration to be given to new structures minor in scale

## 5. NEXT STEPS

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Resolution No. WCF-05-18

Moved by Board Member T. Quirk

Seconded by Board Member S. Beattie

That the Watershed Floodplain Committee recommend to the Full Authority:

1. That the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority Policy Document **BE APPROVED** as presented.

**CARRIED**

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

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There were no new business items.

## 7. ADJOURNMENT

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There being no further business, the Watershed Floodplain Committee meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m. with the following resolution:

Resolution No. WCF-06-18

Moved by Board Member T. Quirk

Seconded by Board Member S. Beattie

That the Watershed Floodplain Committee Meeting **BE NOW ADJOURNED.**

**CARRIED**

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Sandy Annunziata  
Committee Chair,  
Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority

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Gina Shaule  
Recording Secretary,  
Administrative Assistant

**Report To: Watershed Floodplain Committee**

**Subject: Proposed Watershed Floodplain Committee – Northern Watersheds**

**Report No: WFPC-01-19**

**Date: June 13, 2019**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. That Report No. WFPC-01-19 RE: Proposed Watershed Floodplain Committee – Northern Watersheds **BE RECEIVED**.
2. That the Watershed Floodplain Committee **RECOMMENDS** that a new committee be formed regarding the review of floodplain mapping in Grimsby and Lincoln and a new Committee be formed regarding the review of floodplain mapping in St. Catharines.
3. That a new Terms of Reference for each identified proposed Watershed Floodplain Committee **BE DEVELOPED** for Board of Directors approval which includes Board member representation from Grimsby, Lincoln and St. Catharines as well as representatives from those communities to review the updated floodplain mapping in those areas.

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this report is to provide a recommendation regarding the creation of Watershed Floodplain Committees and a Terms of Reference for these committees for the northern watersheds including Grimsby, Lincoln and St. Catharines.

**BACKGROUND:**

Several years ago, the NPCA had committed to the formation of a Welland River Floodplain Committee consisting of Board Member representation from municipalities adjacent to the Welland River in addition to residents within the Welland River watershed. The NPCA has appreciated the input from this Committee as we review the updated floodplain mapping and make recommendations regarding public consultations.

While we are working on the Welland River, staff are finalizing the updated floodplain mapping for Grimsby, Lincoln and St. Catharines.

At this time, staff believes that it may be of benefit to form a new Committee for the northern municipalities of Grimsby and Lincoln and a new Committee for St. Catharines, consisting of Board members and the public representing those municipalities.

Before staff proceeds with a report to the Board of Directors in this regard at their July Board meeting, we are seeking the advice of the Watershed Floodplain Committee.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Funds for the 2019 floodplain mapping have been approved in the 2019 budget.

**RELATED REPORTS AND APPENDICES:**

None.

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**Director, Watershed Management**

**D. Gayle Wood, BES, CMMIII**  
**Interim Chief Administrative Officer /**  
**Secretary-Treasurer**

**Report To:** Watershed Floodplain Committee

**Subject:** Welland River Floodplain Mapping Update Public Consultation

**Report No:** WFPC-02-19

**Date:** June 13, 2019

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. That Report No. WFPC-02-19 RE: Welland River Floodplain Mapping Update Public Consultation **BE RECEIVED**.
2. That the Watershed Floodplain Committee **APPROVES** the 4 proposed Town Hall meeting locations and Public Consultation format for the review of the Welland Review floodplain.
3. That the Watershed Floodplain Committee **RECOMMENDS** that staff proceed with scheduling the final round of Public Consultation.

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the schedule, location and format of the final round of Town Hall Meetings to inform the public of the results of the Welland River Floodplain Mapping Update and to solicit their feedback and to answer their questions.

**BACKGROUND:**

A successful and meaningful communications and consultation strategy is an essential component in the success of the Welland River Floodplain Mapping Update. The NPCA understands that there are concerns with respect to the previous floodplain mapping exercise including the fact that the process did not involve a consultation program that meaningfully incorporated the concerns of the stakeholders and the public into the final product. Some of these concerns included:

- Loss of property value;
- Difficulty with resale;
- Increased insurance premiums;
- Development restrictions;
- Restrictions on farming practices; and
- Fears relating to additional process changes.

The NPCA has allowed for 12 Town Hall Meetings recognizing the need to properly engage the public in the upper, lower and middle areas of the study area as well as allow for awareness

building and comprehensive input at various stages. Two rounds of public meetings have already been undertaken.

The first round of Town Hall meetings informed the public that the project had commenced and served to solicit comments and concerns from the watershed residents and to answer questions. The meetings were held at 4 different locations throughout the Welland River watershed: Niagara Falls, Welland, Wellandport, and Caistor Centre.

The second round of Town Hall meetings served to provide the public with an understanding of the technical work involved in generating floodplain maps. Again, comments and concerns from the residents were noted and staff from the NPCA and the consultant were available to answer questions. These meeting were again held in Niagara Falls, Welland, Wellandport, and Caistor Centre.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The final round of Town Hall meetings are proposed to be held once again in Niagara Falls, Welland, Wellandport, and Caistor Centre, Specifically:

- Legends on Niagara, 9561 Niagara Parkway, Niagara Falls
- Riverstone Event Center, 414 River Road, Welland
- Wellandport Community Center, 5042 Canborough Road, West Lincoln
- Caistor Community Center, 1683 Abingdon Road, West Lincoln

The format of this round of Town Hall Meetings is proposed to be similar to the previous rounds. A formal 30-minute presentation by the consultant - WSP - will be followed by a facilitated 60-minute question and answer period. Presentation boards will be set up throughout the venue and both NPCA and WSP staff will be available after the question period for an additional hour and a half to further answer any questions the public might have. Each meeting will be approximately 3 hours in length.

Comment cards will be made available to the public at the Town Hall Meetings and will be collected in a drop box. The facilitator will be responsible for compiling all public comments received throughout this process and will provide a summary report to the Watershed Floodplain Committee.

Advertising for the Town Hall Meetings will occur in local newspapers and on the NPCA's website and social media platforms. In addition, local municipalities will be asked to let their residents know about the project via announcements at Council. It is also intended that all stakeholders identified in NPCA's stakeholder's list be provided with notices of Town Hall Meetings via email. Since the second round of Town Hall Meetings, changes to MPAC policy does not allow the NPCA to obtain the mailing addresses of residents living within 500m of the Welland River which will prevent the NPCA from sending direct notices.

The NPCA proposes to schedule the Town Hall Meetings for July and August 2019 subject to venue availability and direction from the Committee.



**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

The 12 Town Hall Meetings directed by the Watershed Floodplain Committee to be undertaken was not included in the original scope of this project. WSP has provided a quote of \$12,840 (excluding tax) to undertake the final 4 Town Hall Meetings and to present the results to the NPCA Board.

The NPCA anticipates requiring an additional \$5,000 to hire a facilitator for the final 4 Town Hall Meetings. Venue costs, advertising, and miscellaneous disbursements are anticipated to require an additional \$5000.

Upon ratification of the agreement between Ontario Power Generation (OPG) and the NPCA at the June 19, 2019 NPCA Board Meeting, funds for any additional costs related to completing the Welland River Floodplain Mapping Update may be withdrawn from the OPG transfer payment.

**RELATED REPORTS AND APPENDICES:**

None.

**Prepared by:**

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**Submitted by:**

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