

**FULL AUTHORITY MEETING
ON-LINE VIDEO CONFERENCE
Friday, July 16, 2021
9:30 A.M.**

A G E N D A

CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

The Niagara Peninsula Watershed is located on the traditional territory of Indigenous peoples dating back countless generations. We want to show our respect for their contributions and recognize the role of treaty-making in what is now Ontario.

The Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) grieves with Indigenous people and communities across the country on the tragic loss of so many children to the Residential School System. We acknowledge that with this difficult history comes the responsibility to honour those who were lost, and to strive to better understand how we can support affected communities. The NPCA stands committed to improving our relationships with Indigenous peoples, and working with them to ensure an equitable and meaningful future for all.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority's 62nd Annual General Meeting held dated June 18, 2021 (For Approval)

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4. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Correspondence dated June 25, 2021 from Ed Scharringa, President Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario Liz Mikel, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks RE: ERO 019-2986 Regulatory Proposals (Phase 1) under the Conservation Authorities Act

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- b) Correspondence from Don Ciparis President, National Farmers Union – Ontario RE: Response to Regulatory proposals (Phase 1) under the Conservation Authorities Act (ERO 019-2986)

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- c) Correspondence dated June 25, 2021 from Ann-Marie Norio Regional Clerk, Regional Municipality of Niagara RE: 2020 End of Year Growth Report and 5 Year Growth Trend

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- d) Correspondence dated June 25, 2021 from Ann-Marie Norio Regional Clerk, Regional Municipality of Niagara RE: Development Applications Monitoring Report – 2020 Year End

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5. PRESENTATIONS

- a) Presentation by Jennifer Court, Executive Director Green Infrastructure Ontario RE: “An Economic Impact Assessment of Green Infrastructure Sector in Ontario” (For Receipt)

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- b) Presentation by Adam Christie, Director of Operations RE: NPCA Conservation Areas Update (To be provided under separate cover) (For Receipt)

6. DELEGATIONS

7. CONSENT ITEMS

- a) Report No. FA-43-21 RE: Semi-Annual Planning and Regulations Statistics Report (For Receipt)

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- b) Report No. FA-44-21 RE: Human Resources - 2021 Q1 and Q2 (For Receipt)

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8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a) Report No. FA-45-21 RE: Compliance and Enforcement 2021 Q2 Statistics (For Approval)

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- b) Report No. FA-46-21 RE: NPCA Section 28 Permit Signatory Delegation (For Approval)

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- c) Report No. FA-47-21 RE: Term of Chair Position resulting from Conservation Authorities Act Update (For Approval)

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10. NOTICES OF MOTION

11. MOTIONS

- a) Motion Regarding Provision of Native Pollinator Species (from Member Woodhouse)

12. NEW BUSINESS

- a) C.A.O. Updates - Verbal
- b) Niagara Peninsula Conservation Foundation Update - Verbal

13. CLOSED SESSION (IF REQUIRED)

14. ADJOURNMENT

62nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
ON-LINE VIDEO CONFERENCE
Friday, June 18, 2021
9:30 A.M.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: B. Johnson (Chair)
S. Beattie
R. Brady
B. Clark
D. Coon-Petersen
D. Cridland
L. Feor
R. Foster
J. Hellinga
D. Huson
J. Ingrao
K. Kawall
B. Mackenzie
W. Rapley
E. Smith
B. Steele
M. Woodhouse
B. Wright

MEMBERS ABSENT: J. Metcalfe
R. Shirton

STAFF PRESENT: C. Sharma, CAO / Secretary – Treasurer
G. Bivol, Clerk
R. Bisson, Manager, Communications and Public Relations
A. Christie, Director, Operations
J. Culp, Manager, Compliance and Enforcement
J. Diamond, Water Quality Specialist
D. Deluce, Senior Manager, Planning and Regulations
M. Ferrusi, Manager, Human Resources
L. Gagnon, Director, Corporate Services
N. Green, Project Manager, Strategic Plan
S. Miller, Senior Manager, Water Resources
T. Proks, Source Water Protection Co-ordinator
G. Shaule, Administrative Assistant
G. Verkade, Senior Manager, Integrated Watershed Planning / Information Management

Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m..

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution No. FA-106-2021

Moved by Board Member Beattie

Seconded by Board Member Brady

THAT the agenda for the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority's 62nd Annual General Meeting held on Friday, June 18, 2021 **BE APPROVED** as presented.

CARRIED

2. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None declared.

3. GREETINGS BY THE CHAIR

Chair Johnson acknowledged the efforts and thanked the Board, staff and public for their hard work in addressing the challenges of the past year.

4. CONCLUSION OF 2020 BUSINESS

Chair Johnson conducted a vote on the following motions before turning the proceedings over to C.A.O. Sharma and vacating the chair.

Resolution No. FA-107-2021

Moved by Board Member Clark

Seconded by Board Member Coon-Petersen

THAT the Board of Directors **CONCLUDES** the business of 2020.

CARRIED

Resolution No. FA-108-2021

Moved by Board Member Cridland

Seconded by Board Member Feor

THAT the Chair and Vice Chair seats **BE DECLARED** vacant.

CARRIED

5. ROLL CALL 2021 BOARD MEMBERS

The 2021 Business portion of the meeting was called to order by Chandra Sharma, Chief Administrative Officer of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority. Roll Call was taken again to confirm attendance for the purpose of elections.

6. ELECTIONS / APPOINTMENTS OF OFFICERS

C.A.O. Sharma outlined the process for the elections.

a) Appointment of Scrutineers

Resolution No. FA-109-2021

Moved by Board Member Cridland

Seconded by Board Member Rapley

THAT in the event of a vote for the position of Chair and/or Vice Chair, Natalie Green and Grant Bivol **WILL ACT** as scrutineers.

CARRIED

b) Election of Officers

i) Chair of the Authority

C.A.O. Sharma called for nominations to the position of Chair and received the following:

Nomination:

Moved by Board Member Clark

THAT Board Member Brenda Johnson **BE NOMINATED** as Chair of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority – Full Authority Board for 2021.

Ms. Sharma called a second and third time for nominations to the position of Chair. With no further nominations coming forward the Board enacted the following resolutions.

Resolution No. FA-110-2021

Moved by Board Member Smith

Seconded by Board Member Huson

THAT nominations for NPCA Board Chair **BE CLOSED**.

CARRIED

Resolution No. FA-111-2021

Moved by Board Member Clark

Seconded by Board Member Feor

THAT Brenda Johnson **BE APPOINTED** as Chair of the Board of Directors of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority for 2021.

CARRIED

ii) Vice Chair of the Authority

C.A.O. Sharma called for nominations to the position of Vice Chair and accepted the following:

Nomination:

Moved by Board Member Ingrao

THAT Board Member Bruce Mackenzie **BE NOMINATED** as Vice Chair of the Board of Directors of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority for 2021.

Ms. Sharma called a second and third time for nominations to the position of Vice Chair. With no further nominations coming forward the Board enacted the following resolutions.

Resolution No. FA-112-2021

Moved by Board Member Smith

Seconded by Board Member Beattie

THAT nominations for NPCA Board Vice Chair **BE CLOSED**.

CARRIED

Resolution No. FA-113-2021

Moved by Board Member Ingrao

Seconded by Board Member Foster

THAT Bruce Mackenzie **BE APPOINTED** as Vice Chair of the Board of Directors of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority for 2021.

CARRIED

Ms. Sharma turned the proceedings over to Chair Johnson for the balance of the meeting.

c) Appointment to Conservation Ontario for 2021

Resolution No. FA-114-2021

Moved by Board Member Foster

Seconded by Board Member Hellinga

1. **THAT** Brenda Johnson, Chair of NPCA for 2021, or Bruce Mackenzie, Vice Chair acting as her designate **BE APPOINTED** as the Authority's voting delegate to Conservation Ontario.

2. **AND FURTHER THAT** the Chief Administrative Officer **BE** the alternate delegate.

CARRIED

d) Appointment to The Niagara Peninsula Conservation Foundation

Resolution No. FA-115-2021

Moved by Board Member Huson

Seconded by Board Member Ingrao

THAT Board Members Robert Foster and Donna Cridland **BE RE-APPOINTED** to the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Foundation for 2021.

CARRIED

e) Appointment to the Finance Committee

Resolution No. FA-116-2021

Moved by Board Member Kawall

Seconded by Board Member Ingrao

THAT the following Board Members **BE APPOINTED** to the Finance Committee for 2021: Rick Brady, John Metcalfe, Malcolm Woodhouse, Robert Foster, Stewart Beattie and Bill Steele.

CARRIED

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f) Appointment to Governance Committee

Resolution No. FA-117-2021

Moved by Board Member Kawall

Seconded by Board Member Mackenzie

THAT the following Members **BE RE-APPOINTED** to the Governance Committee for 2021: Robert Foster, Malcolm Woodhouse, Brad Clark, John Ingrao, and Rick Brady.

CARRIED

g) Appointment to Strategic Planning Committee

Resolution No. FA-118-2021

Moved by Board Member Rapley

Seconded by Board Member Smith

THAT the following Board Members **BE RE-APPOINTED** to the Strategic Planning Committee for 2021: Ken Kawall, Diana Huson, Brian Wright, Ed Smith, Jack Hellinga, Malcolm Woodhouse, Rick Brady, Stewart Beattie and William Rapley.

CARRIED

h) Signing Officers

A motion to appoint signing authorities was not required.

7. NIAGARA PENINSULA CONSERVATION AUTHORITY 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

- a) Report No. FA-40-21 RE: Draft NPCA 2020 Annual Report – C.A.O. Sharma introduced the report and spoke of the challenges and accomplishments in 2020.

Resolution No. FA-119-2021

Moved by Board Member Steele

Seconded by Board Member Woodhouse

1. **THAT** Report No. FA-40-21 RE: Draft 2020 Annual Report **BE RECEIVED** for information.
2. **AND FURTHER THAT** the final report **BE PUBLISHED** online and distributed to participating municipalities, community stakeholders, NPCA Public Advisory Committee, and the public in several media formats.

CARRIED

8. ADJOURNMENT

Prior to adjournment, Chair Johnson called upon Member Foster to update the Board on activities of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Foundation. Members Foster and Cridland spoke on Foundation activities and discussion ensued.

Resolution No. FA-120-2021
Moved by Board Member Wright
Seconded by Board Member Beattie

THAT this meeting **BE** hereby **ADJOURNED** at 10:04 a.m..

CARRIED

Brenda Johnson
Chair
Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority

Chandra Sharma
Chief Administrative Officer / Secretary -
Treasurer
Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority

**FULL AUTHORITY
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MEETING MINUTES**

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D. Huson
J. Ingrao
K. Kwall
B. Mackenzie
W. Rapley
E. Smith
B. Steele
M. Woodhouse
B. Wright

MEMBERS ABSENT: R. Foster
J. Metcalfe
R. Shirton

OTHERS: B. Wakefield, Six Nations
B. Warner
A. Yagi, 8Trees Inc.

STAFF PRESENT: C. Sharma, CAO / Secretary – Treasurer
G. Bivol, Clerk
R. Bisson, Manager, Communications and Public Relations
A. Christie, Director, Operations
J. Culp, Manager, Compliance and Enforcement
J. Diamond, Water Quality Specialist
D. Deluce, Senior Manager, Planning and Regulations
M. Ferrusi, Manager, Human Resources
L. Gagnon, Director, Corporate Services
N. Green, Project Manager, Niagara River Remedial Action Plan
S. Miller, Senior Manager, Water Resources
T. Proks, Source Water Protection Co-ordinator

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:16 a.m.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution No. FA-121-2021

Moved by Member Beattie

Seconded by Member Brady

1. **THAT** the agenda **BE AMENDED** as follows::

- Discussion Item 8.b) Report No. FA-38-21 RE: Water Quality Monitoring Program Summary Report for the Year 2020 is moved to immediately follow item 5. a) Presentation by J. Diamond, Water Quality Specialist RE: Water Quality Monitoring Program Summary Report for the Year 2020; and
- Discussion Item 8. c) Report No. FA-39-21 RE Wainfleet Bog Biederman Drain Re-Alignment Proposal is moved to immediately follow item 6. a) Delegation from Anne Yagi, President, 8Trees Inc. RE: Wainfleet Bog Restoration Project and the Biederman Drain Proposal.

2. **THAT** agenda for the Full Authority Meeting dated June 18, 2021 **BE APPROVED** as so amended.

CARRIED

2. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None declared.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) Minutes of the Full Authority meeting dated May 21, 2021

Resolution No. FA-122-2021

Moved by Member Clark

Seconded by Member Coon-Peterson

THAT the minutes of the Full Authority Meeting dated May 21, 2021 **BE APPROVED**.

CARRIED

4. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

5. PRESENTATIONS

- a) Presentation by Joshua Diamond, Water Quality Specialist RE: Water Quality Monitoring Program Summary Report for the Year 2020 – Mr. Diamond presented via PowerPoint and discussed water quality testing results. Members posed questions regarding well decommissioning. Discussion ensued. Staff was directed to provide a report to a future Board

meeting regarding abandoned well decommissioning including details on the program, background information, gaps, responsibilities, possible actions and recommendations.

Resolution No. FA-123-2021

Moved by Member Hellinga

Seconded by Member Huson

THAT the PowerPoint presentation by Joshua Diamond, Water Quality Specialist RE: Water Quality Monitoring Program Summary Report for the Year 2020 **BE RECEIVED**.

CARRIED

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS (As Per Resolution No. FA-121-2021)

- b) Report No. FA-38-21 RE: Water Quality Monitoring Program Summary Report for the Year 2020

Resolution No. FA-124-2021

Moved by Member Ingrao

Seconded by Member Kwall

1. **THAT** Report No. FA-38-21 RE: Water Quality Monitoring Program Summary Report for the Year 2020 **BE RECEIVED**.
2. **THAT** the actions highlighted in the report to inform municipalities, stakeholders, and the public about the report findings and best practices to improve local water quality **BE IMPLEMENTED**.
3. **AND FURTHER THAT** a copy of this report **BE CIRCULATED** to municipalities, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR), Ministry of the Environment and Parks (MECP) and the Federal Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC).

CARRIED

6. DELEGATIONS

- a) Delegation from Anne Yagi, President, 8Trees Inc. RE: Wainfleet Bog Restoration Project and the Biederman Drain Proposal – Ms. Yagi introduced Bethany Wakefield representing Six Nations and Barry Warner, a wetland scientist and peatland expert in support of her delegation. She went on to explain her organization's proposal via a PowerPoint presentation. Board Members posed questions to the delegation. Dr. Warner addressed the proceedings as well.

Resolution No. FA-125-2021

Moved by Member Hellinga

Seconded by Member Huson

THAT the PowerPoint presentation from Anne Yagi, President, 8Trees Inc. RE: Wainfleet Bog Restoration Project and the Biederman Drain Proposal **BE RECEIVED**.

CARRIED

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS (As Per Resolution No. FA-121-2021)

- c) Report No. FA-39-21 RE: Wainfleet Bog Biederman Drain Re-Alignment Proposal - C.A.O. Sharma spoke, introduced staff, thanked the delegation and explained the issues. Lengthy discussion occurred. Board Members posed questions and directed staff to expedite the

processes as outlined for advancing this project including the establishment of the steering committee.

Resolution No. FA-126-2021

Moved by Member Ingrao

Seconded by Member Mackenzie

1. **THAT** Report No. FA-39-21 RE: Wainfleet Bog Biederman Drain Re-Alignment Proposal **BE RECEIVED**.
2. **THAT** the Board **ENDORSE** the staff recommended approach to the future management of drainage in Wainfleet Bog.
3. **AND FURTHER THAT** this report **BE CIRCULATED** to the City of Port Colborne and the Township of Wainfleet.

CARRIED

7. CONSENT ITEMS

- a) Report No. FA-37-21 RE: New Canada-Ontario Agreement on Great Lakes Water Quality and Ecosystem Health

Resolution No. FA-127-2021

Moved by Member Kawall

Seconded by Member Rapley

THAT Report No. FA-37-21 RE: New Canada-Ontario Agreement on Great Lakes Water Quality and Ecosystem Health **BE RECEIVED**.

CARRIED

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a) Report No. FA-36-21 RE: Niagara River 'Beach Closings' Beneficial Use Impairment (BUI) Status Assessment and Re-designation - Natalie Green Project Manager, Niagara River Remedial Action Plan presented.

Resolution No. FA-128-2021

Moved by Member Kawall

Seconded by Member Rapley

1. **THAT** Report No. FA-36-21 RE: Niagara River 'Beach Closings' Beneficial Use Impairment (BUI) Status Assessment and Re-designation **BE RECEIVED**.
2. **THAT** Report No. FA-36-21 **BE CIRCULATED** to the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake.
3. **AND THAT** a letter **BE WRITTEN** to the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake thanking them for their leadership and ongoing collaboration with the NPCA to improve the Niagara River's water quality and ecosystem health as part of the Niagara River Remedial Action Plan initiative.

CARRIED

- b) Report No. FA-38-21 RE: Water Quality Monitoring Program Summary Report for the Year 2020 – As per Resolution No. FA-121-2021, this item was addressed immediately following agenda item 5. a) Presentation by Joshua Diamond, Water Quality Specialist RE: Water Quality

- c) Report No. FA-39-21 RE Wainfleet Bog Biederman Drain Re-Alignment Proposal – As per Resolution No. FA-121-2021, this item was addressed immediately following agenda item 6. Delegation from Anne Yagi, President, 8Trees Inc. RE: Wainfleet Bog Restoration Project and the Biederman Drain Proposal.

- d) Report No. FA-41-21 (Revised) RE: Conservation Authority Act Phase 1 Regulations Guide - NPCA Comments

Resolution No. FA-129-2021

Moved by Member Smith

Seconded by Member Steele

1. **THAT** the Report No. FA-41-21 (Revised) RE: Conservation Authorities Act Phase 1 Regulations Guide with appended NPCA comments **BE RECEIVED**.
2. **THAT** the transition actions, as listed in the report, **BE REFERRED** to the Governance Committee for consideration of next steps including discussions with municipal partners.
3. **AND FURTHER THAT** the report **BE CIRCULATED** to municipalities within the NPCA's jurisdiction.

CARRIED

9. COMMITTEE ITEMS

9.1 STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

9.1.1 Minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee Meeting dated May 21, 2021

Resolution No. FA-130-2021

Moved by Member Kawall

Seconded by Member Woodhouse

THAT the minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee Meeting dated May 21, 2021 **BE RECEIVED**.

CARRIED

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

Member Woodhouse indicated that at the next meeting he would be presenting a motion on monarch butterflies to promote actions that would contribute to their longevity and save them from extinction.

11. MOTIONS

- a) Motion regarding the Canada Employment Wage Subsidy (deferred from the meeting of May 21, 2021)

Resolution No. FA-131-2021

Moved by: Member Kawall

Seconded by: Member Wright

THAT the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority **ACCEPTS** the Canada Revenue Agency determination and **DIRECTS** that the Canada Employment Wage Subsidy be returned.

Resolution No. FA-132-2021

Moved by: Member Kawall

Seconded by: Member Wright

THAT the motion to accept the Canada Revenue Agency determination and direct the return of the Canada employment wage subsidy **BE REFERRED** to the Finance Committee for discussion.

CARRIED

12. NEW BUSINESS

None

13. CLOSED SESSION

None

14. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. FA-133-2021

Moved by Member Brady

Seconded by Member Clark

THAT the Full Authority Meeting **BE ADJOURNED** at 12:00 p.m..

CARRIED

Brenda Johnson, Chair
Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority

Chandra Sharma, MCIP, RPP
Chief Administrative Officer / Secretary-
Treasurer,
Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority



June 25, 2021

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Re: ERO 019-2986 Regulatory Proposals (Phase 1) under the Conservation Authorities Act

Dear Ministry,

The Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario (CFFO) is an Accredited Farm Organization representing the interests of over 4,000 farm families in Ontario who are called to the vocation of farming. CFFO policy promotes economically, socially, and environmentally sustainable farming, advocating that farmers receive fair return for their production and stewardship efforts.

The CFFO recognizes the value of Conservation Authorities (CAs) where they are established across the province as providing significant services especially related to natural hazard management and water quality and quantity monitoring and protection at a watershed level. Conservation Authorities also manage significant areas of naturally sensitive lands to better enable them to address natural hazard and water management issues. The CFFO supports the increased focus on CAs core mandates. It is important that CAs are able to fulfill and focus on their core mandates.

In order to ensure CAs are best able to fulfill their core mandates, the CFFO calls for the province to:

- Provide resources to support mandatory service costs for CAs
- Include farm-focused stewardship extension as part of core mandate
- Include passive uses of CA owned and managed lands as part of core mandate
- Include an agricultural representative on Community Advisory Board for any CA with no separate Agricultural Advisory Committee

Mandatory Services

Conservation Authority Resources

Conservation Authorities are each unique, covering vastly different land areas within their jurisdictions, serving different population bases, and working with varying numbers of municipalities. This also means that the resources of each conservation authority vary greatly, with funding coming from different sources and the percentage of total funding from these sources also varying by CA.

Rural CAs are often disadvantaged because of the significantly smaller populations within their jurisdictions that will then translate into smaller tax base for municipalities which is the source of municipal levies. This also means fewer opportunities for CAs to raise funds directly from user fees. These same rural CAs often also have large jurisdictions and may be managing significant parcels of CA owned or controlled land. Some CAs have more mandated programs than others to fulfill as well. Beyond the municipal levies, provincial funding should consider the land area that the CA serves.

The CFFO requests that the province make additional funding available to ensure CAs can meet their core mandates regardless of the population in the area they serve or the total core mandated programs they are required to fulfill.

Private Land Stewardship Extension Services

The CFFO has long supported government calls to ensure that Conservation Authorities (CAs) are fulfilling their core mandates across the province. Focus on core mandate needs to consider the broader value of CAs within the community that allows them to effectively achieve this mandate.

The “Regulatory Proposals Consultation Guide: Regulations Defining Core Mandate and Improving Governance, Oversight and Accountability of Conservation Authorities” outlines the important role of CAs related to Risks of Natural Hazards. Part of their core mandate in this regard is to “manage risks associated with natural hazards,” which is further explained by saying this, “may include prevention, protection, mitigation, preparedness and response.”

CA stewardship extension helps to protect, improve and expand aspects of the natural landscape including healthy farmland, wetlands and woodlands. These then help to mitigate flooding and drought and improve water quality by managing water flows effectively across the broader landscape.

Stewardship programs that include direct extension to farmers and other landowners should fall under the core mandate of CAs. Instead, these programs are listed as an example of “non-mandatory programs and services on behalf of a municipality.”

The CFFO requests that stewardship extension programs be included as part of the core mandate under “managing risks associated with natural hazards.” Without this core mandate status, the CFFO is concerned that these programs may be stopped, or subject to fluctuating funding. That would mean that the significant benefits of these programs will be lost or significantly reduced.

The biggest risk in both of these scenarios is the loss of local expertise and established relationships of trust with CA staff that have allowed these programs to work successfully. It is well documented that trust relationships are vital to successful extension. Many CA staff have worked hard to establish trust with local farmers and have significant local knowledge from their experience and work. Farmers speak highly of these programs as positive experiences with local CAs. Stable effective relationships require stable funding. It is important that funding for stewardship extension recognizes the importance of people and relationships in the overall success of these programs.

Passive Uses of CA Owned Lands

The CFFO requests that CA activities related to passive uses of CA owned or controlled lands should be included in the core mandates under “conservation and management of lands.” Uses such as hiking trails and boat launches do not tend to bring direct revenue from user fees, but still require CA staff time

and resources to facilitate safe and proper use. Poor maintenance and supervision can result in problems for farmers, particularly where these properties abut farming properties. The CFFO is concerned that failing to include the associated costs for these uses as part of the core mandate may result in properties being poorly maintained or supervised, closed to the public, or in worst case scenarios, sold and lost as conservation lands entirely.

Community Advisory Boards

The CFFO is concerned that the new requirement for a Community Advisory Board for each CA will put at risk established Agricultural Advisory Committees that serve CAs across the province. **The CFFO wants to see encouragement in the regulations for CAs to continue the role of existing Agricultural Advisory Committees.**

We recognize that currently legislation permits one appointed agricultural representative to serve on CA Boards. We also see significant value in agriculture representation, by a farmer with a valid FBR number, on the newly required Community Advisory Boards. **The CFFO requests that the regulations require the Community Advisory Board to include an agricultural representative for any CA with no separate Agricultural Advisory Committee.**

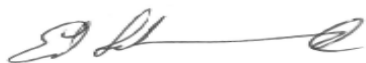
It is also important to consider the many different types of farming and farm organizations across the jurisdiction of the CA. We have three established Accredited Farm Organizations (AFOs) and many different commodity organizations reflecting the diversity of farming as a whole. **Wherever possible, consideration should be given to including diverse agricultural representation across representatives serving on the Community Advisory Board and the CA Board.**

Conclusion

The CFFO values the watershed level work of conservation authorities across the province. We also support the importance of focus on conservation authorities' core mandates including those related to the risk of natural hazards, managing conservation authority owned and controlled lands and protecting, monitoring and managing water quality and quantity. The CFFO requests that the province provide resources to support mandatory service costs for CAs, include farm-focused stewardship extension as part of CAs core mandate, include passive uses of CA owned and managed lands as part of core mandate, and include an agricultural representative on Community Advisory Boards for any CA with no separate Agricultural Advisory Committee.

We appreciate this opportunity to provide input, and thank you for your consideration of our concerns and comments.

Sincerely,



Ed Scharringa, President
Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario

Response to Regulatory proposals (Phase 1) under the Conservation Authorities Act (ERO 019-2986)

[Policy and Briefs, Press Release](#) / By Ashlee

Dear Ms. Mikel,

The National Farmers Union – Ontario (NFU-O) is an accredited farm organization representing thousands of sustainable family farmers in Ontario and has advocated for farm families across Ontario and Canada since 1969. Members work together to achieve agricultural policies that ensure dignity and income security for farm families, while protecting and enhancing rural environments for future generations. The NFU-O collaborates locally, nationally and internationally to research, educate, and share effective solutions that lead to a better world for farm families and their communities.

The NFU-O appreciates the opportunity being given to comment on the **Regulatory proposals (Phase 1) under the Conservation Authorities Act**.

We were pleased to see that the consultation addressed the role of Conservation Authorities in the face of “worsening impacts of climate change”, and outlined the role of Conservation Authorities within their core programs to “assess risks associated with natural hazards including impacts of climate change”.

Members of the NFU-O are deeply concerned about our changing climate and how it impacts our ability as farmers to continue to produce food. As farmers, we are looking for ways to adapt to the changing climate and to make the necessary changes to decrease greenhouse gas emissions on our farms. The rainfall, snow falls, water levels, and temperature data across watersheds that Conservation Authorities have collected and will continue to collect, incorporate into modelling, and make available to the public will be needed to help us understand how the climate is changing.

The NFU-O supports the clearer delineation of the mandated programs and services that a Conservation Authority must deliver, as well as the non-mandated programs and services a Conservation Authority may provide on behalf of a municipality. However, we would recommend that the land stewardship programs, especially the agricultural stewardship programs, be included in the core mandate of the thirty-six Conservation Authorities across Ontario.

The NFU-O recognizes the ability Conservation Authorities have in responding innovatively and effectively to the needs and priorities of local communities, including farmers. Their

staff have a strong track record of working with farmers and farm organizations to source funding for and deliver regionally significant projects designed to implement agricultural best management practices to improve soil health, increase biodiversity and enhance natural areas, such as wetlands, on our farms. In addition, Conservation Authorities provide important on-the-ground expertise to farmers in mitigating soil erosion, maintaining healthy soils and preventing nutrient run-off.

The role that Conservation Authorities have in providing watershed level planning will become even more vital as development pressures increase in Ontario. Their science-based watershed information will continue to be absolutely vital in steering development to the most appropriate places, protecting our agricultural land base, including ecological features and services, and minimizing risks to the environment and to people.

The Phase 1 consultation has also included the proposed regulation to require Conservation Authorities to establish community advisory boards, that can include members of the public, to provide advice to the authority. The NFU-O strongly recommends that these community advisory boards include diverse representation from the local agricultural community, and that they do not replace existing agricultural advisory committees. This is essential to the ongoing care and stewardship of our agricultural lands in Ontario. Farmers are active land stewards within watersheds across Ontario and therefore have a perspective and experience that would make them valuable members of a community advisory committee.

As well, we would recommend that the prescribed regulation, 'ensuring that a variety of members are sought, including youth and indigenous representatives', be revised to 'ensuring that a variety of members are sought, including youth and representatives from BIPOC communities', in order to be more fully inclusive.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comments on Regulatory proposals (Phase 1) under the Conservation Authorities Act.

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2020 End of Year Growth Report and 5 Year Growth Trend

PDS 23-2021

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Recommendations

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Key Facts

- The purpose of this report is to provide information on growth in Niagara in 2020, as well as a summary of growth and development trends over the past 5 years.
- Housing starts, completions and building permits have all increased since 2016 and show a growing diversification of housing types being built.
- Niagara Region's population has increased by over 26,000 people since 2016, reaching an estimated population of 485,313 as of July 1, 2020.
- The average sale price of a house in Niagara Region has increased significantly between 2016 and 2020, reaching \$532,400 in 2020.
- During the early stages of the Covid-19 pandemic, population growth slowed, but development and building permits remained consistent. Notwithstanding this slower relative population growth in 2020, housing sale prices grew substantially.
- Over \$6 Billion in building permits have been issued since 2016, with 2020 reaching nearly \$1.5 Billion for the second consecutive year.

Financial Considerations

There are no direct financial implications associated with this report.

Metrics in this report inform Niagara's financial strategies. Increased residential, commercial and industrial development in Niagara, combined with increasing property assessments, has a direct impact on revenues collected by the Region.

Analysis

The Planning and Development Services department has been producing the annual growth report since 2016. This report focuses on the past 5 years collectively to provide a comprehensive analysis on growth metrics.

The 2020 growth report follows the same approach and methodology as the previous annual reports before it. This is important as it can be used to review impacts associated with the first nine months of the Covid-19 pandemic.

As 2021 is a Census year, the 2020 report also provides insights into development trends since the 2016 Census was conducted over 5 years ago.

Finally, the Region has experienced significant growth across all areas set out in this report. This information is being presented as a means to update Regional Council on how growth has evolved over the last half decade and feeds directly into numerous Council Strategic Priorities.

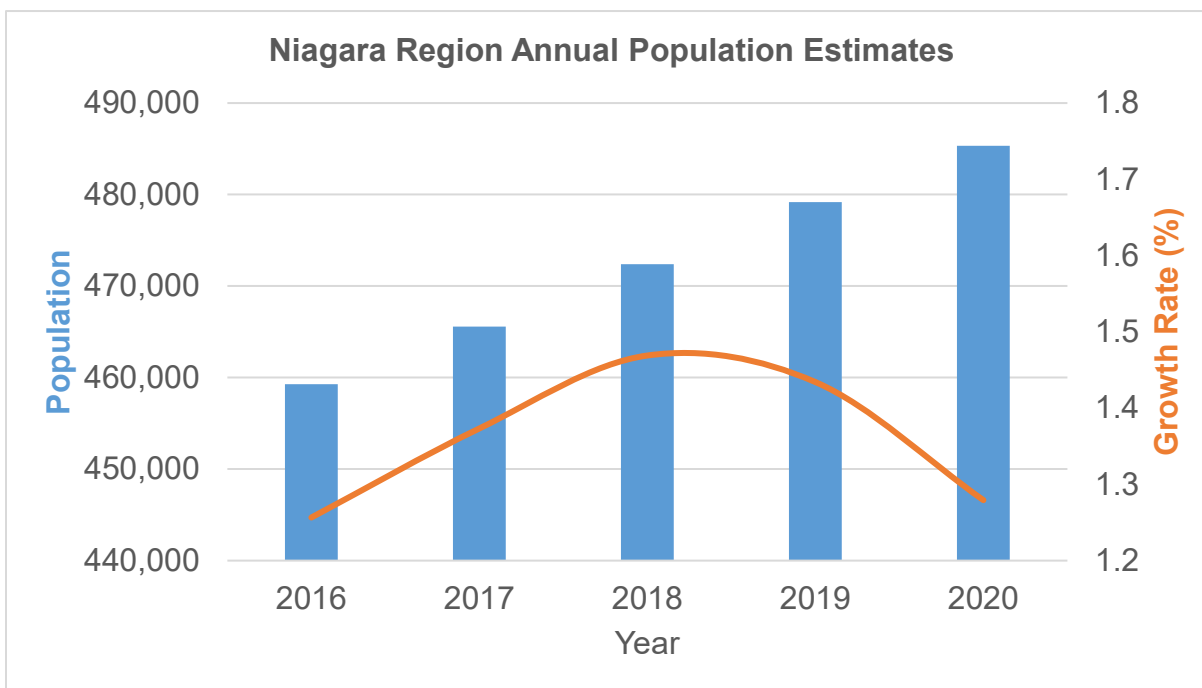
Population

Pace of Population Growth

Population growth has increased significantly for Niagara since 2016. On average, the Region's population has increased by nearly 6,500 people per year since 2016, for a total of approximately 26,000 new residents calling Niagara home. This is nearly double the pace of growth experienced in the previous 5 year period between 2011 and 2016.

Figure 1 provides a summary of population growth per year since 2016.

Figure 1: Niagara Region Annual Population Estimates



Source: Statistics Canada, Table 17-10-0140-01

As illustrated in Figure 1, the pace of population growth dropped slightly to approximately 1.4% in 2019 (compared to 2018) and more significantly to 1.3% in 2020.

Since Niagara's population growth is dependant on migration from other municipalities (intraprovincial migration) and temporary international migration (net non-permanent migration), any disruption to Ontario's broader immigration trends, availability of in-person post-secondary education options in Niagara and work availability for migrant or seasonal workers will have a direct impact on population totals.

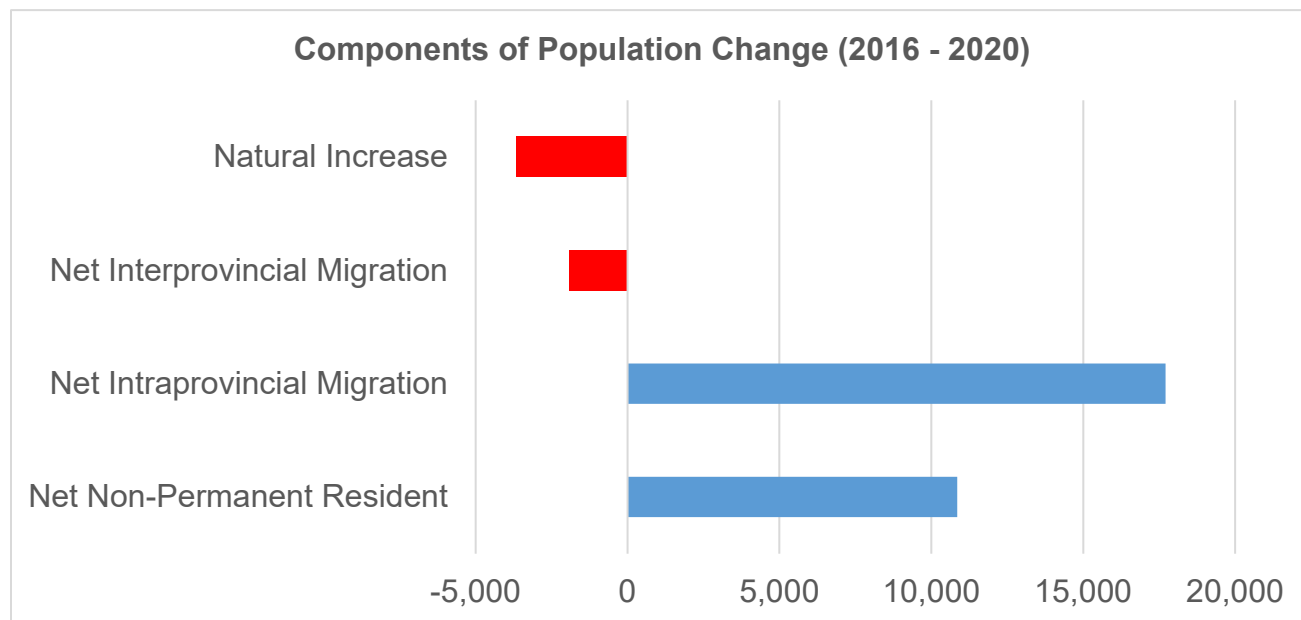
Even with the decrease in growth rate between 2019 and 2020, population growth in Niagara remains strong relative to historic averages. Only in the last 5 years has Niagara Region started to match the pace contemplated in the Provincial population forecasts provided in *A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2020*.

This is noteworthy as the Region must plan to achieve the minimum forecasts set out in the *Growth Plan* and base decisions on infrastructure and development charges on the same forecasts.

Components of Population Growth

Niagara's population growth has been driven entirely by international and intraprovincial migration since 2016, as highlighted in Figure 2.

Figure 2: Components of Population Change (2016 - 2020)



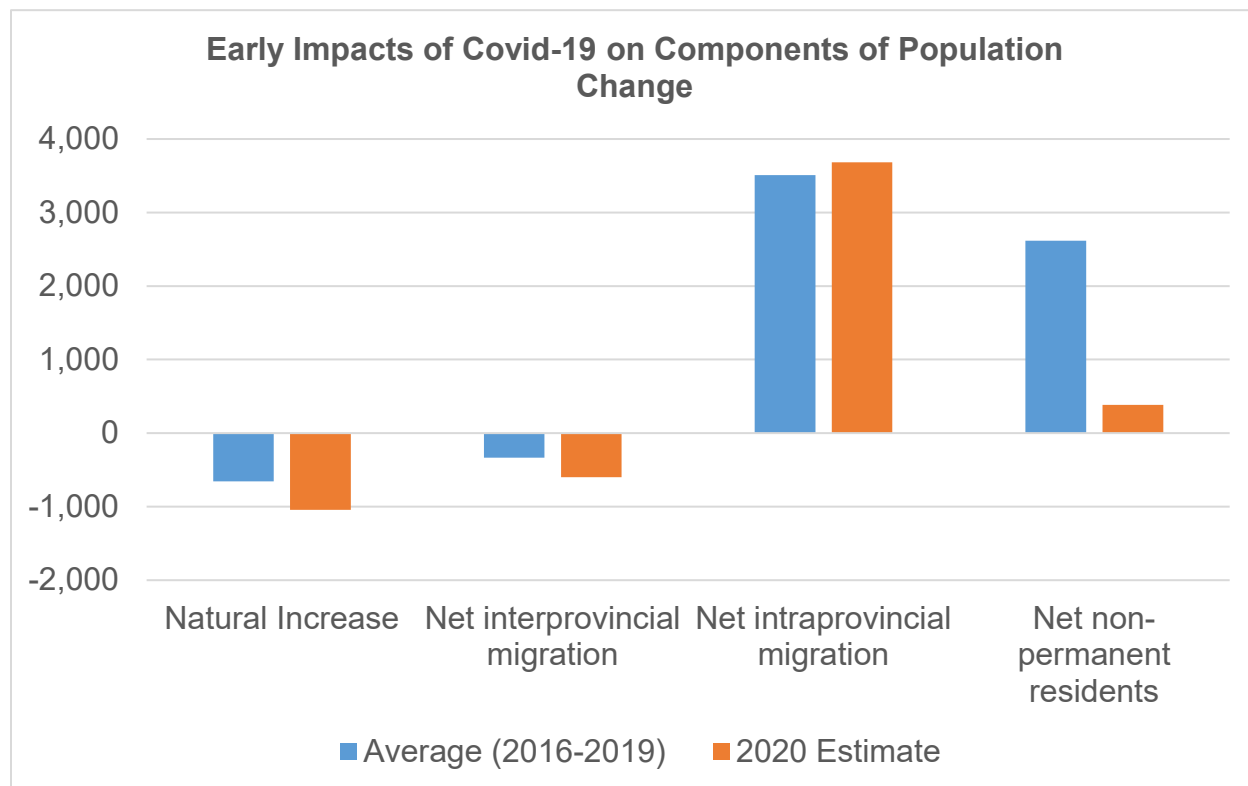
Source: Statistics Canada, Table 17-10-0140-01

Since 2016, over 17,500 people have moved to Niagara from elsewhere in Ontario. Intraprovincial migration is the most significant contributor of population growth in Niagara and non-permanent residents account for an additional increase of 11,100 people.

In 2020, with its restrictions as a result of Covid-19, Niagara had a significant decrease in the number of net non-permanent residents coming into Niagara compared to 2016-2019. As shown below in Figure 3, net non-permanent migration accounted for an increase of just over 380 people in 2020, compared to an average of over 2,600 per year between 2016 and 2019. This, coupled with a higher proportion of deaths than births and increase in interprovincial migration, contributed to the relatively lower growth rate in 2020.

Importantly, the 2020 growth rate of 1.27% is still significantly higher than the pace of growth experienced between 2001 and 2016.

Figure 3: Early Impacts of Covid-19 on Components of Population Change



Source: Statistics Canada, Table 17-10-0140-01

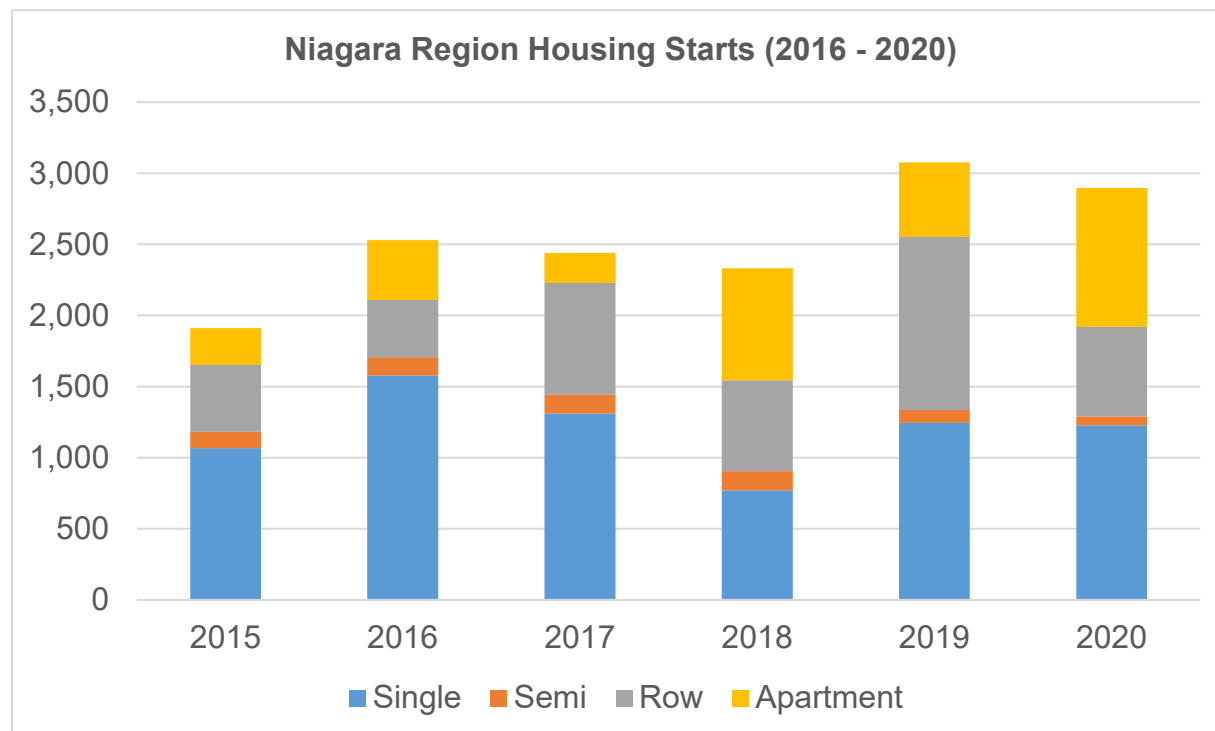
It appears Covid-19 has had a direct impact on population trends in Niagara, specifically in the category of net non-permanent resident. Impacts from Covid-19 on international travel and visas, limited tourism operations and introduction of remote learning opportunities for post-secondary education all contribute to the sharp decline in the net non-permanent resident category for 2020.

Housing Starts and Completions

Housing starts have steadily risen over the last 5 years. In 2016, there were 2,530 starts; in 2020, there were nearly 2,900 starts. Within starts, we can also see a shifting dynamic in housing choice as single-detached housing has made up less than 50% of starts over the past 3 years.

A critical factor of meeting population forecasts in the *Growth Plan* and, importantly, achieving affordable housing targets, is Niagara’s ability to offer a wider range of housing options for residents. Figure 4 provides an overview of housing starts per year by housing type.

Figure 4: Niagara Region Housing Starts (2016 - 2020)

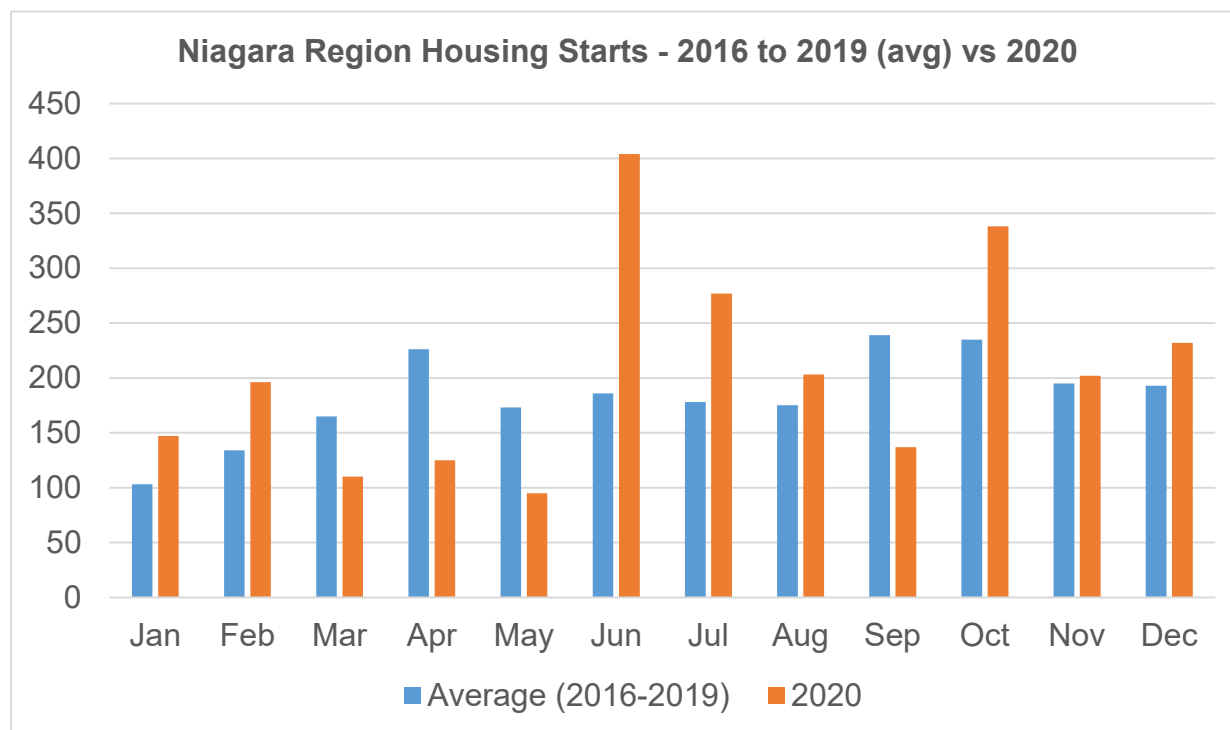


Source: CMHC, Housing Market Information Portal

Housing starts, while consistent with overall trends since 2016, were impacted early in 2020 by Covid-19. Housing starts between March and May were significantly lower than the previous four year average. During this period of time, the Province of Ontario had announced a Provincial State of Emergency (March 17, 2020) and released Bill 189 (Coronavirus (COVID-19) Support and Protection Act, 2020) on April 21, 2020).

As shown in Figure 5, housing starts rebounded strongly in June and July and settled into a comparable pattern to the previous four years throughout the second half of 2020.

Figure 5: Niagara Region Housing Starts: 2016 to 2019 (avg) vs 2020



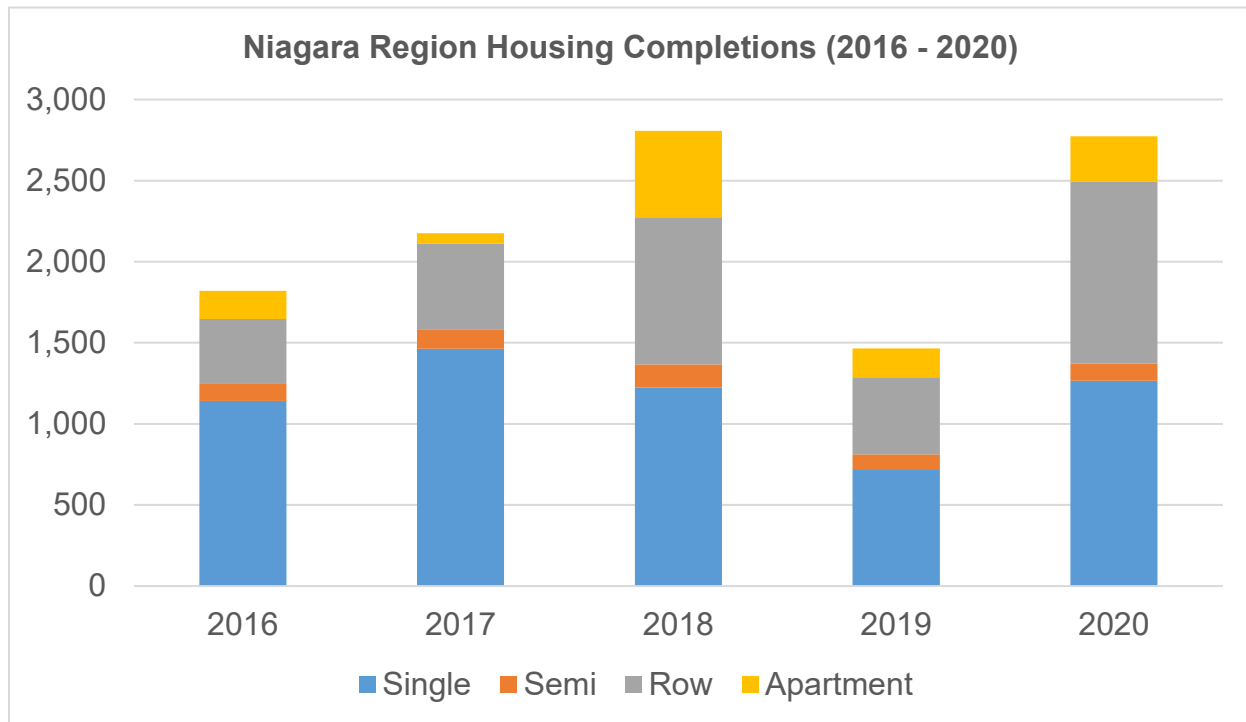
Source: CMHC, Housing Market Information Portal

Similar to housing starts, housing completions have also increased steadily over the last 5 years, including a significant increase in 2020 compared to 2019. Housing completions have greater variation on a year-to-year basis as higher density forms of development (such as apartments) tend to take longer to complete and can often start years prior to completion.

Consistent with housing starts, housing completions have begun to shift towards denser forms of development. The housing mix built since 2016 include 53% single detached, 5% semi-detached, 31% townhouse/row and 11% apartment. As a point of comparison, the 2016 Census identified an existing housing stock in Niagara of 70% single detached, 5% semi-detached, 7% townhouse/row and 17% apartment. An even greater shift towards denser forms of housing will be required in Niagara to achieve growth forecasts, reduce core housing need and improve affordability.

Figure 6 provides an overview of housing completions between 2016 and 2020.

Figure 6: Niagara Region Housing Completions (2016 – 2020)



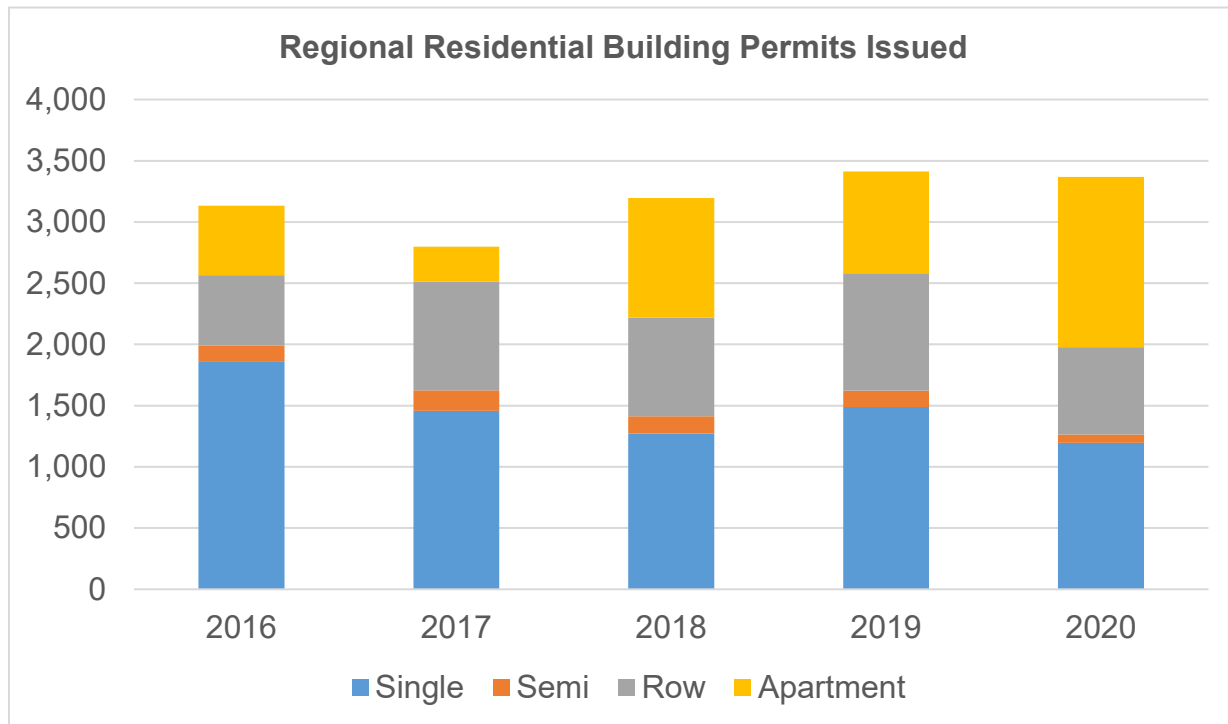
Source: CMHC, Housing Market Information Portal

New housing units, issued by building permit, also grew consistently over the previous half decade, reaching nearly 3,400 for the second consecutive year.

Similar to housing starts and completions, medium and higher density forms of housing are becoming more prevalent compared to low density. Specifically, apartment units reached nearly 1,400 units in 2020 - the highest annual volume for building permits on record at the Region.

Figure 7 provides an overview of building permits (housing units) since 2016.

Figure 7: Residential Building Permits (2016 - 2020)



Source: Niagara Region Planning and Development Services

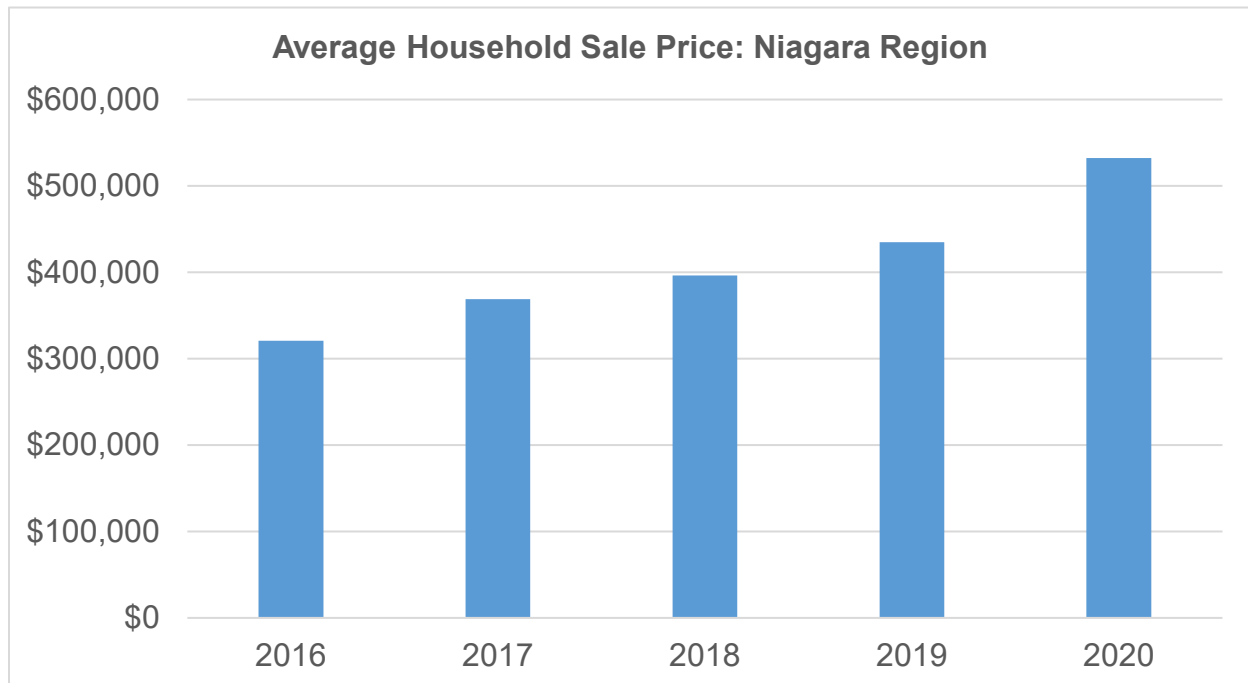
Housing Market

The housing market in Niagara has been on the rise since 2015 with significant increases to average sale price in 2016 and 2017. Between 2015 and 2017, the average sale price of a home in Niagara increased nearly 40%. Average sale price has continued to increase in 2018 and 2019 but at a lower rate of 7% and 10% respectively. The average sale price increased significantly, again, between 2019 and 2020 by 22% reaching an average sale price of \$532,400.

Overall, the average sale price for a home in Niagara increased 66% from 2016 to 2020.¹ Figure 8 provides a breakdown of average sale price by year.

¹ Average sale prices are based on information from CREA and the Niagara Realty Association.

Figure 8: Average Household Sale Price (2016 – 2020)



Source: Niagara Association of Realtors

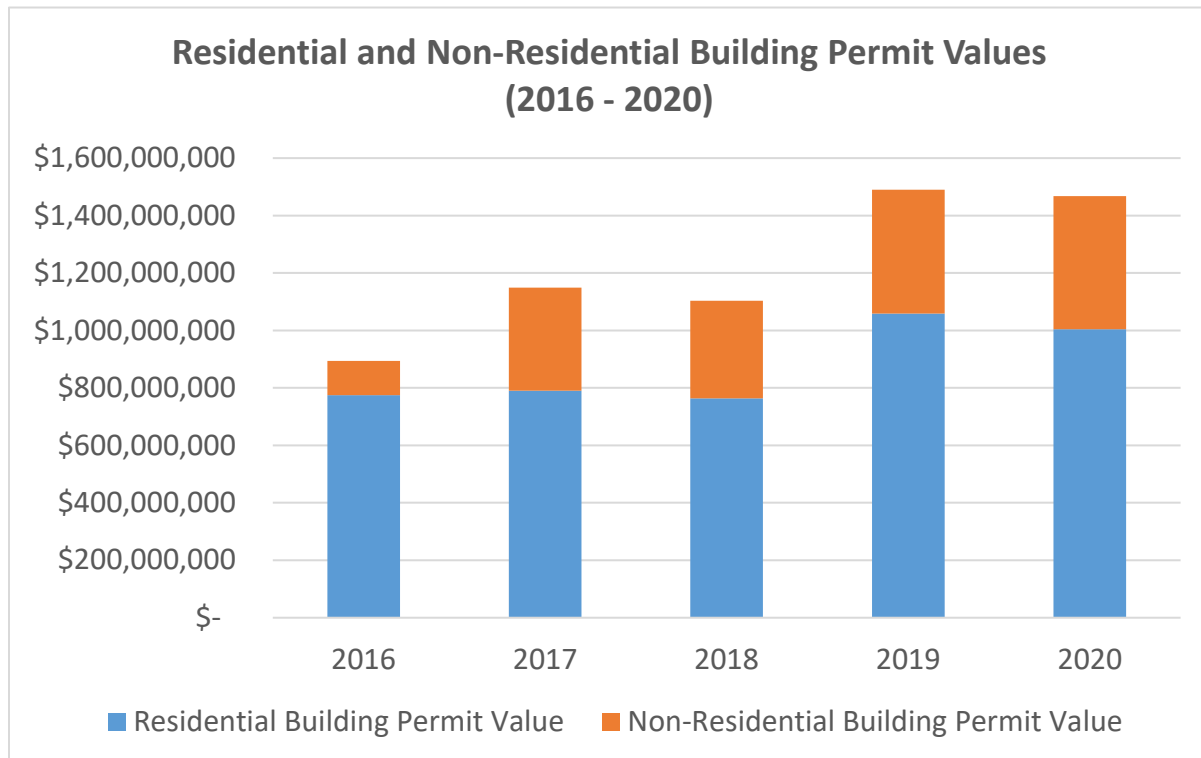
Building Permit Values

Building permit values, just like population and housing development, have increased over the past 5 years, growing from \$858 million in 2016 and reaching nearly \$1.5 billion in 2019 and 2020, respectively.

Similar to housing starts and completions, it appears the Covid-19 pandemic did not have a significant impact on building permit investment in 2020, relative to the previous four years.

The increased diversity of permits is particularly notable; non-residential permits grew from 15% in 2015 and 2016 to 30% from 2017 to 2020. The increased ratio of non-residential building permit values is more inline with the Region's Development Charges Background Study. Figure 9 provides an overview of building permit values from 2016 to 2020.

Figure 9: Residential and Non-Residential Building Permit Values (2016 - 2020)



Source: Statistics Canada Building Permit Values and Niagara Region Planning and Development Services

Conclusion

The scope and detail of annual growth reports will be revisited following the adoption of the forthcoming Niagara Official Plan. Future iterations of the report will provide additional metrics related to monitoring the Plan's implementation and commentary on the achievement of policy objectives and targets.

Alternatives Reviewed

No alternatives are provided. This report is prepared for information.

Relationship to Council Strategic Priorities

- Supporting Businesses and Economic Growth

- This report discusses trends in population, housing and building permit values over the past 5 years. This information is important for Regional Council to have as they make decisions that impact the Regional economy.
- **Healthy and Vibrant Community**
 - This report highlights trends in housing sale prices that relate directly to housing affordability in Niagara.
- **Responsible Growth and Infrastructure Planning**
 - The population increase over the past 5 years will be a critical component in advancing Regional Transit and GO Rail Service. A greater population, as well as increased densities around proposed GO Station areas, will support development and provide greater use of the service.
 - Tracking and reporting upon residential and economic growth provides direction on maintaining existing infrastructure and assists in asset management.

Other Pertinent Reports

- PDS 9-2017: Niagara Region Annual Growth Report
- PDS 25-2018: Niagara Region End of Year Growth Report 2017
- PDS 21-2019: Niagara Region End of Year Growth Report 2018
- PDS 19-2020: Niagara Region End of Year Growth Report 2019

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Development Applications Monitoring Report – 2020 Year End

PDS 24-2021

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Key Facts

- The purpose of this report is to inform Regional Council of 2020 development application activity in Niagara Region.
- Regional Development Planning and Engineering staff reviewed 595 development applications in 2020.
- Regional Development Planning and Engineering staff provided comments for 552 pre-consultation meetings in 2020.
- The Region received \$1,353,810 in review fees for development applications in 2020 (54% increase from 2019 fees).

Financial Considerations

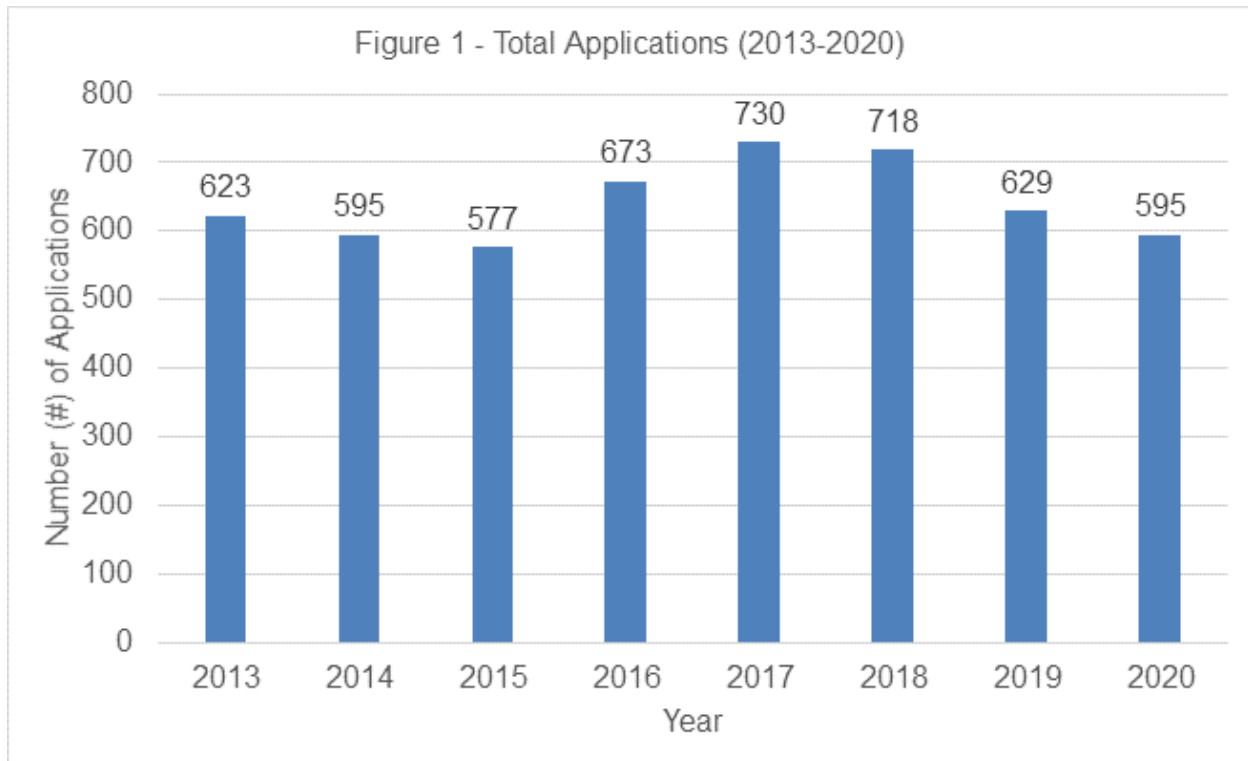
There are no direct financial implications associated with this report.

Analysis

Development Applications

Regional Development Services staff reviewed 595 development applications in 2020, representing a 5% decrease from 629 applications in 2019. Figure 1 illustrates the number of applications considered by Development Planning and Engineering staff from 2013 to 2020. These development applications are circulated to the Region based on Provincial legislation requirements and the existing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Region and Local Area Municipalities for planning in Niagara. The decrease appears to be attributed to the first wave of the COVID-19 pandemic and

adapting to the online format during the initial lockdown. The first full month after the lockdown (April 2020) there was a drop in applications, followed by a steady recovery in application volumes during subsequent months.

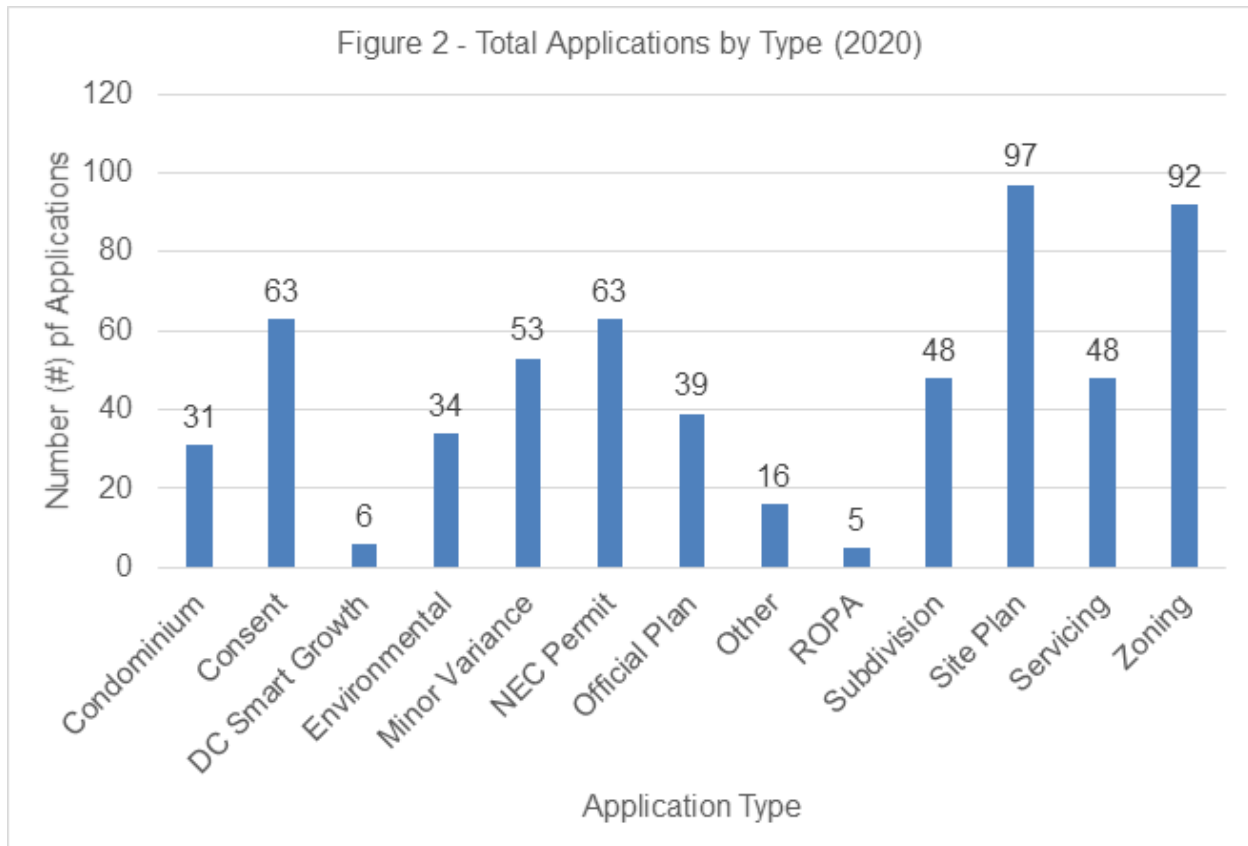


Staff expects the volume of development applications to be higher in 2021, as the trends in the fourth quarter of 2020 showed an uptake in applications by 17% compared to the fourth quarter of 2019. A look at Q1 2021 application volumes (202) reinforces this continuing trend as a 36% increase in volumes was experienced in comparison with 2020 (148). In addition, April 2021 volumes (76) was 55% above 2020 levels (49).

Additionally, the Planning and Development Services has the ability to waive its review function on certain types of minor development applications in local municipalities. This represents an effort to increase efficiency in the planning review function in Niagara and is a result of changes to the MOU.

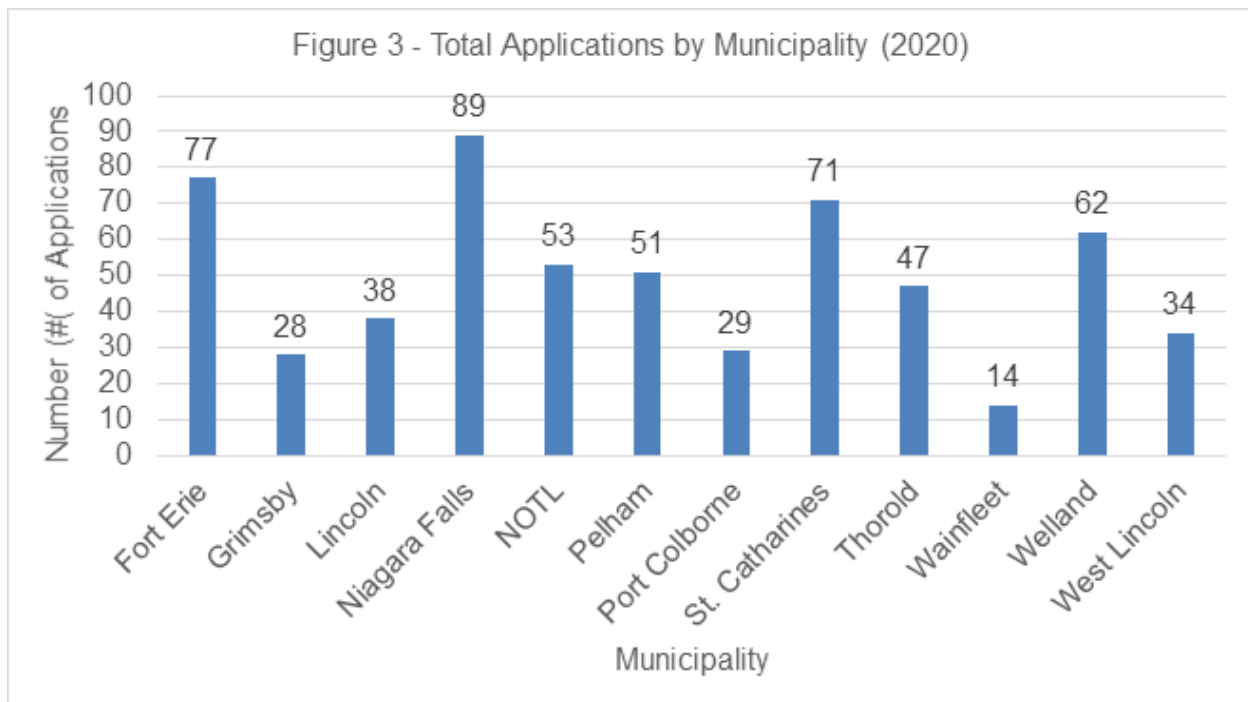
Figure 2 below provides the breakdown of development applications, by type, reviewed by Regional staff in 2020. Some complex development proposals often require multiple planning approvals. As an example, subdivision and condominium applications may also need amendments to the municipal Official Plan and/or Zoning By-law to facilitate the development. The categories with the most applications considered by Regional

staff were Site Plans (97), closely followed by Zoning By-law Amendments (92), and Consent (i.e. severances) and Niagara Escarpment Commission Development Permits (both 63).



The distribution of applications circulated to the Region by local municipalities during 2020 is shown on Figure 3. This information indicates relatively high levels of development activity in several communities. The municipalities with the most applications circulated to the Region were Niagara Falls (89), Fort Erie (77), St. Catharines (71), and Welland (62). As stated previously, application volumes were lower in 2020 compared to recent years because of the COVID-19 pandemic, however, the third and fourth quarters of 2020 saw a significant increase in volume.

Regional staff were also involved in reviewing several complex development applications in 2020, as highlighted in Appendix 1 of this report. This often requires review that is more extensive and can affect a broad range of issues (i.e. environmental impacts, traffic impacts and urban design considerations, etc.).



Pre-consultation Meetings

Development Services staff attend regular pre-consultation meeting sessions two days each month in each local municipality. These meetings are to determine complete application submission requirements and assist in the processing of applications. The COVID-19 pandemic required planning staff at the Region and the local municipalities to pivot to an online meeting format starting in April 2020. Developers, property owners, local staff and agencies were able to participate in these virtual pre-consultation meetings.

In 2020, Regional staff attended 552 pre-consultation meetings, which is an 11% decrease from the 2019 total (see Figure 4). This is likely a result of a pause in pre-consultations at the beginning of the first wave of the COVID-19 pandemic, while municipalities adopted to the online format. Pre-consultation volumes increased in the third and fourth quarters of 2020 and, generally, the number of pre-consultation meetings is an indicator of future development applications. Accordingly, staff expect development application numbers to increase in 2021.

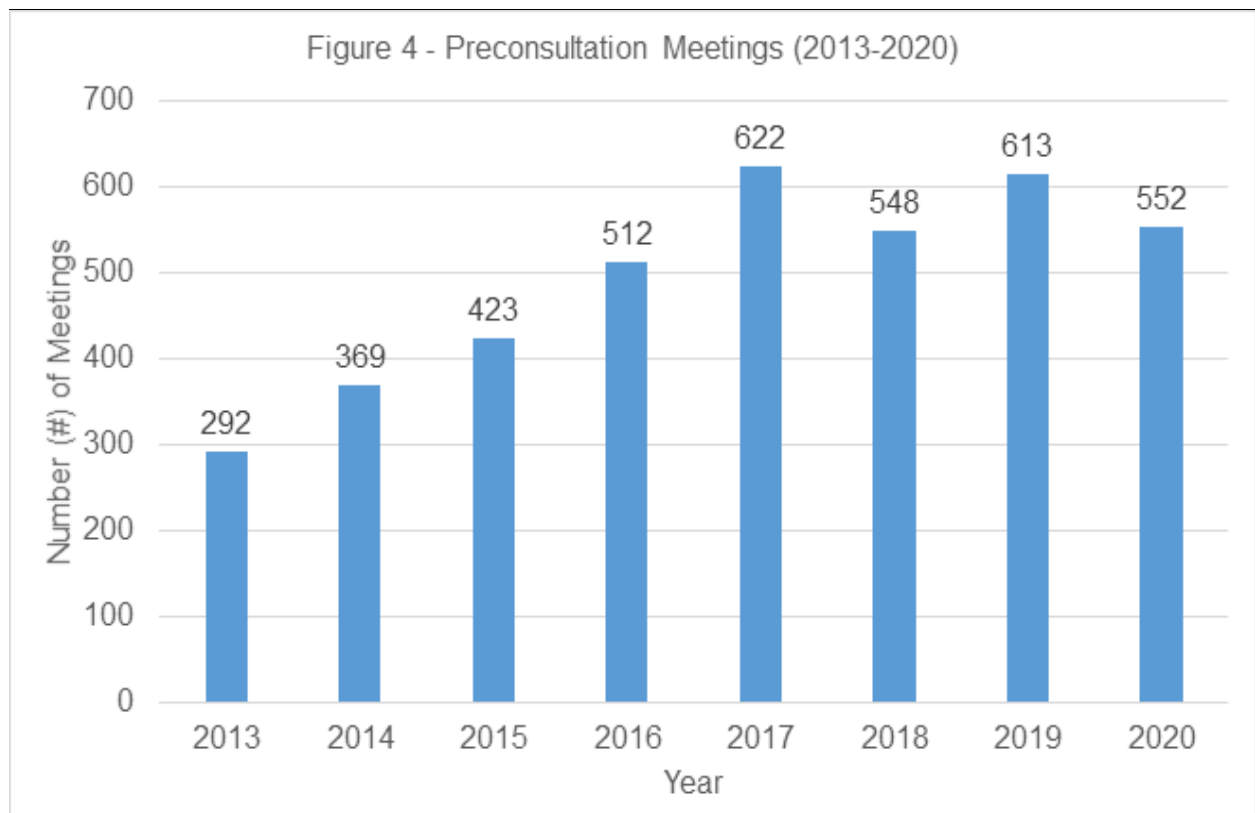
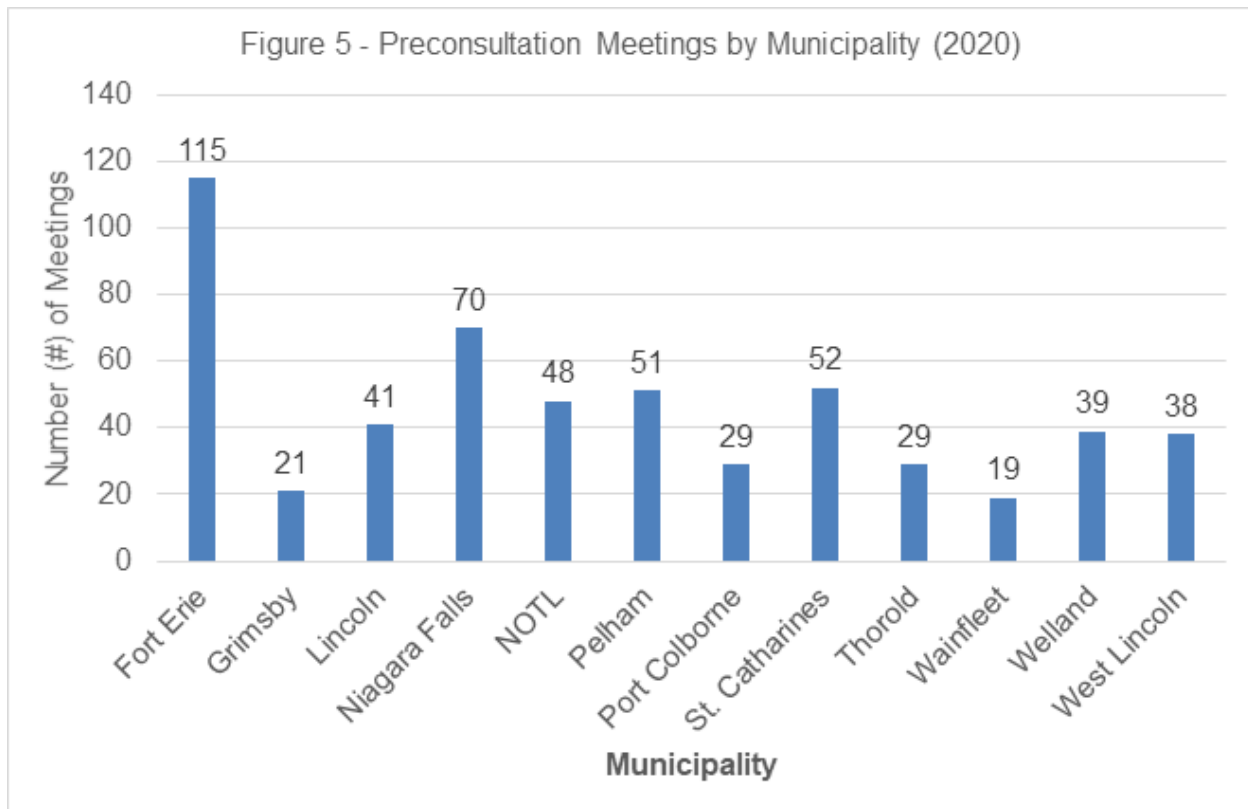


Figure 5 illustrates the number of pre-consultation meetings by municipality in 2020 that involved Regional staff. The municipalities with the highest levels of pre-consultation activity were Fort Erie (115) and Niagara Falls (70), followed by St. Catharines (52), Pelham (51), and Niagara-on-the-Lake (48).

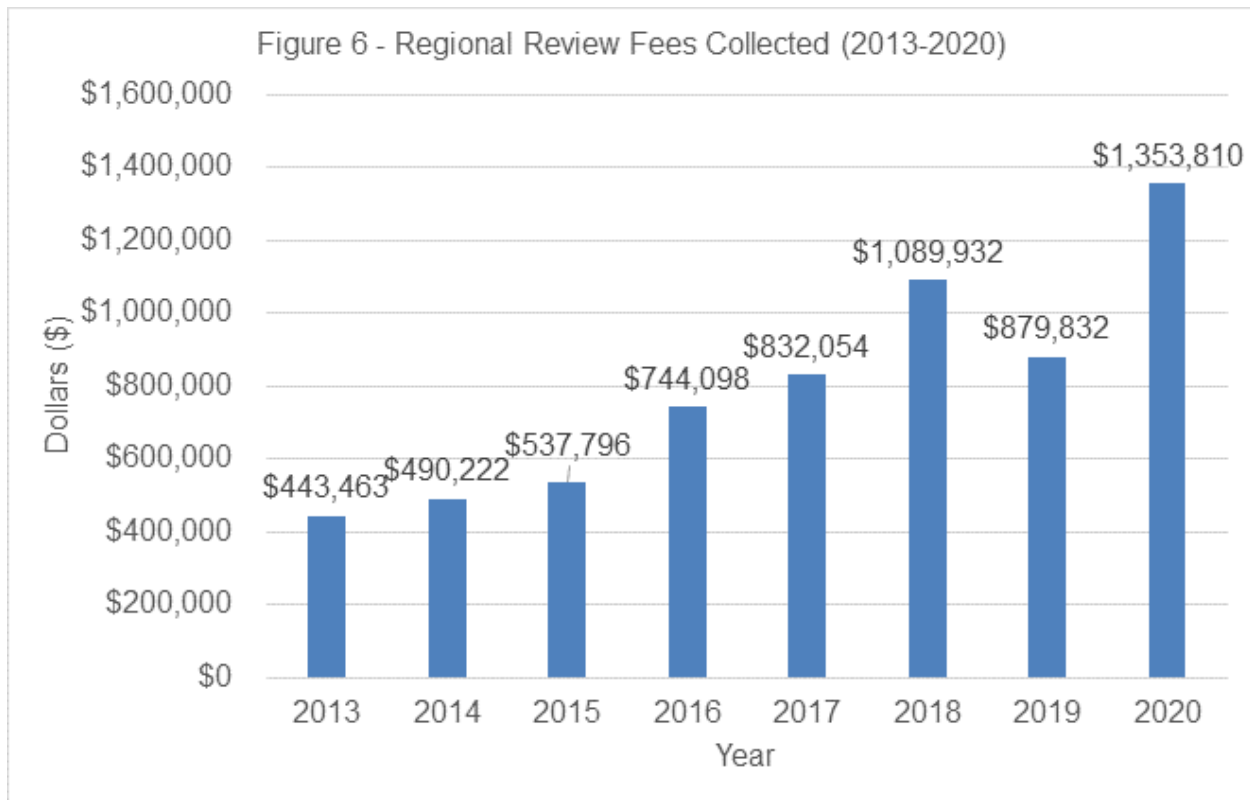


Regional Review Fees

Regional review fees are intended to offset Regional costs for the development review service. Figure 6 summarizes the fees collected between 2013 and 2020 for the Regional review of development applications. The 2020 total of \$1,353,810 represents an increase of 54% from 2019. This relates to an increase in the number of complex applications received (i.e. Regional Official Plan Amendments, Official Plan Amendments and Draft Plans of Subdivision/Condominium), which generally have higher review fees. As we expect the total volume and complexity of development applications to increase from 2020 to 2021, development review fees are also expected to increase.

The Region received a Regional Official Plan Amendment (ROPA) application in March 2021 for an expansion to the Port Colborne Quarry and anticipate potentially receiving two additional ROPA applications in 2021 for a proposed new quarry and an expansion of an existing quarry. These applications are the most complex “development” applications, which are very time intensive to process with many technical studies that often require peer reviews to assist staff in areas in which the department does not have in-house expertise. The application fees approved by Regional Council reflect the

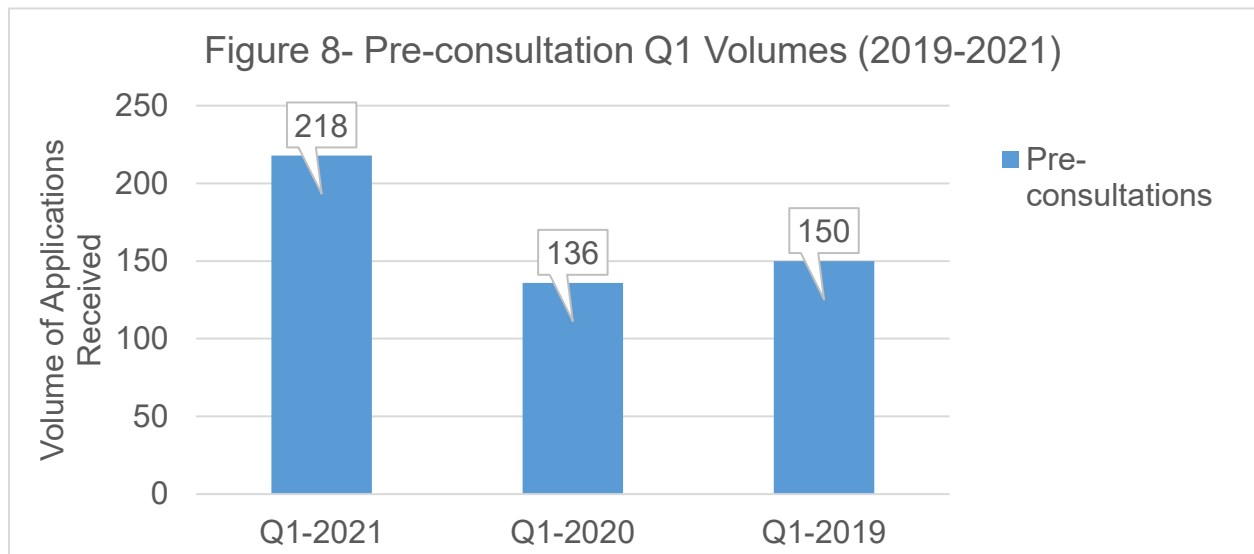
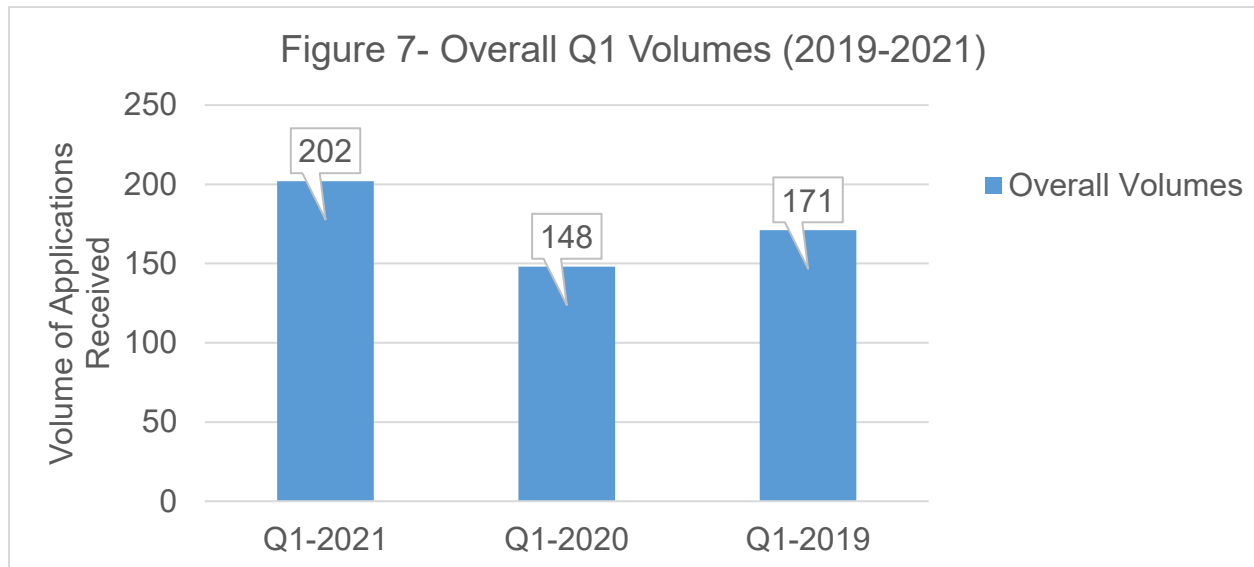
complexity and staff resources involved in reviewing quarry applications. As a best practice the Region, with participation of the affected local area municipality and the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, has implemented a Joint Agency Review Team (JART) to share resources including a single peer reviewer for each technical study in order to maximize efficiencies.



2021 Outlook

As outlined earlier in this report, Staff anticipate an increase in application volumes in 2021 based on the first quarter metrics. Regional Development Services staff reviewed 202 development applications in Q1 of 2021, which is an increase of 36% compared to 148 applications in Q1 of 2020. Figure 7 illustrates the number of applications considered by Development Planning and Engineering staff in Q1 of 2019, 2020 and 2021. This increase is likely attributed to applications that were paused during the first and second wave of the pandemic, ongoing public health requirements/restrictions on the construction industry that allows for additional time to plan for development, and historically low interest rates.

As previously indicated, Staff expects the volume of development applications to continue to be high throughout 2021. The trends in pre-consultation volumes for the first quarter of 2021 show an increase in pre-consultation meetings by 60% compared to the Q1 of 2020 and 45% compared to Q1 of 2019. This is illustrated in Figure 8.



The increased level of development in recent years represents a “*new normal*” for the Region. Regional Development Planning has adjusted its approach and practices to be solution oriented and proactive. By providing ongoing support to our local Municipalities, the Region strives to realize complete community planning outcomes that encourage the best possible development throughout the Region.

Urban Design’s contribution to Development Applications

In addition to assisting in the review of development applications, the Urban Design and Landscape Architecture team also undertook several programs in 2020 that support the goals of achieving well designed built environments. These programs celebrated design excellence, provided synergies to development applications and improved development outcomes. The urban design team also assists local planning teams by providing urban design peer review to significant developments within those communities. To support local planning and urban design goals staff prepare design alternatives and contribute to the discussions with developers in support of local planning partners. In particular, the urban design team has collaborated in design charrettes to improve the design outcomes of development applications. The Urban Design review function within Development Planning is a key component to elevate the quality of development in Niagara and achieve industry leading results, reflecting positively on the Niagara brand.

Alternatives Reviewed

None.

Relationship to Council Strategic Priorities

This report provides information on development application activity that contributes to strong economic prosperity throughout the communities within the Niagara Region. This relates to Council's Strategic Priority of Supporting Business and Economic Growth, as well as Sustainable and Engaging Government through ensuring high quality, efficient and coordinated core services.

Other Pertinent Reports

- [PDS 4-2020](#): Development Applications Monitoring Report - 2019 Year End

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Appendix 1: Current Major Development Applications

Planning and Development Services Staff participated in the review of a number of major development applications in 2020. A summary of some of these major development applications are provided in the table below.

Glossary of Acronyms:

“LOPA” means Local Official Plan Amendment.

“LPAT” means Local Planning Appeal Tribunal.

“PEDC” means the Region’s Planning and Economic Development Committee.

“RFP” means Request for Proposal.

“ROPA” means Regional Official Plan Amendment.

“SPA” means Site Plan Approval.

“ZBA” means Zoning By-law Amendment.

Municipality	Application	Developer	Details	Status
Fort Erie	7 Central Avenue <u>Type:</u> SPA.	Compass Land Developments Ltd.	Application is for a 12-storey mixed use building with 217 residential units and 657m ² commercial space.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LOPA and ZBA approved. • Site plan is in progress.
Grimsby	Fifth Wheel redevelopment <u>Type:</u> LOPA, ZBA, and Draft Plan of Subdivision.	Losani Homes.	Application is for 6 mixed use buildings with a total of 1,240 residential units and 46,000 ft ² of employment space; 36 townhouse units; 19,500 ft ² of commercial space; and 2.25 hectares of parkland and open space.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications were approved by the Town on December 7, 2020. • No appeals received - decision final.
Grimsby	West Lincoln Memorial Hospital	Hamilton Health Sciences.	Application relates to the comprehensive redevelopment of the existing hospital.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional comments were provided for Phase 1 of Site Plan.

Municipality	Application	Developer	Details	Status
	<u>Type:</u> SPA.			
Grimsby	141-149 Main Street East <u>Type:</u> LOPA and ZBA.	Losani Homes.	Application relates to the redevelopment of the Cole's property for a 6-7 storey mixed use building, including commercial space on the ground floor and 215 residential dwelling units with a total of 254 parking spaces (225 underground spaces and 29 surface spaces).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional comments were provided for the initial application submission (February 2021).
Grimsby	Century Condos 6 Doran & 21-23 Main Street <u>Type:</u> LOPA and ZBA.	DeSantis Homes.	Application is for a 4-storey mixed use building with 92 residential units with 2 commercial units totaling of 463m ² on the first floor.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appealed for non-decision (settlement pending). A comprehensive public Urban Design Charrette with Town, Region and Applicant was completed earlier this year. Site plan is in progress.
Grimsby	133 Main Street east <u>Type:</u> LOPA and ZBA.	Burgess Heritage Group Inc.	<p>Application is for a new 5-storey mixed use commercial and residential apartment building consisting of 148 residential units and 305 m² of ground-floor commercial area.</p> <p>The property designated under the Part IV Section 29 of the <i>Ontario Heritage Act</i>.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application was appealed for non-decision. LPAT hearing to be scheduled shortly.

Municipality	Application	Developer	Details	Status
Grimsby	4 Windward Drive (Casablanca Inn) <u>Type:</u> LOPA and ZBA.	TRG Casablanca Inc.	<p>Application is for a 19-storey apartment building with 212 residential units, ground floor retail / restaurant commercial space, and a new hotel with conference and banquet facilities.</p> <p>Additionally, the existing hotel will be demolished and a new 12-storey apartment building with 208 residential units and ground floor retail commercial space will be constructed.</p> <p>The site will feature approximately 1,500 m² outdoor park area and will have a total of 909 parking spaces contained within 3 levels of underground parking.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The statutory Public Meeting has been held. • Regional comments were provided in March 2021 on the application's resubmission with respect to design/wind. • Application is still in progress at this time.
Lincoln	3221 North Service Road <u>Type:</u> ZBA.	LJM Developments. A.J. Clarke & Associates Ltd.	<p>Currently, the application is proposing 2 residential towers (25 and 28 storeys, respectively) that share a common 6-storey podium for a total of 510 residential units.</p> <p>The site is located outside of and abuts the Prudhommes Secondary Plan Area.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Region, Town, and Applicant are in the process of refining site and building design elements. • Regional comments on the 2nd submission were provided April 23, 2021. • A public urban design charrette is planned to be scheduled for spring / summer 2021.

Municipality	Application	Developer	Details	Status
Lincoln	Prudhommes Landing Site Redevelopment <u>Type:</u> ZBA and Draft Plan of Subdivision	FBH Ontario Inc.	Application is for approximately 1,173 residential units (consisting of a variety of single-detached, semi-detached, townhouse and apartment units), 3.92 hectares of open space, and 3.88 hectares of natural area within the Prudhommes Secondary Plan Area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Town has approved the Draft Plan of Subdivision.
Niagara Falls	New South Niagara Hospital <u>Type:</u> SPA.	Niagara Health System.	Application relates to the Campus Planning for new Niagara South Hospital site.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Campus Plan was finalized in September 2019. Project was incorporated into Ministry of Health Functional Program Submission. Stage 1 of the Site Plan has been completed for issuance of RFP.
Niagara Falls	Riverfront Residential Community <u>Type:</u> ZBA and Draft Plan of Subdivision.	GR (CAN) Investments Ltd.	Application is for an estimated total of 1,045 residential units (consisting of single-detached, semi-detached, townhouse and apartment units), 1.86 hectares of parkland and open space, and 17 hectares of natural area. Regional conditions of approval include servicing, natural heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft Plan and ZBA approved by City; ZBA appealed to LPAT. Developer proceeding to address conditions of draft approval for first phase.

Municipality	Application	Developer	Details	Status
			requirements, site remediation, etc.	
Niagara Falls	Splendour Residential Development <u>Type:</u> LOPA, ZBA and Draft Plan of Subdivision.	Cobas Developments Inc.	Application is for 104 single-detached dwellings, 16 semi-detached dwellings, 148 townhouses, and 1 block for a future school(s) site.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City has approved the Draft Plan of Subdivision.
Niagara-on-the-Lake	Settler's Landing (Phase 2) <u>Type:</u> ZBA and Draft Plan of Subdivision	Settler's Landing Estates Ltd.	Application is for 53 single-detached dwellings on a 4.1 hectare site.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional comments were provided on December 23, 2020. Application has been Draft Approved by the Town and applicant is currently clearing conditions of Draft Approval.
Pelham	Forest Park Subdivision <u>Type:</u> ZBA and Draft Plan of Subdivision	Sterling Realty (Niagara) Inc. Upper Canada Consultants.	Application is for the creation 77 lots for single-detached dwellings, 8 blocks for 86 street townhouse dwellings, 1 block for 280 multi-family residential units, 1 block for a park, 1 block for a stormwater management pond, 1 block for a relocated watercourse, and associated roadways on a 17.03 hectare property.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application is in progress. Regional comments were provided for the 1st application submission on December 22, 2020.
Pelham	North Side of Summersides Boulevard and 1409,	Mountainview Homes (Niagara) Ltd.	Application is for the creation of 13 lots for single-detached dwellings, 7 blocks for 30 rear lane townhouse units, 10 blocks for 44 street townhouse units, 5 blocks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional comments were provided on October 1, 2020.

Municipality	Application	Developer	Details	Status
	1411, 1413, 1415 and 1419 Station Street <u>Type:</u> ZBA and Draft Plan of Subdivision	Upper Canada Consultants.	for 40 back-to-back townhouse units, and 1 block for a pedestrian walkway on a 4.46 hectare property.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town hosted a statutory Public Meeting on November 23, 2020. Application is in progress.
Port Colborne	118 West Street <u>Type:</u> SPA.	Raimondo + Associates Architects Inc. Rankin Construction Inc. Southport Condos Inc.	Application is for a 9-storey mixed use building consisting of 74 residential units and 421m ² of ground floor commercial space.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application is in progress. Regional comments were provided on November 10, 2020 for the 2nd application submission.
St. Catharines	Linhaven Long Term Care Facility Redevelopment (403 Ontario Street) <u>Type:</u> LOPA, ZBA, Draft Plan of Subdivision, and SPA.	Regional Municipality of Niagara.	<p>Application is to construct a 5-storey 256-bed long term care facility to replace the existing Linhaven Long Term Care facility.</p> <p>The existing Alzheimer Society of Niagara building will remain on-site. The development will be located adjacent to the existing Hospice Niagara building along Ontario Street and will include two interior courtyards that feature outdoor dining areas, landscaping, fitness stations, and shade structures. Site parking will be located at the rear of the site.</p> <p>The building will offer interior cafes, an auditorium, gym, library,</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site plan is in progress. Regional comments were provided on the April 27, 2021 relating to the 4th application submission. There are no outstanding Regional requirements at this time.

Municipality	Application	Developer	Details	Status
			and chapel, and dining areas on every floor.	
Thorold	Canada Summer Games Complex <u>Type:</u> SPA.	Games Operations, 2021 Canada Summer Games.	Application relates to the Canada Summer Games Building and Playing Fields.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site plan has been approved. • Construction is in progress.
Thorold	Artisan Ridge Phase 2 <u>Type:</u> Draft Plan of Subdivision	LANDx Developments.	Application consists of 123 single-detached and 40 townhouses and is a phase of the larger Artisan Ridge Subdivision.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Plan of Subdivision has been approved by City.
Thorold	Legacy Port Robinson Estates (Phases 2 & 3) <u>Type:</u> ZBA and Draft Plan of Subdivision.	Armstrong Planning. Legacy Communities. JTG Holdings Ltd. Maple Hill Developments Inc.	Application is for a total of 733 dwelling units that consists of 347 townhouse units, 80 semi-detached units, and 306 single-detached units.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Plan of Subdivision and Zoning By-law Amendment Approved
Welland	Hunter's Pointe Golf Course Redevelopment <u>Type:</u> LOPA, ZBA, and Draft Plan of Subdivision.	2599587 Ontario Ltd.	Application is for 735 single-detached dwellings, 250 townhouses, 170 residential units and 60,000 ft ² of commercial space within proposed mixed use buildings.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The application was approved by the City and has been appealed. • LPAT hearing to be scheduled shortly.
Welland	John Deere – Dain West Subdivision	Empire Homes.	Application is for a mixed use subdivision that allows for a maximum development of 870 residential dwelling units (consisting of detached, semi-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional comments were sent April 26, 2021.

Municipality	Application	Developer	Details	Status
	<u>Type:</u> ROPA, LOPA, ZBA, and Draft Plan of Subdivision.		detached and townhouse dwellings), a 4 hectare mixed-use employment block, a stormwater management pond, an elementary school, parks and open space on approximately 74 hectares of land.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application was approved by City Council May 4, 2021. LOPA 30 and ROPA 19 to be considered by PEDC on June 16, 2021.
West Lincoln	Northwest Corner of South Grimsby Road 5 and Regional Road 20 (South of CP Rail Line) <u>Type:</u> ZBA and Draft Plan of Subdivision	Marz Homes (Smithville West) Inc. IBI Group.	Application is for approximately 224 residential units and a recreational trail on a 10.29 hectare property.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application is in progress. Regional comments were provided December 4, 2020 on the 1st submission of the application.
West Lincoln	Station Meadows West <u>Type:</u> ZBA and Draft Plan of Subdivision	P. Budd Developments	Application is for 68 lots of single-detached dwellings, 28 blocks for 163 freehold townhouse dwelling units, 3 blocks for 164 condominium townhouse dwelling units, 1 block for park space, and a multi-use trail block on a 14.84 hectare property.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application is in progress. Regional comments were provided for the 3rd ZBA and Draft Plan of Subdivision submission on May 4, 2021.



GIO Updates & Economic Impact Assessment

Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority Board Meeting

May 29, 2021

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About GIO



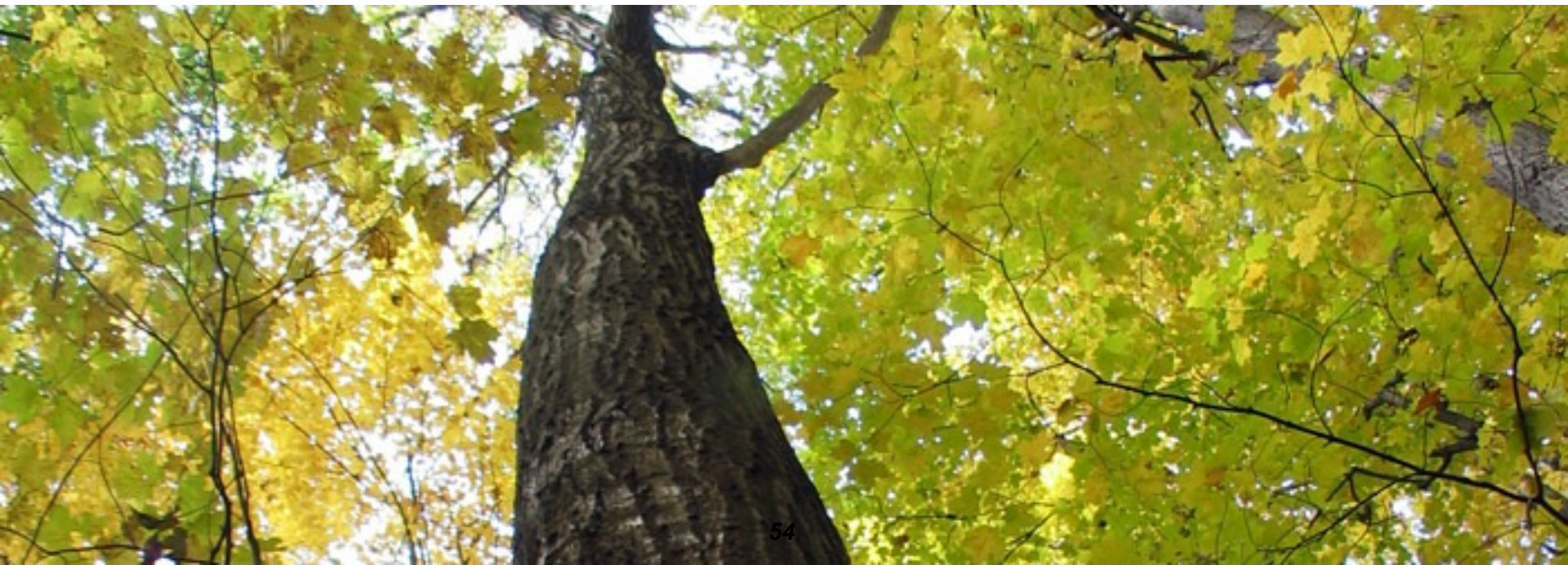
The Green Infrastructure Ontario (GIO) Coalition is an alliance of organizations that share a common vision for a healthy, green Ontario where the economic, social, environmental and health benefits of green infrastructure are fully realized.



What is Green Infrastructure?

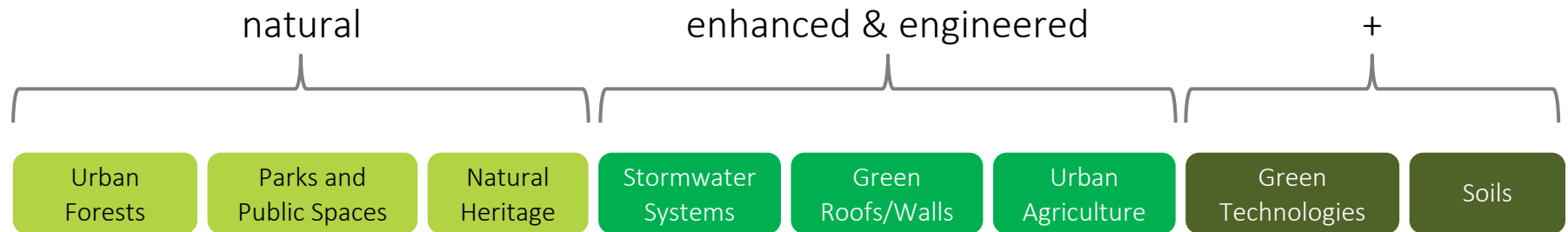


Green infrastructure is defined as natural vegetative systems and green technologies that collectively provide society with a broad multitude of benefits



What is Green Infrastructure?

It includes:



What is NOT Green Infrastructure?



GIO Coalition Members



Approx. 35 general members:

- Businesses
- Industry and professional associations
- Municipal and Regional governments
- Conservation Authorities
- ENGOS

GIO Steering Committee



GIO Activities

- Government Relations
 - Direct advocacy
 - Policy submissions
- Information sharing
 - Presentations
 - Workshops
 - Reports
 - Newsletter



Recent GR Activities

- National Natural Infrastructure Working Group
 - National Nature-Based Climate Solutions Summit
 - Natural infrastructure stream sessions (planning and facilitation)
 - Letter to Prime Minister Trudeau
 - Meeting with Minister McKenna's office
 - Letter to Minister McKenna
- Ontario Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs
 - Follow up meeting with MPP Mike Schreiner, leader of Green Party of Ontario



Communications & Other Activities



- Recent publications:
 - State of Large Parks in Ontario's Golden Horseshoe (2019)
 - Economic Impact Assessment of the Green Infrastructure Sector in Ontario (2020)
- Municipal support:
 - Advancing Municipal Action on Green Infrastructure project
 - Municipal Resource Hub:
<https://greeninfrastructureontario.org/municipal-hub/>
 - How to Incorporate Green Infrastructure into Asset Management Planning webinar series (with TRCA)



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Communications & Other Activities



- Supported development of content and provided facilitation support for natural infrastructure stream at NBCS Summit in Ottawa
- Presented at workshops and conferences:
 - Forests Ontario conference
 - Ontario Good Roads Association Annual Conference
 - Nature Works! Forum
 - Green Infrastructure Champions webinar
 - Clean Air Partnership webinar
 - Regional Public Works Commissioners Urban Forestry Sub-committee meeting
 - CitiesAlive virtual conference
 - Partners in Climate Protection workshop (organized by Clean Air Partnership)



Economic Impact Assessment

Project Background



- Commissioned by GIO
- Funded by Greenbelt Foundation
- Additional financial support from Landscape Ontario
- Prepared by Delphi Group



Project Objectives

This study evaluated the current and potential future economic impact of Ontario's green infrastructure sector, profiling its seven distinct sub-sectors.

Define	Define the size and the scope of the green infrastructure sector in Ontario
Assess	Assess the economic impact of the green infrastructure sector
Estimate	Estimate the growth potential of Ontario's green infrastructure sector

Defining the Sector

GIO defines green infrastructure as:

“The natural vegetative systems and green technologies that collectively provide society with a multitude of economic, environmental, and social benefits.”



Defining the Sector

The GI sector is made up of 7 economic sub-sectors:

1. Landscape Horticulture and Open Spaces
2. Green Roofs and Walls
3. Green Stormwater Infrastructure Systems
4. Urban Forests
5. Parks
6. Natural Heritage
7. Cross-Sectoral Support Services

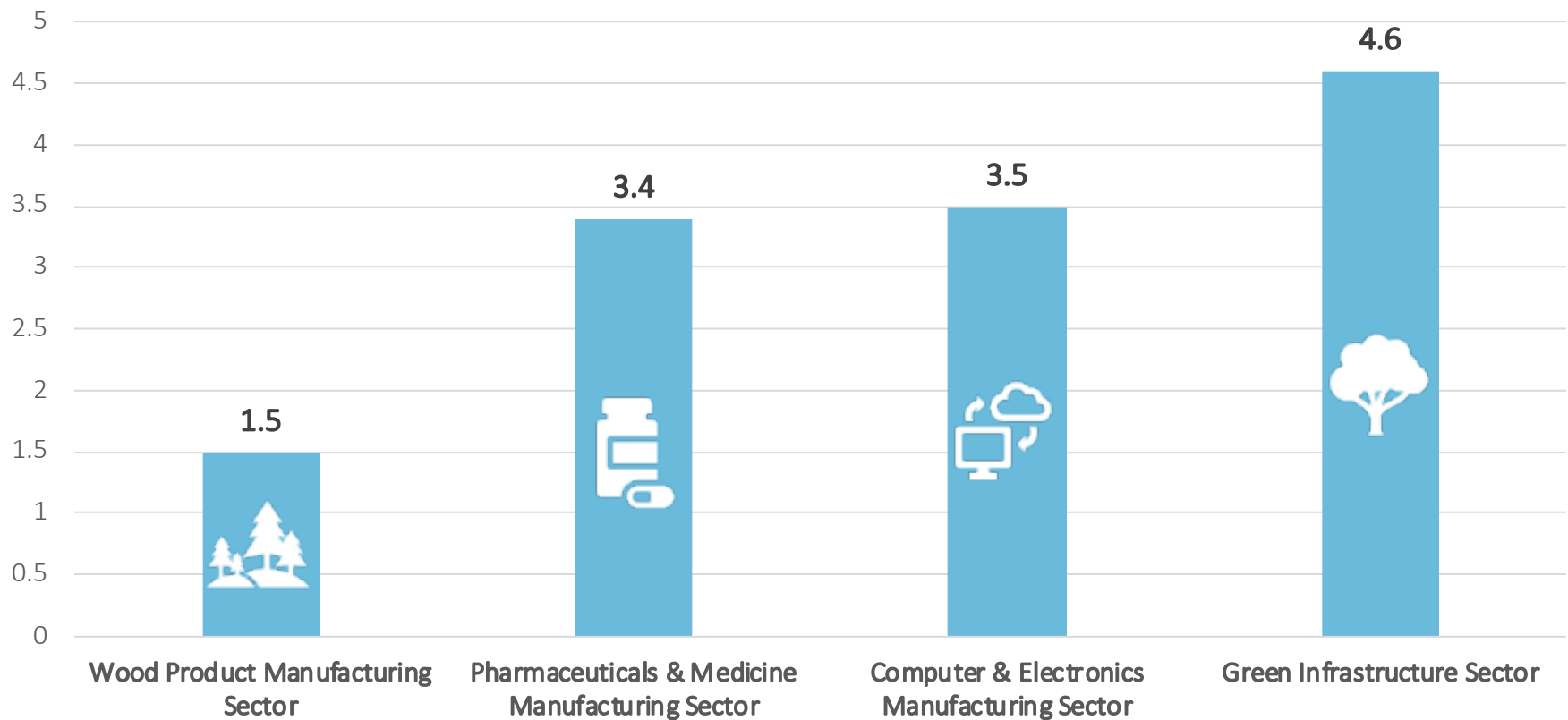


In 2018, Ontario's green infrastructure sector was responsible for:

- \$8.6 billion in gross output (revenues)
- \$4.64 billion in direct GDP (\$8.3B including indirect and induced)
- 84,400 direct jobs (122,000 including indirect and induced)

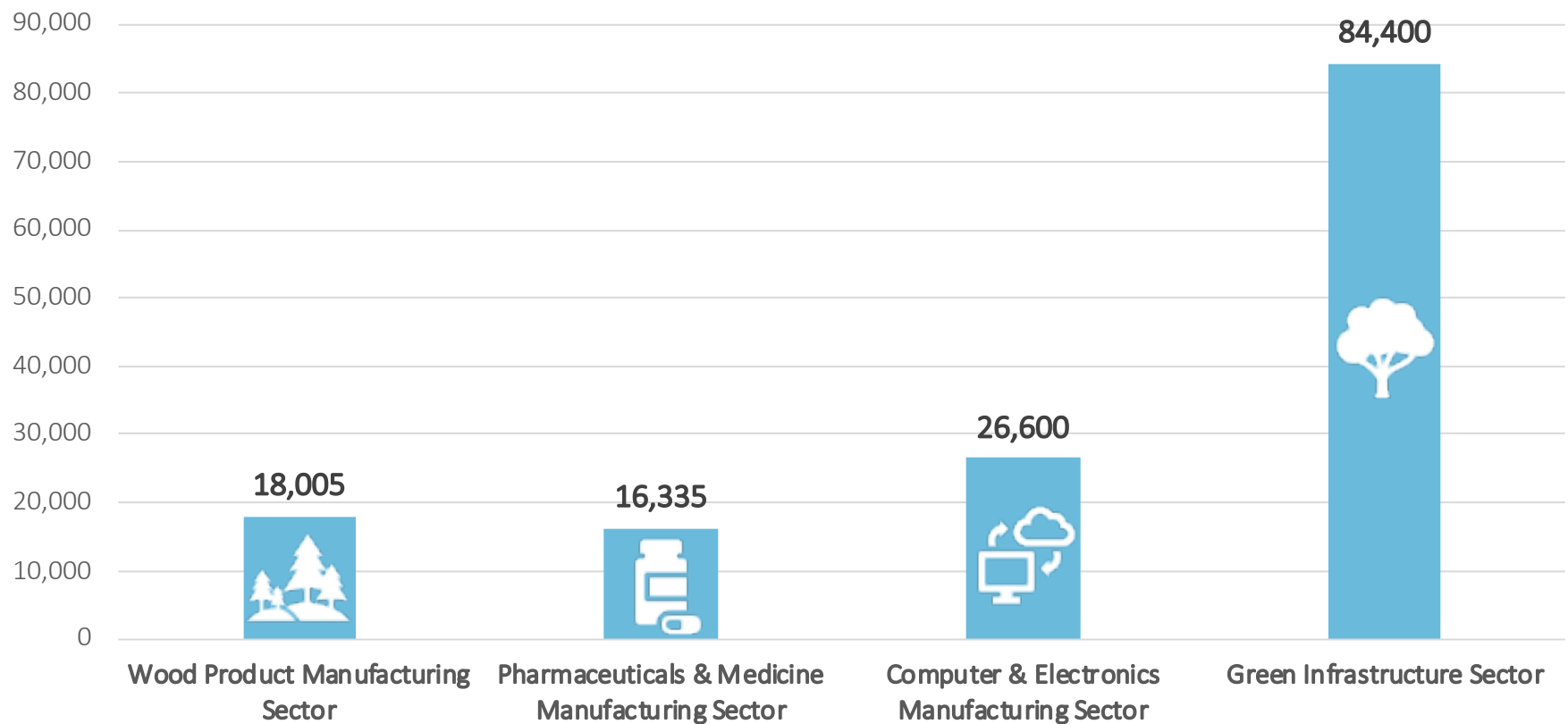
Economic Impact: Sector Comparison – GDP

GDP (2018) \$ Billion



Economic Impact: Sector Comparison – Jobs

Employment (2018)



Economic Impact: Jobs, GDP & Output



Green Infrastructure Sub-sector	GI Jobs (Direct Only) \$ thousands	GI Gross Output (Revenues) \$ thousands	GI GDP (Direct Only) \$ thousands	GI Jobs (Direct, Indirect, Induced)	GI GDP (Direct, Indirect, Induced) \$ thousands
Green Roofs and Walls	842	\$ 93,072	\$ 51,186	1,213	\$ 88,729
Green Stormwater Management	1,347	\$ 237,828	\$ 163,384	2,111	\$ 239,865
Urban Forests	3,417	\$ 323,625	\$ 177,990	4,780	\$ 315,764
Parks	8,923	\$ 877,900	\$ 511,209	12,772	\$ 885,601
Natural Heritage	5,321	\$ 552,414	\$ 331,360	7,510	\$ 553,787
Landscape Horticulture and Open Spaces	58,733	\$ 5,578,654	\$ 2,852,774	82,558	\$ 5,217,352
Cross-sector Support Services	5,852	\$ 940,231	\$ 547,304	10,637	\$ 1,026,272
TOTAL	84,434	\$ 8,603,724	\$ 4,635,208	121,581	\$ 8,327,371

Other Key Findings:

- Local supply chain
- Wide range of jobs
- High return on investment
- Strong growth potential to 2030



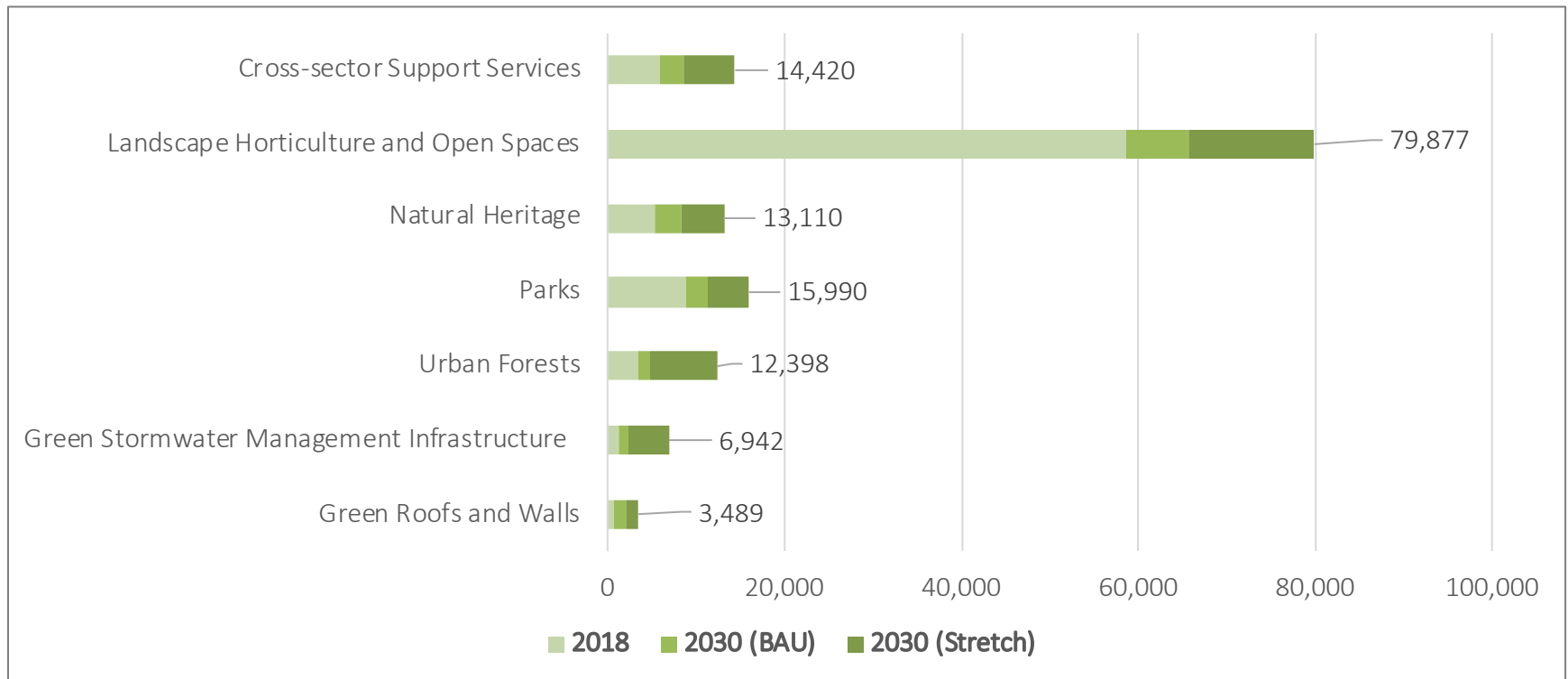
Growth Potential

- Delphi forecast growth to 2030 under 2 scenarios
 - Business-as-usual: 22% growth
 - **\$7 billion** in direct GDP
 - **103,000** direct jobs
 - Stretch: 73% growth
 - **\$10 billion** in direct GDP
 - **146,000** direct jobs



Growth Potential

Total Direct Jobs in Ontario's Green Infrastructure Sector under BAU and Stretch Scenarios (2018-2030).



Key Take-Aways

- GI is win-win-win:
 - creates good, local jobs;
 - supports climate and flood resilience; and
 - provides a variety of additional physical and mental health benefits
- The GI sector needs a reliable source of long-term funding to be able to plan and execute projects routinely



Full Report

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Let's Make Green Infrastructure the
NEW NORMAL!

The illustration depicts a vibrant, sustainable community. On the left, there are modern multi-story buildings with green roofs and balconies. A winding path leads through a lush green park area with trees, a small pond, and a stream. People are shown walking, jogging, and playing in the park. A car is parked on the street, and a person is riding a bicycle. In the foreground, there are more houses and a car. The overall scene is bright and sunny, with a clear blue sky and a large sun in the upper left corner.

Report To: Board of Directors

Subject: Planning and Regulations Semi-Annual Report

Report No: FA-43-21

Date: July 16, 2021

Recommendation:

THAT Report No. FA-43-21 RE: Planning and Regulations Semi-Annual Report **BE RECEIVED.**

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to update the Board of Directors on the Planning and Regulations activities during the first half of 2021. The reporting of statistics within the Planning and Regulations division is a requirement of the Client Service Standards Document and Conservation Ontario.

Background:

The Planning and Regulations section of the Watershed Management Division is responsible for providing a variety of services to our municipal clients as well as the public. This includes reviewing *Planning Act/Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act* applications, Building Permit applications where there is a feature regulated by the NPCA, responding to general phone/email inquiries, and issuing Work Permits under Section 28 of the *Conservation Authorities Act*.

NPCA staff monitor a variety of metrics and report these on a semi-annual basis to the Board.

Discussion:

During the first half of 2021, the NPCA experienced a higher than normal volume of Planning and Permit applications compared to the first half of last year. A total of 565 applications (Planning, Building Permit Clearances and NPCA Permits combined) were reviewed during the six-month period resulting in a heavy workload for the Planning and Permitting team. This represents a 33.5 percent increase from the first half of 2020.

Planning and Regulations reviewed 168 *Planning Act* (various type and complexity) and Niagara Escarpment Commission Development Permit applications, 178 Building Permit applications and 53 property information requests. Staff also provided comments on 210 *Planning Act* pre-consultation proposals, reviewed 9 proposals relating to the DART Protocol under the *Drainage Act* and were

involved in 7 Environmental Assessments. In addition, staff processed 219 Work Permits under Section 28.

Permit response times have improved slightly from the first half of 2020. In 2021, 65 percent of all Permits were reviewed within the Conservation Ontario timeframes as opposed to 57 percent in 2020. Management continues to explore process improvements to reduce our Permit review times. A detailed break-down of these statistics is included in Appendix 1.

The high volume of applications and general inquiries continues to place a strain on the Planning and Regulations section. With current staff levels and volume of work, it is taking upwards of a week to respond back to email/phone inquiries. Our Client Service Standards (based on Conservation Ontario guidelines) stipulate a two business day timeframe for initial response. This has proven to be a challenging target to hit. Management will be exploring options to address this issue as part of our continuous improvement process, operating procedures, technology, budget, and ongoing fee review.

Continuous Improvement

There are a number of continuous improvement initiatives and projects happening in the Planning and Regulations section in 2021:

- Hiring additional Planning Ecologist and placement of new Director
- Responding to Provincial policy matters posted on the Environmental Registry of Ontario
- Preparing for the new Section 28 Regulation
- Planning and Permit Policy Update
- Phase 1 Regulatory Mapping Update
- Planning and Permitting Fees Update
- Configuration updates to application tracking system (CityView)
- Documenting/updating various standard operating procedures (SOPs)
- Updates to NPCA website re planning and compliance matters
- Outreach to municipal partners

Financial Implications:

There are no financial implications from this report.

Links to Policy/Strategic Plan:

The Planning and Regulations section continues to support the *Conservation Authorities Act* mandate by remaining responsive, innovative, accountable and financially sustainable.

Related Reports and Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Planning and Regulations First Half Statistics for 2021

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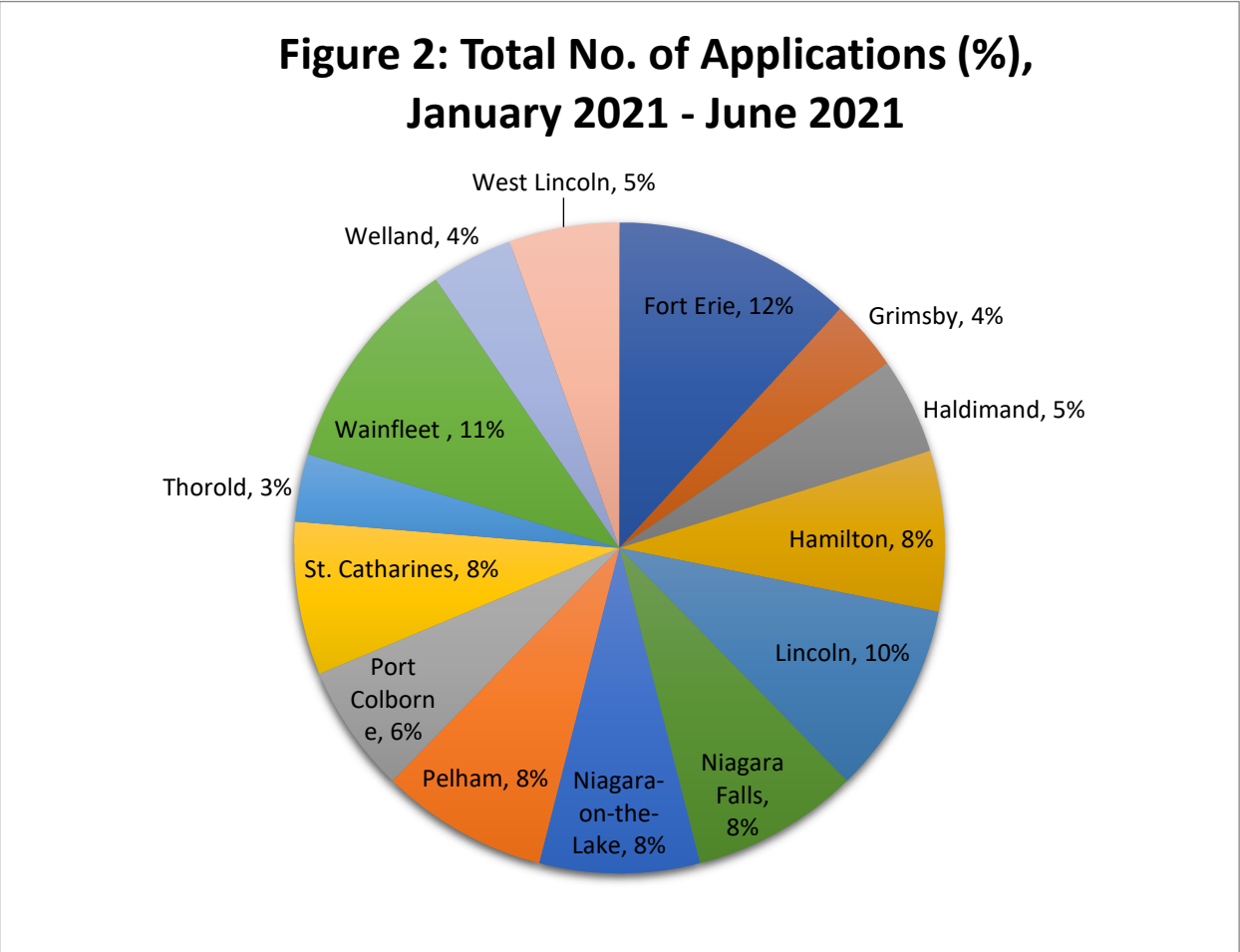
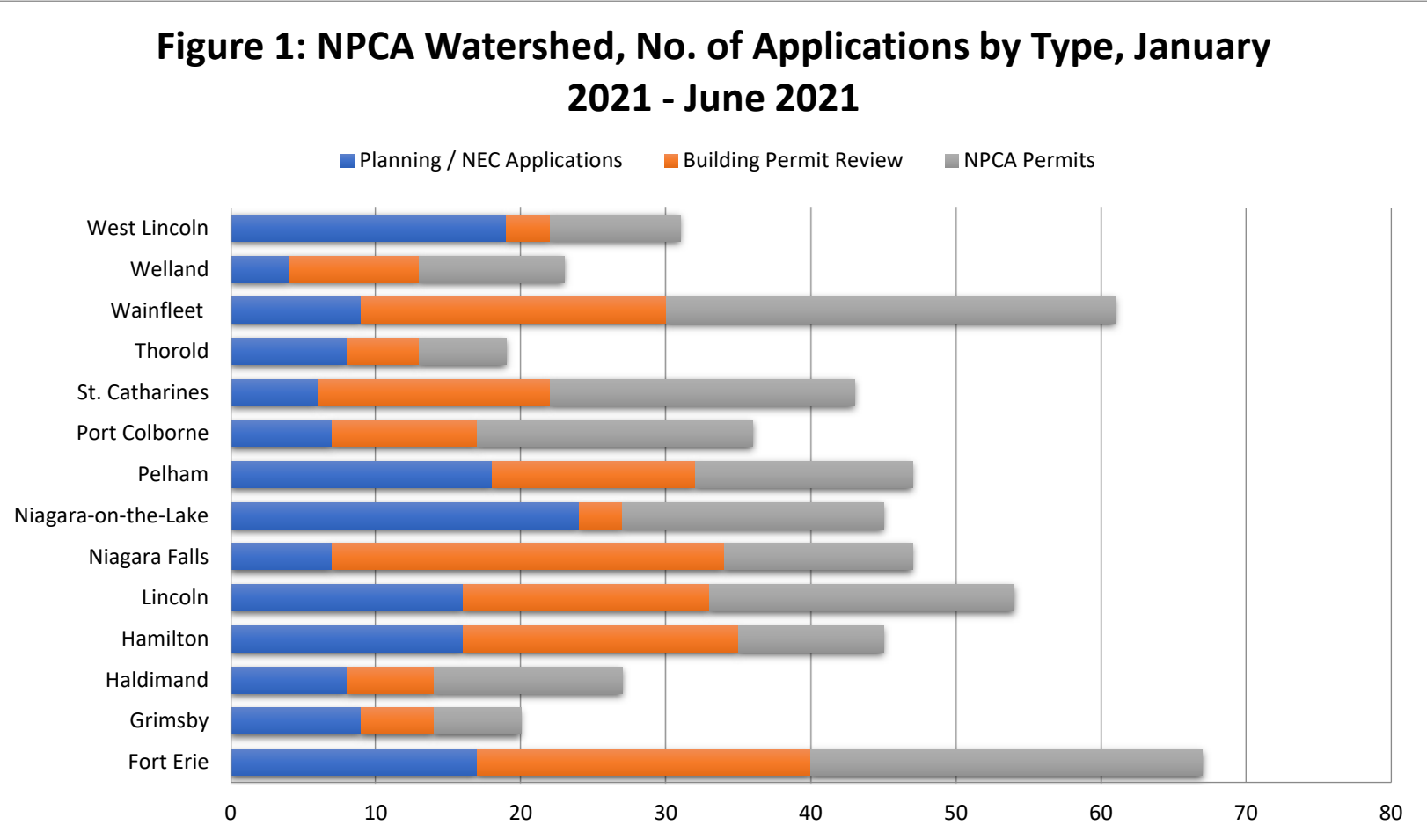
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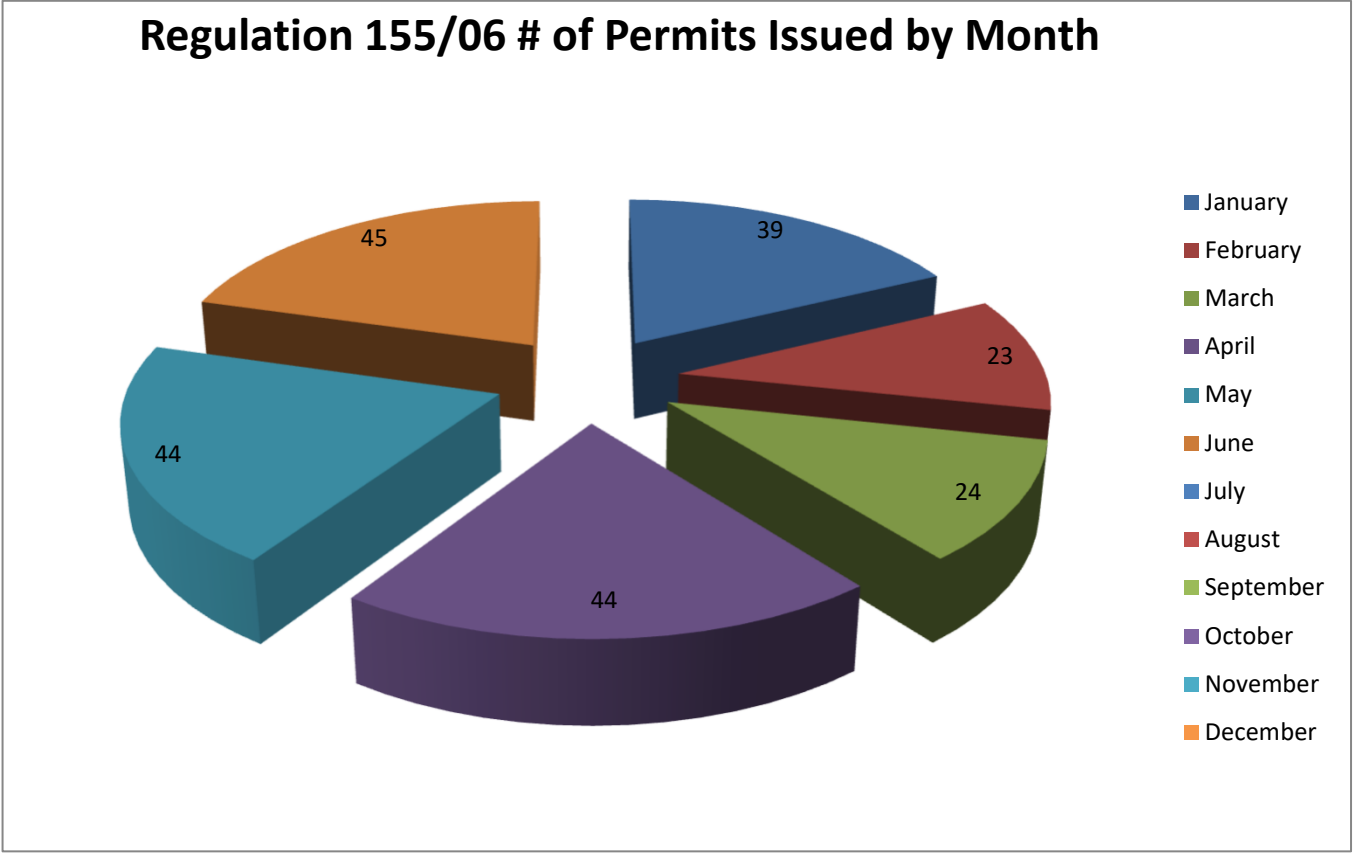
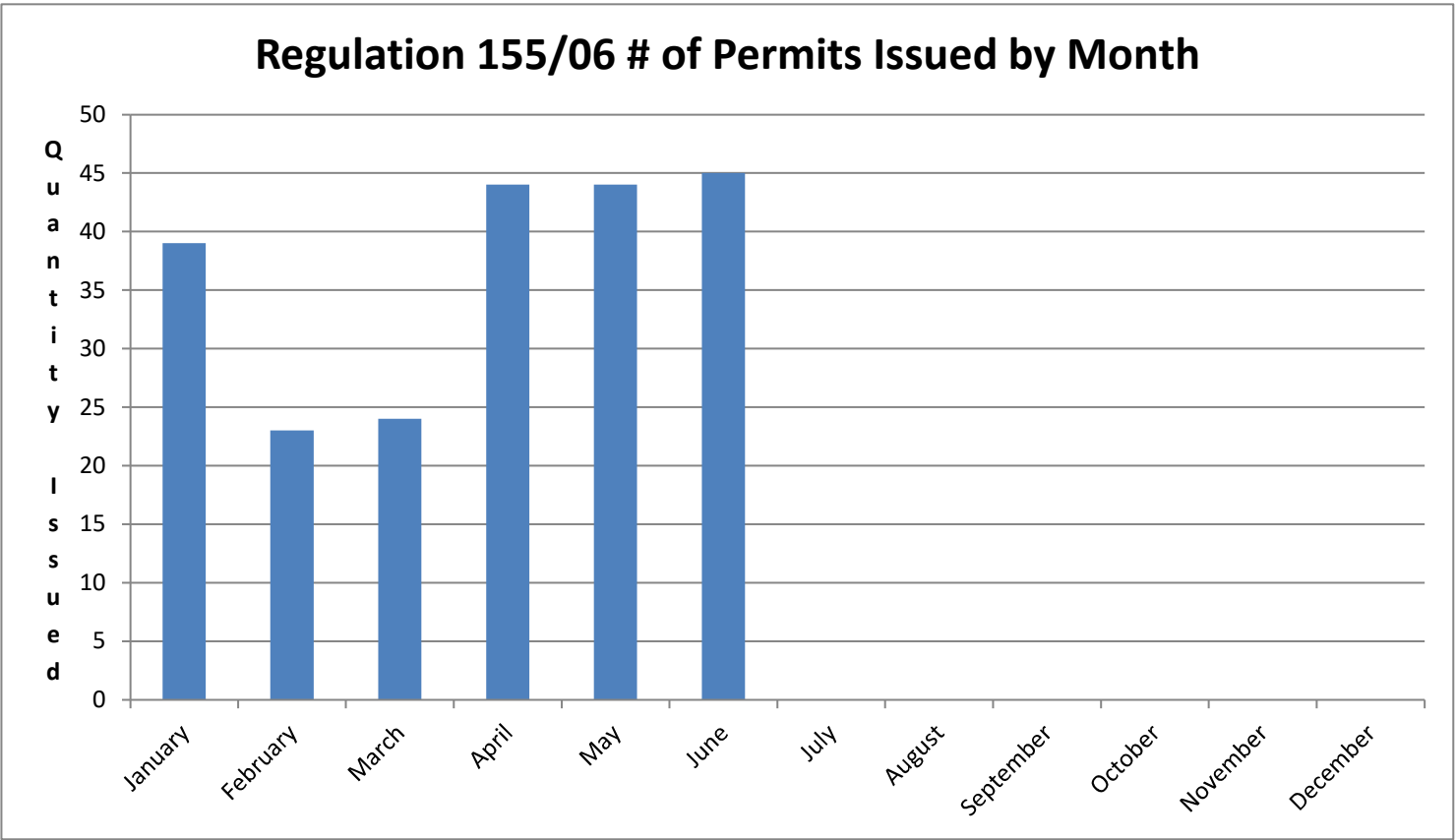
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Chief Administrative Officer/Secretary-Treasurer



Municipality	Planning / NEC Applications	Building Permit Review	NPCA Permits	Total	%
Fort Erie	17	23	27	67	12%
Grimsby	9	5	6	20	4%
Haldimand	8	6	13	27	5%
Hamilton	16	19	10	45	8%
Lincoln	16	17	21	54	10%
Niagara Falls	7	27	13	47	8%
Niagara-on-the-Lake	24	3	18	45	8%
Pelham	18	14	15	47	8%
Port Colborne	7	10	19	36	6%
St. Catharines	6	16	21	43	8%
Thorold	8	5	6	19	3%
Wainfleet	9	21	31	61	11%
Welland	4	9	10	23	4%
West Lincoln	19	3	9	31	5%
Total	168	178	219	565	100%

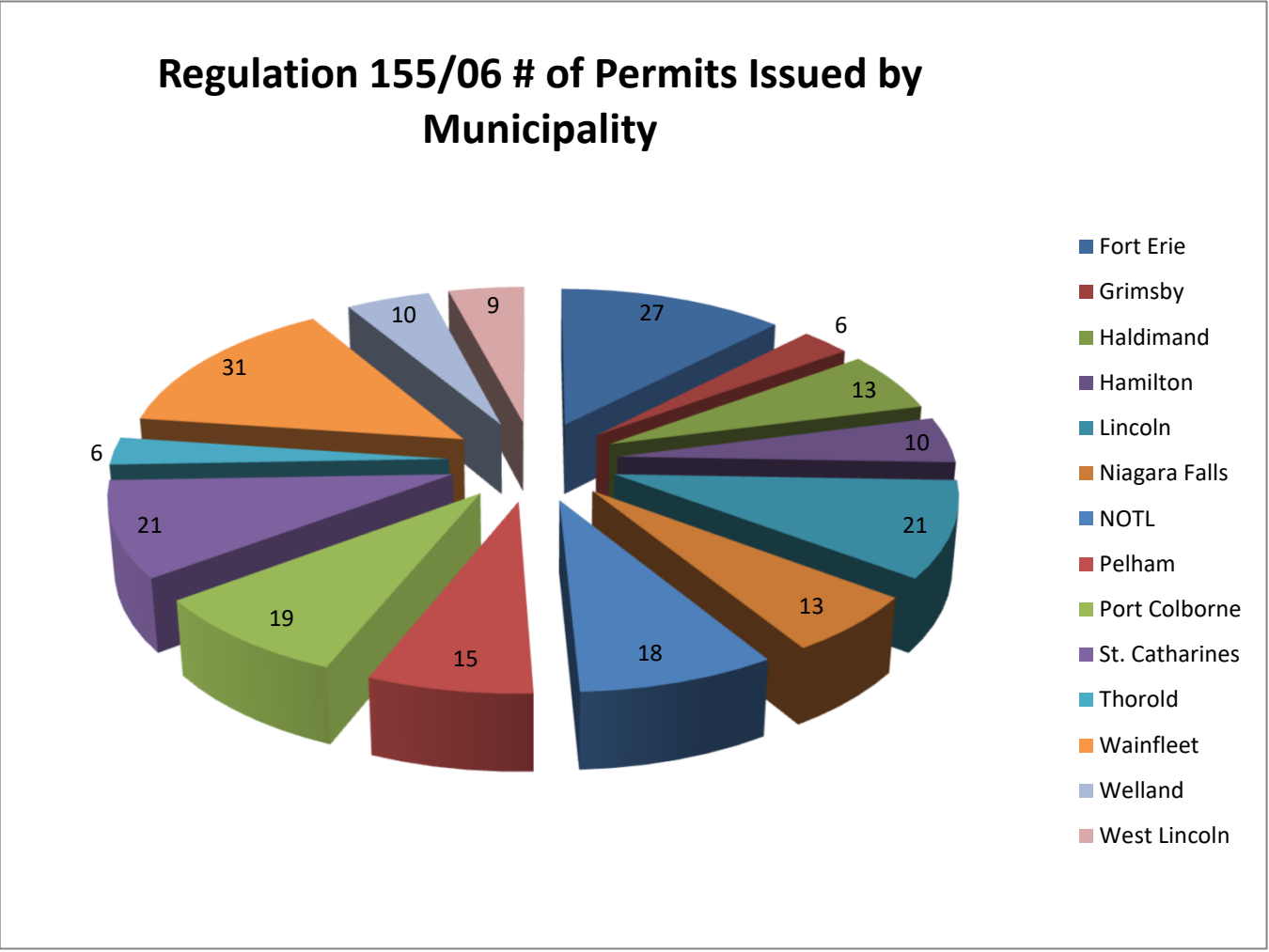
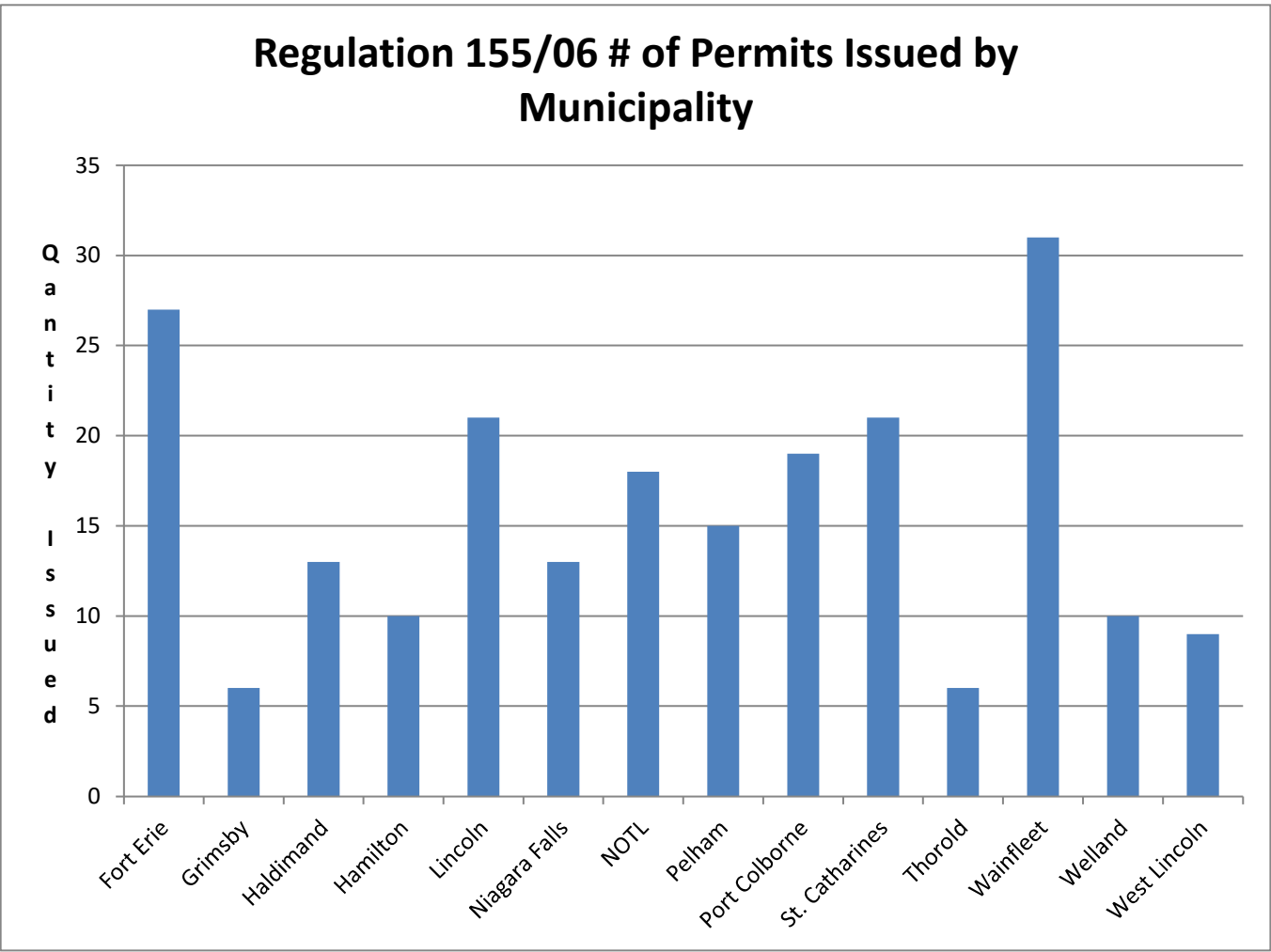
REGULATION 155/06 PERMITS ISSUED BY MONTH

Month	# of Permits Issued	% of Permits/Month
January	39	18%
February	23	11%
March	24	11%
April	44	20%
May	44	20%
June	45	21%
July		0%
August		0%
September		0%
October		0%
November		0%
December		0%
Total Issued	219	100%



REGULATION 155/06 PERMITS ISSUED BY MUNICIPALITY

Municipality	# of Permits Issued	% of Permits
Fort Erie	27	12%
Grimsby	6	3%
Haldimand	13	6%
Hamilton	10	5%
Lincoln	21	10%
Niagara Falls	13	6%
NOTL	18	8%
Pelham	15	7%
Port Colborne	19	9%
St. Catharines	21	10%
Thorold	6	3%
Wainfleet	31	14%
Welland	10	5%
West Lincoln	9	4%
Total Issued	219	100



PERMIT PROCESSING TIME FROM APPLICATION SUBMISSION

MNRF 2011 TIMELINES

Number of Days	# of Permits Issued	% of Permits
1-10 Days	57	26%
11-20 Days	50	23%
21-30 Days	68	31%
30+ Days	44	20%
Total Reviews	219	100%
Total Review Days	5512	
Avg. Process Time	25	

NEW CO CLIENT SERVICE TIMELINES

Number of Days	# of Permits Issued	% of Permits
1-14 Days	68	31%
15-21 Days	49	22%
22-28 Days	48	22%
28+ Days	54	25%
Total Reviews	219	100%
Total Review Days	5512	
Avg. Process Time	25	

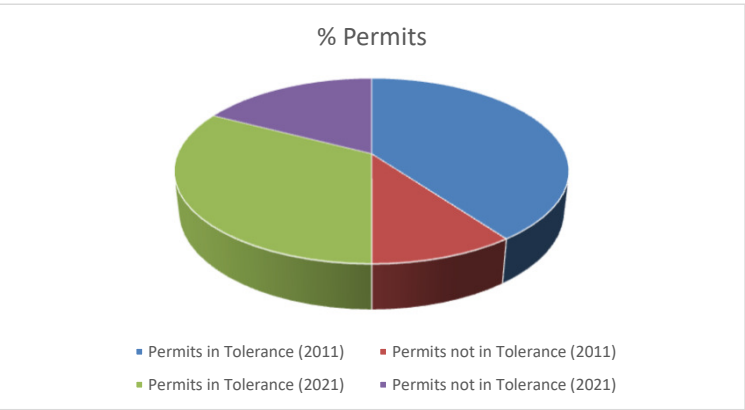
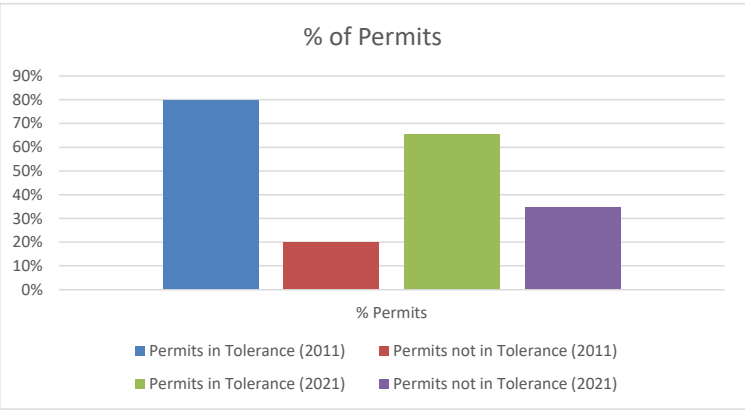
NEW CO CLIENT SERVICE TIMELINES BASED ON PERMIT TYPE

Number of Days	# of Permits Issued Based on Type within Guideline	# of Permits Issued Based on Type outside of Guideline	Total # of Permits Issued Based on Type	% of Permits in Tolerance	% of Permits not in Tolerance
1-14 Days Routine Permit	5	8	13	38%	62%
15-21 Days Minor Permit	41	32	73	56%	44%
22-28 Days Major Permit	97	36	133	73%	27%
Total Reviews	143	76	219	65%	35%
Total Review Days	1895	3617	5512		
Avg. Process Time	13	48	25		

NPCA WORK PERMIT PROCESSING TIME

	2021 1st Half	2021 2nd Half	2021 Year End	2020 1st Half	2020 2nd Half	2020 Year End
Total Reviews	219	N/A	N/A	143	204	347
Total Review Days	5512	N/A	N/A	4529	7599	12128
Average Review Days	25	N/A	N/A	32	37	35

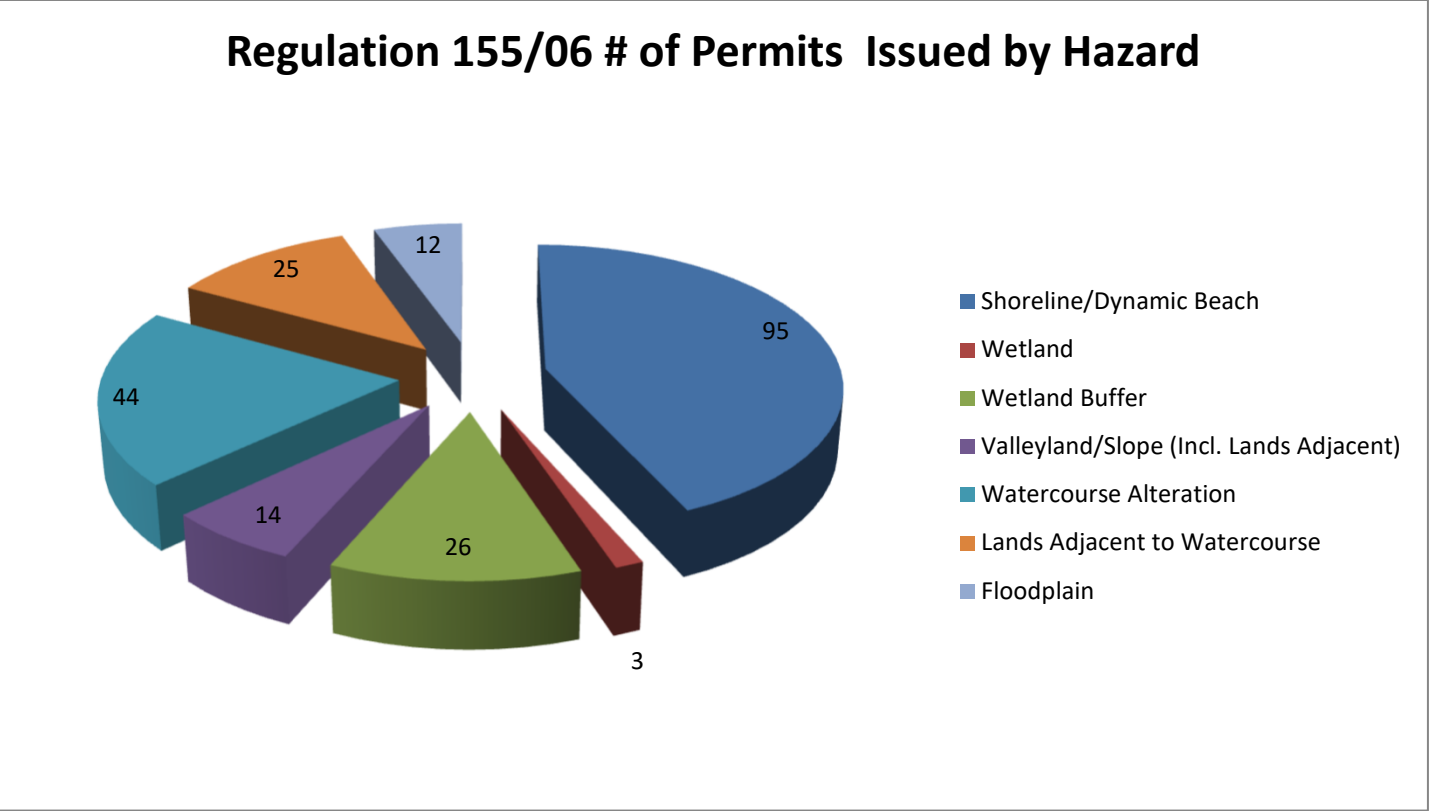
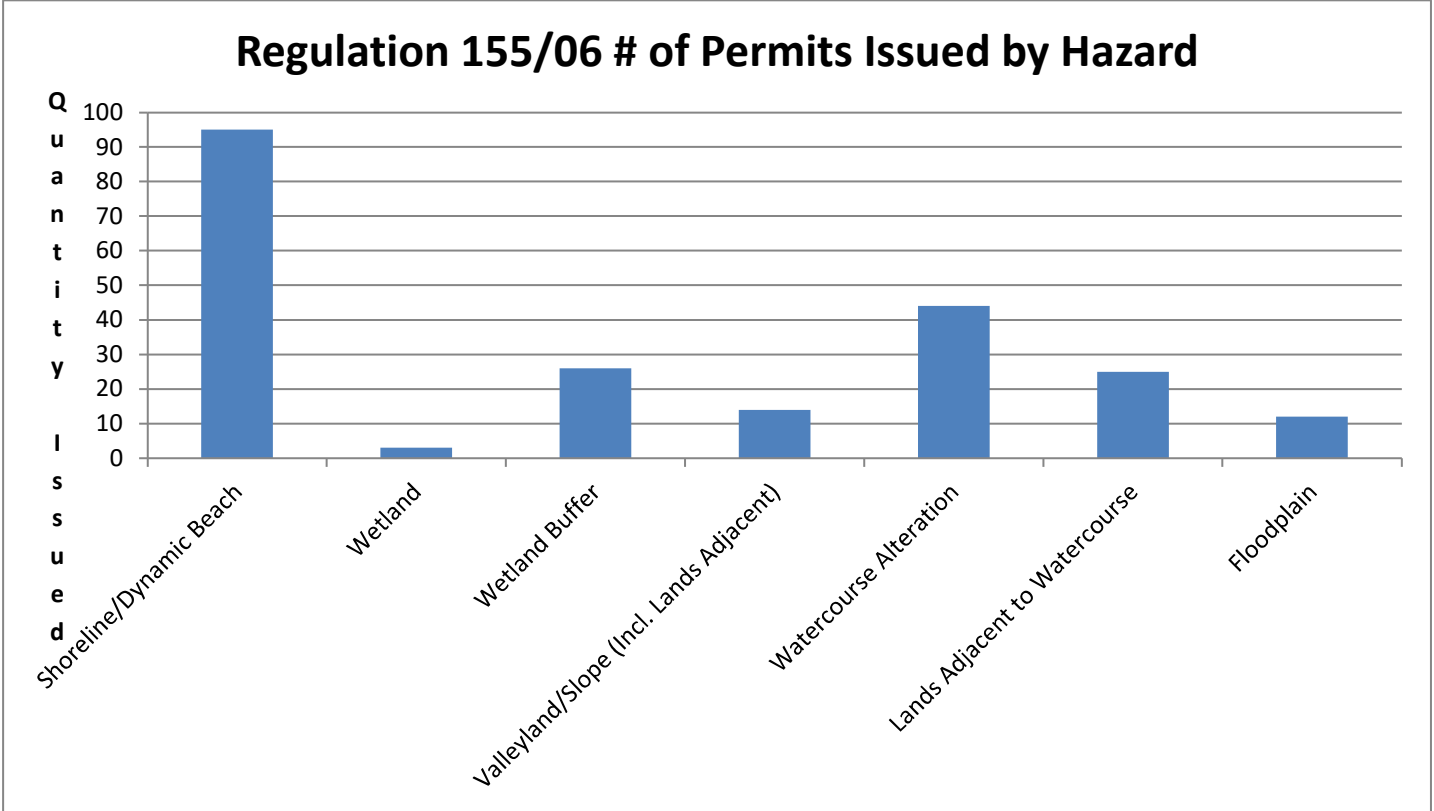
Review Criteria	# Permits	% Permits
Permits in Tolerance (2011)	175	80%
Permits not in Tolerance (2011)	44	20%
Permits in Tolerance (2021)	143	65%
Permits not in Tolerance (2021)	76	35%



PERMITS ISSUED BY HAZARD/HERITAGE FEATURE

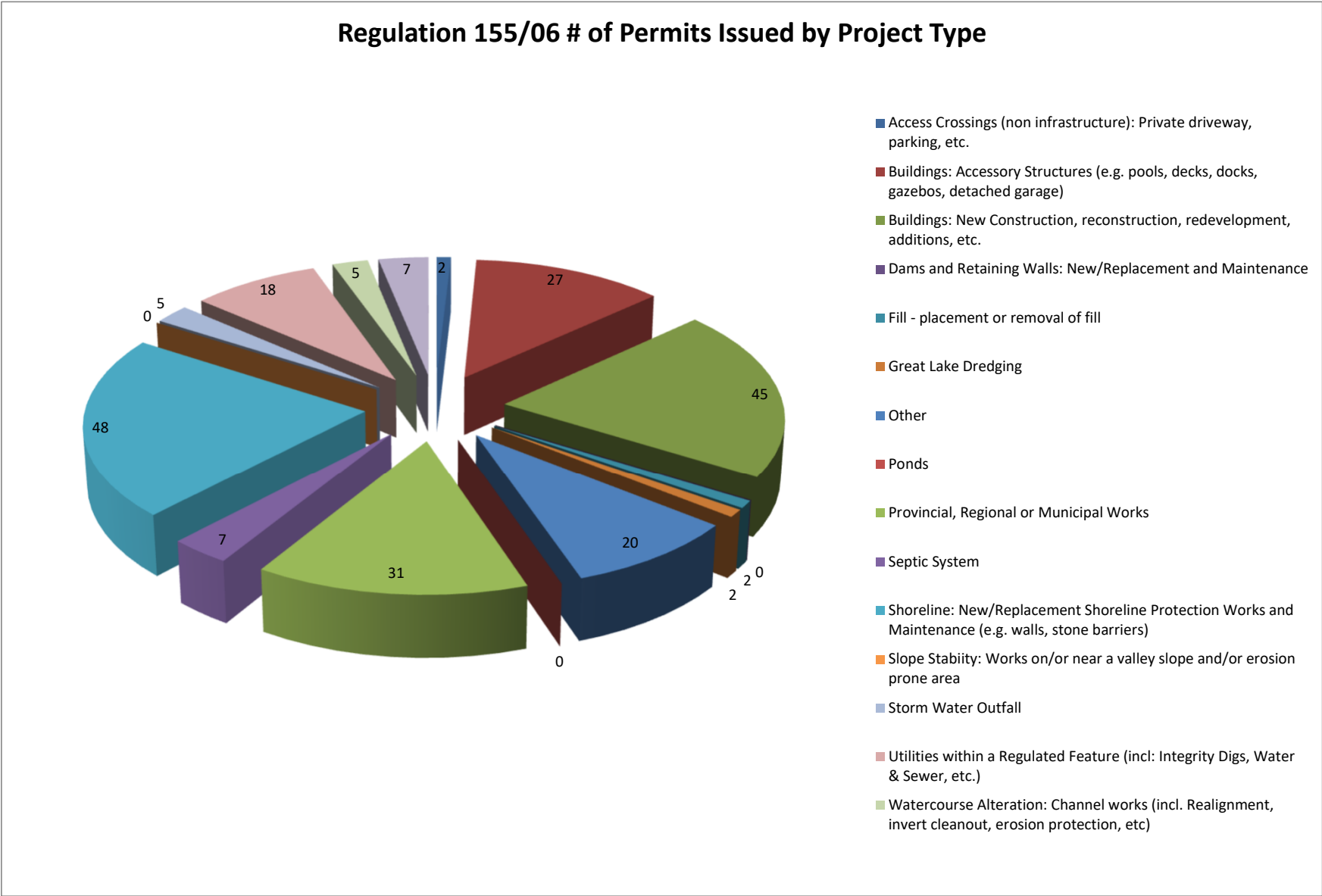
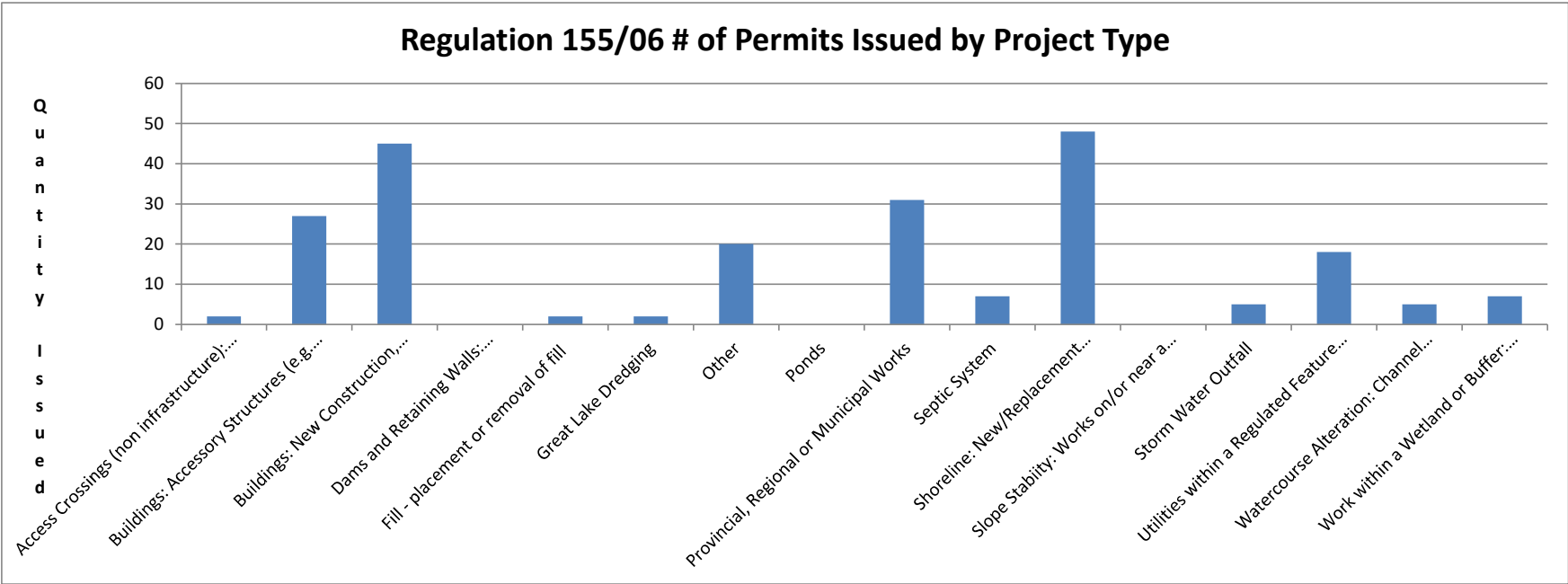
Feature	# of Permits Issued	% of Permits
Shoreline/Dynamic Beach	95	43%
Wetland	3	1%
Wetland Buffer	26	12%
Valleyland/Slope (Incl. Lands Adjacent)	14	6%
Watercourse Alteration	44	20%
Lands Adjacent to Watercourse	25	11%
Floodplain	12	5%
Total Issued	219	100%

PleaseNote: Each permit application can have more than 1 hazard identified, however, only one was chosen per application



PERMITS ISSUED BY TYPE OF PROJECT

Purpose of Project	# of Permits Issued	% of Permits Per Project Type
Access Crossings (non infrastructure): Private driveway, parking, etc.	2	1%
Buildings: Accessory Structures (e.g. pools, decks, docks, gazebos, detached garage)	27	12%
Buildings: New Construction, reconstruction, redevelopment, additions, etc.	45	21%
Dams and Retaining Walls: New/Replacement and Maintenance	0	0%
Fill - placement or removal of fill	2	1%
Great Lake Dredging	2	1%
Other	20	9%
Ponds	0	0%
Provincial, Regional or Municipal Works	31	14%
Septic System	7	3%
Shoreline: New/Replacement Shoreline Protection Works and Maintenance (e.g. walls, stone barriers)	48	22%
Slope Stabiity: Works on/or near a valley slope and/or erosion prone area	0	0%
Storm Water Outfall	5	2%
Utilities within a Regulated Feature (incl: Integrity Digs, Water & Sewer, etc.)	18	8%
Watercourse Alteration: Channel works (incl. Realignment, invert cleanout, erosion protection, etc)	5	2%
Work within a Wetland or Buffer: Trails or other items not categorized	7	3%
Total Issued	219	100%



Report To: Board of Directors

Subject: Human Resources - 2021 Q1 and Q2 Update

Report No: FA-44-21

Date: July 16, 2021

Recommendation:

THAT Report No. FA-44-21 RE: Human Resources - 2021 Q1 and Q2 Update **BE RECEIVED.**

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to provide the Board with an update of Human Resources actions during the first half of 2021.

Background:

The Board has expressed an interest in understanding the Human Resources actions at the NPCA. As a standard governance practice, staff will provide the Board of Directors with an update on Human Resources actions, initiatives, and basic reporting semi-annually.

Discussion:

Staffing

Staffing Levels as of June 30, 2021:

- FT permanent: 52
- FT contract: 4
- Seasonal: 28
- Students: 23

Change from December 31, 2020 reporting:

Turnover: 3.7% (2)

- 1 Resignation
- 1 Sick leave

Additional Hires/Starts: 3

Net change: +1

Funding Applications for to support Youth and Student internship opportunities

Grant applications were submitted for a number of wage subsidy programs targeting valuable youth employment experiences. By providing opportunities for youth in the areas of Recreation, Management, Heritage, Restoration, Ecology, Water Resources, Communications and Finance, the NPCA was fortunate to have secured a number of youth wage subsidies for a projected total of \$65,718.

Student and Seasonal Recruitment

- Communication Student –External competition
 - Successful candidate began on June 14, 2021
- Student Assistant Water Resources –External competition
 - Successful candidate began on May 10, 2021
- Student Restoration Assistant –External competition
 - 2 successful candidates began on May 3, 2021
- Park Attendant –External competition (multiple vacancies)
 - 46 successful candidates began April-June 2021
- Outdoor Educator – Internal competition
 - Successful candidate began on February 2, 2021

Recruitment and Selection

All NPCA recruiting competitions were posted internally and in the majority of cases, externally as well. Staff hiring committees comprised of at least 3 staff evaluate candidates on education and experience qualifications along with qualitative interviews. The following is a list of 2021 recruitment competitions year to date.

Full Time Permanent

- Director, Watershed Management (backfill) – Internal and External competition
 - Successful external candidate began on July 5, 2021
- Administrative Assistant, Corporate Services (backfill) – Internal and External competition
 - Screening in progress
- Planning Ecologist (new position) – Internal and External competition
 - Interviews in progress

Full Time Contract

- Park Maintenance Technician – Internal & External competition
 - Successful candidate began on May 3, 2021

Employee/Labour Relations

No grievances/complaints have been filed for the first half of 2021 with continued relationship building occurring between the employer, employees, and union. The current Collective Bargaining Agreement will expire December 31, 2021 with negotiations expected to begin within the next six months.

Staff Training and Development

Staff is provided with the opportunity to discuss individual training and development requests with their direct supervisor. Requests can be role specific or aid in succession planning.

Various staff development needs were identified, and group sessions took place over the first half of 2021 including:

- Report Writing
- Conflict Management
- Provincial Offences Officer - Level 1
- Leadership - Communication Essentials
- Project Management

A comprehensive priority list of potential future training needs has been developed and is being implemented based on a priority schedule in consultation with staff along with guidance that will come from the Strategic Plan.

Performance Management

Corporate led goal setting/work plans occurred for staff over the first quarter. The CAO work plan was rolled out to department heads and subsequent roll outs occurred across the organization. Goal setting and work planning assists staff in understanding how their actions directly impact the larger corporate goals. Evaluation and/or up-date of goals makes up one component of the staff performance appraisal process. As the Strategic Plan is finalized, 2022 staff goals and workplans will have direct links to strategic priorities.

Human Resources Plan

A long-term Human Resources plan will be finalized towards the end of 2021/beginning of 2022, that will ensure a coordinated approach with the Conservation Authorities updated Programs and Services (Conservation Authorities Act legislative changes) as well as alignment with the NPCA Strategic Plan.

Financial Implications:

This is an update report and there are no financial implications.

Links to Strategic Plan:

As a good governance and administrative practice, this report provides updates to the Board on Human Resources practices within the NPCA.

Related Reports and Appendices:

None

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Report To: Board of Directors

Subject: Compliance and Enforcement 2021 Q2 Statistics

Report No: FA-45-21

Date: July 16, 2021

Recommendation:

1. **THAT** Report No. FA-45-21 RE: Compliance and Enforcement 2021 Q2 Statistics **BE RECEIVED**.
2. **THAT** a meeting with jurisdiction municipalities be **CONVENED** to address environmental compliance and enforcement challenges identified in the staff report.
3. **AND FURTHER THAT** a copy of this report be **CIRCULATED** to the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) municipalities.

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to provide the Board with an overview of activities related to the Compliance and Enforcement within NPCA Jurisdiction from April 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021 (Q2 of 2021).

Background:

The Compliance and Enforcement Service Area of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority plays a pivotal role in the protection and conservation of wetlands, shorelines and escarpment areas in the NPCA jurisdiction. The overall goal is to protect life and property from natural hazards such as flooding and erosion.

As previously reported in Report No. FA-03-2021, the Compliance and Enforcement unit committed to providing three quarterly reports and one annual report to the Board of Directors on statistics tracked by staff.

Discussion:

Compliance and Enforcement Statistics

The Regulations team tracks a significant amount of data in relation to each complaint and potential violation reported to and investigated by staff. This is done to support progressive compliance or enforcement actions if required, provide all regulations staff with access to pertinent file data, and to identify and assess on-going or continuing concerns, trends, and resourcing requirements. These statistics are only for Section 28 complaints and violations and do not include concerns in relation to Section 29 of the *Conservation Authorities Act* (Conservation Authority owned Land).

Quarterly updates on abatement, compliance and enforcement statistics will also be provided to the Board in October in 2021 and an annual summary for 2021 in January 2022.

The statistics below are from April 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021.

General Q2 File Statistics

Total number of complaints and concerns received by regulations staff in Q2 = 118 (this translates to approximately 2 complaint per working day on average)

Number of Q2 files Open = 53

Number of Q2 files Closed = 65

Complaint / Occurrence Validity

Total number of occurrences investigated and determined to be within NPCA jurisdiction = 47

Total number of occurrences under review = 27

Total number of occurrences not within NPCA jurisdiction or frivolous = 44

Reporting / Intake Avenues

Voicemail / phone = 8

Email to staff or TIPS email online = 55

Personal / Professional Communication = 24

Officer Found (no complaint received) = 3

Other/NA = 28

Notices of Violation

Issued = 15

Resolved = 2

Complaints / Occurrences by Municipality

Fort Erie = 14

Grimsby = 1

Haldimand = 3

Hamilton = 4

Lincoln = 9

Pelham = 5

Niagara Falls = 6
Niagara-On-The-Lake = 8
Port Colborne = 7
St. Catharines = 20
Thorold = 2
Wainfleet = 22
Welland = 8
West Lincoln = 7
Unknown = 2 (due to anonymous complaints with no location information)

The Q2 statistics for 2021 demonstrate a significant increase in demands on the compliance and enforcement service area in relation to complaints and violation response. The total number of complaints received and investigated by the regulations staff in 2021 is currently 183. This far exceeds the total of 119 complaints and concerns investigated in 2019 and is set to surpass the 225 complaints received and investigated in 2020.

Issues and Challenges

As indicated by the statistics, there are a significant portion of concerns or complaints received from the public that are outside of the NPCA's current enforcement and compliance mandate and include:

- Tree cutting or vegetation removal on private property
- Destruction or disturbance of wildlife and wildlife habitat
- Planning related matters such as tree removal in approved subdivisions
- General environmental concerns the nature of which are not within the enforcement and compliance mandate of the NPCA

To provide additional perspective, the most common complaints are in relation to the cutting of trees and/or the removal of vegetation on private property, often after the complainant has been directed to the NPCA by their local municipality. However, tree removal and/or vegetation removal or disturbance in many instances does not constitute a contravention of the *Conservation Authorities Act* or is not the jurisdiction of the NPCA. For example, unless the tree cutting is in a wetland (and would be significant enough to constitute interference) or is in a regulated area and involves the removal of the roots (constitutes development/site grading), the individual act of tree cutting itself would not be considered a violation. In this instance, the incident may be a concern under the Region of Niagara's Woodlands By-law or a private property tree by-law implemented by the local municipality under the authority of the *Municipal Act*. Additionally, if tree cutting does not take place in a wooded area which meets the definition of a woodland under the Region's by-law then a regulatory tool does not exist with the NPCA to manage this activity. These type of issues are being addressed through local tree-by-laws or ravine by-laws by several municipalities across Ontario or through management agreements with conservation authorities.

Regulations staff work closely in partnership with numerous regulatory agencies including municipal bylaw staff on a day-to-day basis. There is a need (and opportunity) to provide additional guidance for the NPCA's municipal partners and to collectively develop enhanced tools and communication resources to address this significant issue.

Staff recommends formal discussions with local municipal partners in order to develop or enhance tools and communication resources in relation to compliance and enforcement within the Region of

Niagara, Hamilton and Haldimand service areas. This may also include additional legislative options available to them under the *Municipal Act* such as tree, watercourse, ravine and site-alteration by-laws.

In an effort to reduce the number of concerns and complaints which are directed to the NPCA and are not within the NPCA's regulatory framework, the NPCA is also working to inform the public about the regulatory jurisdiction of the NPCA with regards to what is enforceable under our legislation.

Financial Implications:

There are no additional financial implications for the current day-to-day operations of the Compliance and Enforcement business unit as the work is accounted for in the 2021 budget. However, should any complaint or violation proceed to the issuance of a summons and court proceedings, there will be costs associated with these activities. Based on the statistics presented for the first two quarters of 2021, the NPCA will very likely need to consider the requirement for additional resources for 2022. Alternatively, NPCA staff will also look into other strategies such as adjustment in service levels to appropriately respond to the more significant and high-risk contraventions of the *Conservation Authorities Act*.

Regulations staff are committed to enhanced statistical reporting, recording and analysis of compliance and enforcement related data which will continue to assist in quantifying resource and staffing requirements moving forward.

Links to Policy/Strategic Plan:

The duties carried out by the Compliance and Enforcement business unit are part of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority's mandate and are essential to our watershed.

Related Reports and Appendices:

None

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Report To: Board of Directors

Subject: NPCA Section 28 Permit Signatory Delegation

Report No: FA-46-21

Date: July 16, 2021

Recommendation:

1. **THAT** Report No. FA-46-21 RE: NPCA Section 28 Permit Signatory Delegation **BE RECEIVED**.
2. **THAT** the Board **APPROVES** the Director, Watershed Management to be an additional signatory on Section 28 work permits.

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to obtain Board approval to allow the Director, Watershed Management to be a signing authority, in addition to the CAO/Secretary Treasurer, on Section 28 work permits that meet the NPCA policies.

Background:

Section 28(1) of the *Conservation Authorities Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. C.27*, allows for the authority, subject to the approval of the Minister, to make regulations applicable in the area under its jurisdiction. For the NPCA, this regulation is Ontario Regulation 155/06: Regulation of Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses. To allow for works within these regulated areas, conservation authorities issue conditional permission as per Section 28(3) of the Act, in the form of work permits, if they are consistent with their policies.

The signing authorization regarding permit issuance is outlined in Section 28(2) of the Act as it states:

“A regulation made under subsection (1) may delegate any of the authority’s powers or duties under the regulation to the authority’s executive committee or to any other person or body, subject to any limitations and requirements that may be set out in the regulation. 1998, c. 18, Sched. I, s. 12.”

Currently, the CAO/Secretary-Treasurer has the delegated authority to sign the Section 28 work permits. The former Director of Watershed Management also had delegated authority to sign work permits; however, the new Director of Watershed Management does not yet have delegated signing authority.

Discussion:

The ability to delegate additional identified individuals to sign work permits is essential to ensure the NPCA meets permit review timelines, as prescribed by the province and detailed in the “NPCA Client Service Standards for Plan and Permit Review” that was endorsed by the NPCA Board on May 21, 2020 (Resolution No. FA-64-2020). This ensures that NPCA provides a client-centric focus on the timely issuance of permits.

It is important to note that specific permit applications can still be referred to the Board of Directors for their input and decision if, in the opinion of staff, the application has the potential for a Hearing and conflicts with NPCA existing policies.

Financial Implications:

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Links to Policy/Strategic Plan:

This report links to policy and the Strategic Plan by implementing Section 28 of the *Conservation Authorities Act* and Ontario Regulation 155/06, and protecting people and property by regulating and issuing permits consistent with NPCA policies.

Related Reports and Appendices:

None

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Report To: Board of Directors

Subject: Term of Chair Position resulting from Conservation Authorities Act Update

Report No: FA-47-21

Date: July 16, 2021

Recommendation:

WHEREAS the February, 2022 Annual General Meeting of the NPCA will be impacted by the recently proclaimed governance provisions of the *Conservation Authorities Act* (CAA) in regards to the term of Chair and Vice Chair;

WHEREAS the composition of the NPCA Board will undergo a review by partner municipalities prior to the 2023 term of the Board of Directors to conform with the updated CAA;

WHEREAS the decision on the term of Chair be best addressed once the Board composition and municipal representation is determined prior to the next term beginning in 2023;

AND WHEREAS per the current Administrative By-Law, the NPCA wishes to continue in 2022 with the established democratic election process offering a fair opportunity for members who wish to serve in leadership positions irrespective of the municipality they represent;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. **THAT** Report No. FA-47-21 RE: Term of Chair Position resulting from Conservation Authorities Act Update **BE RECEIVED**.
2. **AND FURTHER THAT** under section 17(1.3) of the Conservation Authorities Act, the Board of Directors **SEEK** approval for an exception from the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks for 2022 Term of Chair provisions.

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to seek the Board of Director's direction on the term of Chair and Vice Chair position as per amendments to the *Conservation Authorities Act* (CAA) and apply for any exceptions to the Minister if needed, in time for February 2022 Annual General Meeting.

Background:

On February 2, 2021, specific provisions in the CAA were proclaimed to initiate changes to

conservation authority governance. The NPCA Board of Directors was briefed on these specific changes on February 12th, 2021 (Report No. FA-12-21 RE: Bill 229 - Implications of February, 2021 Proclamation of Various Provisions).

At the Governance Committee meeting on June 24th, 2021, staff presented a list priority actions resulting from CAA amendments for Committee consideration (Report No. GC-06-2021 RE: NPCA Actions Resulting from Conservation Authorities Act Update and Updated Regulations). In regards to governance provisions, the NPCA is required to make a decision regarding the term of Chair and Vice Chair based on amended CAA Section 17 (1.1) in advance of 2022 Annual Meeting. Any exceptions to this provision must be formally requested for approval by the Minister and included in the updated Administrative By-Law. The Governance Committee directed staff to present options to the Board for their input and direction regarding a ministerial exemption.

The following is prescribed in the Act regarding the Term of Chair and Vice Chair and applicable exceptions:

Term

17(1.1) A chair or vice-chair appointed under subsection (1) shall hold office for a term of one year and shall serve for no more than two consecutive terms.

Representation from each municipality

17(1.2) An authority in respect of which more than one participating municipality has been designated shall appoint chairs and vice-chairs from among the members appointed to the authority by each participating municipality on a rotating basis so as to ensure that a member appointed to the authority by a particular participating municipality cannot be appointed to succeed an outgoing chair or vice-chair appointed to the authority by the same participating municipality.

Exception

17 (1.3) Despite subsections (1.1) and (1.2), upon application by an authority or a participating municipality, the Minister may grant permission to the authority or participating municipality to, subject to such conditions or restrictions as the Minister considers appropriate,

(a) appoint a chair or vice-chair for a term of more than one year or to hold office for more than two consecutive terms; or

(b) appoint as chair or vice-chair of the authority a member who was appointed to the authority by the same participating municipality that appointed the outgoing chair or vice-chair.

Discussion and Recommendations for Consideration by the Board:

Currently the NPCA Board is made up of 21 members (2 Haldimand County, 4 City of Hamilton, 15 Niagara Region). As per the current Administrative By-Law, a democratic election process is followed and the members who wish to stand for the position of Chair and Vice Chair are given a fair opportunity to serve in these leadership positions irrespective of the municipality they represent.

The NPCA Board composition is currently not in conformity with the updated CAA and will undergo a review by partner municipalities in advance of the next term of the Board of Directors in 2023. The final representation from participating municipalities is not known at this time. As such, staff recommends that the decision on Chair rotation be best addressed once the Board composition and municipal representation is determined prior to the next term beginning in 2023. As per S17(1.3) a request for exception will be submitted to the Minister along with a copy of this Board resolution.

Financial Implications:

There are no financial implications resulting from this report.

Related Reports and Appendices:

1. Report No. FA-12-21 RE: Bill 229 - Implications of February, 2021 Proclamation of Various Provisions
2. Report No. GC-06-2021 RE: NPCA Actions Resulting from Conservation Authorities Act Update and Updated Regulations

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

**Thursday, June 17th 2021
5:00 p.m.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:	B. Johnson, NPCA Board Chair (Acting Committee Chair) C. Ecker-Flagg E. Furney K. Huxley D. Kelly B. Mackenzie, NPCA Board Vice Chair J. Musso J. Schonberger D. Speranzini
MEMBERS ABSENT:	J. Oblak (Committee Chair) J. Ariens M. Kauzlaric H. Korosis N. Seniuk
STAFF PRESENT:	C. Sharma, Chief Administrative Officer / Secretary – Treasurer N. Green, Project Manager, Niagara River Remedial Action Plan K. Royer, Coordinator, Community Outreach S. Miller, Senior Manager, Water Resources G. Verkade, Senior Manager, Integrated Watershed Planning / Information Management
OTHERS PRESENT:	A. Crosby-DiCenso, Executive Coordinator, NPCF G. Wood, Vice-Chair, NPCF S. van Haren, WSP Canada A. Zhuge, WSP Canada

By consensus, in the absence Committee Chair Oblak, NPCA Board Chair Johnson agreed to Chair the PAC meeting on her behalf. Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.. Chair Johnson welcomed the Members and sent regrets on behalf of Committee Chair Oblak.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Recommendation No. PAC-12-2021

Moved by Member Speranzini

Seconded by Member Kelly

THAT the agenda for the June 17, 2021 NPCA Public Advisory Committee meeting **BE ADOPTED** as presented.

CARRIED

2. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

D. Speranzini declared that her opinions are her own and not that of her employer Agriculture and AgriFood Canada.

3. PRESENTATIONS

- a) A. Crosby-DiCenso, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Foundation RE: Annual Report, Donation Challenge and Gallery at Ball's Falls.

Recommendation No. PAC-13-2021

Moved by Member Ecker-Flagg

Seconded by Member Musso

THAT the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Foundation presentation RE: Annual Report, Donation Challenge and Gallery at Ball's Falls **BE RECEIVED.**

CARRIED

4. DELEGATIONS

None

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes of the NPCA Public Advisory Committee dated April 29, 2021

Recommendation No. PAC-14-2021

Moved by Member Huxley

Seconded by Member Furney

THAT the minutes of the NPCA Public Advisory Committee meeting dated April 29, 2021 **BE APPROVED.**

CARRIED

6. CORRESPONDENCE

None

7. CONSENT ITEMS

None

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a) Floodplain Mapping Projects: Big Forks Creek and Beaver Creek – Presentation by Steve Miller - Steve Miller, NPCA Senior Manager, Water Resources, introduced two upcoming floodplain mapping projects for Wainfleet and West Lincoln that will be completed by WSP Canada. The project team was introduced, including Steve van Haren and Albert Zhuge from WSP. Steve also presented the public engagement media campaign for input and recommendation by the Public Advisory Committee.

Recommendation No. PAC-15-2021

Moved by Member Huxley

Seconded by Member Furney

1. **THAT** the Presentation RE:Floodplain Mapping Public Engagement Media Campaign **BE RECEIVED**.
2. **THAT** the Public Engagement Media Campaign **BE ENDORSED** by the NPCA Public Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

- b) Strategic Planning Progress Update: Survey Results Summary and Input on Public Engagement - Presentation by Natalie Green.

Recommendation No. PAC-16-2021

Moved by Member Musso

Seconded by Member Huxley

THAT the presentation RE: Strategic Planning Progress Update **BE RECEIVED**.

CARRIED

- c) Niagara River *Beach Closings* Beneficial Use Impairment Assessment Report – Verbal Update - Natalie Green.

Recommendation No. PAC-17-2021

Moved by Member Kelly

Seconded by Member Ecker-Flagg

THAT the verbal update from Natalie Green RE: Niagara River *Beach Closings* Beneficial Use Impairment Assessment Report **BE RECEIVED**.

CARRIED

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Report No. PAC-01-21 RE: NPCA Public Advisory Committee Membership Update - It was noted that Derrick Pont had stepped down as the Niagara Regional Métis representative on the PAC. With support from Métis Nation of Ontario and the Niagara Regional Métis Council, Kelsey Huxley has agreed to serve as the Niagara Regional Métis representative for the remainder of Mr. Pont's term. Ms. Huxley was welcomed by the Acting Chair.

Recommendation No. PAC-18-2021

Moved by Member Musso

Seconded by Member Huxley

THAT Report No. PAC-17-2021 RE: Public Advisory Committee Membership Update **BE RECEIVED.**

CARRIED

- b) Report No. PAC-02-21 RE: NPCA Public Advisory Committee Discussion Paper

Recommendation No. PAC-19-2021

Moved by Member Speranzini

Seconded by Member Ecker-Flagg

THAT Report No. PAC-02-21 RE: NPCA Public Advisory Committee Discussion Paper **BE DEFERRED.**

CARRIED

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Verbal Update RE: Growing Canada's Forests Request for Information, Geoff Verkade – Mr. Verkade provided a verbal update to the PAC regarding the NPCA's recent submission to the Request for Information for Growing Canada's Forest federal grant. The NPCA proposed a 10-year commitment to plant native trees across the watershed in collaboration with local municipalities, community groups, and native plant growers / nurseries. It was noted that his program would aim to engage residents in nature-based solutions to climate change by planting 2 million trees over a 10-year period on public and private lands.
- b) Verbal update RE: Conservation Authorities Act – Regulatory Proposal Consultation Guide, Chandra Sharma – Ms. Sharma provided a verbal update on the Regulatory Proposal Consultation for the Conservation Authorities Act. She notified members that the process is open for comment until June 27th and that the recent NPCA Board Report and NPCA comments would be circulated to members after the meeting.

Recommendation No. PAC-20-2021

Moved by Member Speranzini

Seconded by Member Kelly

THAT Verbal Update RE: Growing Canada's Forest Request for Information and Verbal Update RE: Conservation Authorities Act – Regulatory Proposal Consultation Guide **BE RECEIVED.**

CARRIED

11. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. PAC-21-2021

Moved by Member Ecker-Flagg

Seconded by Member Musso

THAT this meeting of the NPCA Public Advisory Committee **BE** hereby **ADJOURNED** at 6:47 p.m..

CARRIED

Brenda Johnson
Public Advisory Committee Acting Chair

Chandra Sharma
Chief Administrative Officer / Secretary –
Treasurer

**GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
ONLINE VIDEO CONFERENCE
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, June 24, 2021
9:30 a.m.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: R. Foster, Chair
B. Clark
J. Ingrao
B. Johnson
B. Mackenzie
M. Woodhouse

MEMBERS ABSENT: R. Brady

STAFF PRESENT: C. Sharma, Chief Administrative Officer / Secretary - Treasurer
G. Bivol, Clerk
M. Ferrusi, Manager, Human Resources

Chair Foster called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m..

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Recommendation No. GC-06-2021

Moved by Member Clark
Seconded by Member Ingrao

THAT the Governance Committee agenda dated June 24, 2021 **BE APPROVED** as presented.

CARRIED

2. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None declared.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a) Minutes of the NPCA Governance Committee meeting dated March 11, 2021

Recommendation No. GC-07-2021
Moved by Member Woodhouse
Seconded by Member Ingrao

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the NPCA Governance Committee dated March 11, 2021 **BE ADOPTED**.

CARRIED

4. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

5. PRESENTATIONS

None.

6. DELEGATIONS

None.

7. Consent Items

None.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a) Report No. GC-05-21 RE: Freedom of Information Statistical Report 2020 - It was requested that notation be made at the Board meeting with respect to the downward trending legal costs affiliated with Freedom of Information Requests and appeals.

Recommendation No. GC-08-2021

Moved by Member Woodhouse

Seconded by Member Ingrao

THAT Report No. GC-05-21 RE: Freedom of Information Statistical Report 2020 **BE RECEIVED.**

CARRIED

- b) Conservation Authorities Act Regulations – Workplan (as provided under separate cover) – Lengthy discussion ensued. With respect to the legislative requirements under Bill 229 for Board Chair/Vice Chair rotations, the C.A.O. was directed to present options to the Board for their input and direction regarding a ministerial exemption.

Recommendation No. GC-09-2021

Moved by Member Woodhouse

Seconded by Member Ingrao

1. **THAT** Report No. GC-06-21 RE: NPCA Actions Resulting from Conservation Authorities Act Update and Updated Regulations **BE RECEIVED.**
2. **THAT** the recommended actions **BE CONSIDERED** in the Governance Committee Workplan for years 2021 and 2022.
3. **AND FURTHER THAT** a decision **BE MADE** regarding Term of Chair and Vice Chair based on amended CAA Section 17 (1.1) in advance of the 2022 Annual Meeting and any exceptions to this provision be formally requested for approval by the Minister and included in the updated Administrative By-Law.

- c) Board Training Needs - Presented by CAO Sharma, Members offered suggestions and identified gaps in training. Discussion ensued. CAO Sharma confirmed that training would be offered on changes to the Conservation Authorities Act including regulatory roles, Section 28, and Conservation Authority responsibilities relating to mandated services and Members' obligations. Ms. Sharma suggested that this could also be presented to the Board as pilot training to be incorporated into new Member orientation.
- d) Process for Delegations to the Board - Board Chair Brenda Johnson brought forward the suggestion that delegations could go to Committees instead of the Board and identified other areas for improvement in the delegation process. The Clerk was directed to research best practices and report back to the Committee.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Board Highlights – Discussion was heard regarding the continuation of the Board Highlights document prepared after each Board meeting. Committee Members endorsed the current practice.

10. ADJOURNMENT

At the direction of the Committee Chair, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m..

Robert Foster,
Committee Chair

Chandra Sharma, MCIP, RPP
Chief Administrative Officer /
Secretary - Treasurer

Report To: Governance Committee

Subject: Freedom of Information Statistical Report 2020

Report No: GC-05-21

Date: June 24, 2021

Recommendation:

THAT Report No. GC-05-21 RE: Freedom of Information Statistical Report 2020 **BE RECEIVED.**

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to provide statistical information to the Board of Directors in respect of applications made in 2020 to the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) under the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA) (the Act).

Background:

As a public institution, the NPCA is bound by the provisions of MFIPPA, provincial legislation enacted to provide the public with access to information and to protect the privacy of individuals and organizations. The legislation provides that the NPCA must submit annually by March 31st, a report summarizing the volume, response times, revenues, nature of requests and appeals of decisions made by the institution under the Act. This report, entitled "*Statistical Report of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority for the Reporting Year 2020*" is attached hereto for reference.

Under the legislation, the Chair of the NPCA is the Head for purposes of the Act but the day-to-day administration is designated to an F.O.I. Co-ordinator. As of August, 2019, the Board designated the NPCA Clerk / Board Secretariat as the F.O.I. Co-ordinator for MFIPPA.

Discussion:

In 2020, the NPCA received eleven new requests under MFIPPA with two carried over from 2019. In normal circumstances, an institution has 30 days to provide an access decision to the requester. Of those eleven requests received, nine requests were addressed in 2020 without issue. The remaining two requests were appealed to the Information and Privacy Commission, one of which was immediately dismissed. It is the preference of staff to satisfy requests for records without proceeding to the appeal stage and foremost, where possible, to address initial requests without need to invoke the Act.

It is also important to note that the statistical report is generated through information provided by the NPCA to the Information and Privacy Commission via its online reporting mechanism. It is a narrow statistical summary based on calendar years and does not correlate well with requests carried over from year to year, ongoing appeals, reformulated requests, the timing of fees received, decisions rendered from the IPC, etc..

Financial Implications:

Requests made under MFIPPA are subject to a non-refundable \$5.00 application fee. Fees for the provision of information thereafter are prescribed in Regulations or through Orders and Practices issued by the Information and Privacy Commission.

The prescribed fees permissible under the Act do not adequately reflect the resources consumed to provide such records. Staff time expended on requests can be very extensive and in particular, appeals can be extremely onerous and costly. Given the time requirements, the nature and complexity of the issues along with the volume and intricacies of relevant IPC orders, the NPCA does not have the dedicated staffing resources and expertise required to thoroughly address all appeals in-house. As a result, when necessary, the NPCA has utilized the firm of Gowling WLG (Canada) LLP to assist in handling appeals. In 2020, legal fees billed for outstanding appeals were \$8491 relating almost exclusively to two ongoing appeals originally initiated in 2019. The cumulative staff time and resources dedicated annually to addressing FOI requests is generally unpredictable and can vary widely depending on the types and nature of requests received.

The NPCA has also chosen to waive approximately \$393.50 in fees for 2020 relating primarily to requests under the Act for records that are, or ought normally be, made available to the public as a part of routine disclosure.

Links to Policy/Strategic Plan:

None.

Related Reports and Appendices:

Appendix 1: Statistical Report of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority for the Reporting Year 2020

Authored by:

Original Signed by:

Grant Bivol
NPCA Clerk / Board Secretariat

Submitted by:

Original Signed by:

C. Sharma, MCIP, RPP
Chief Administrative Officer / Secretary-Treasurer



The Year-End Statistical Report
for the
Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario

Statistical Report of
Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority
for the Reporting Year 2020
for
Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy
Act

Section 1: Identification

1.1 Organization Name

Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority

Head of Institution Name & Title

Brenda Johnson, Chair of the NPCA Board of Directors

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Welland

Primary Contact Postal Code

L3C 3W2

1.2 Your institution is:

Conservation Authority

Section 2: Inconsistent Use of Personal Information

2.1

Whenever your institution uses or discloses personal information in a way that differs from the way the information is normally used or disclosed (an inconsistent use), you must attach a record or notice of the inconsistent use to the affected information.

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Your institution received:

- ☐ No formal written requests for access or correction
- ☒ Formal written requests for access to records
- ☐ Requests for correction of records of personal information only

Section 2: Inconsistent Use of Personal Information

Section 3: Number of Requests Received and Completed

Enter the number of requests that fall into each category.

- 3.1** New Requests received during the reporting year
- 3.2** Total number of requests completed during the reporting year

Personal Information	General Records
0	11
0	13

Section 4: Source of Requests

Enter the number of requests you completed from each source.

- 4.1** Individual/Public
- 4.2** Individual by Agent
- 4.3** Business
- 4.4** Academic/Researcher
- 4.5** Association/Group
- 4.6** Media
- 4.7** Government (all levels)
- 4.8** Other
- 4.9** Total requests (Add Boxes 4.1 to 4.8 = 4.9)

Personal Information	General Records
0	11
0	1
0	1
0	0
0	0
0	0
0	0
0	0
0	13

BOX 4.9 must equal BOX 3.2

Section 5: Time to Completion

How long did your institution take to complete all requests for information? Enter the number of requests into the appropriate category. How many requests were completed in:

- 5.1** 30 days or less
- 5.2** 31 - 60 days
- 5.3** 61 - 90 days
- 5.4** 91 days or longer
- 5.5** Total requests (Add Boxes 5.1 to 5.4 = 5.5)

Personal Information	General Records
0	10
0	3
0	0
0	0
0	13

BOX 5.5 must equal BOX 3.2

Section 6: Compliance with the Act

In the following charts, please indicate the number of requests completed, within the statutory time limit and in excess of the statutory time limit, under each of the four different situations:

NO notices issued;
 BOTH a Notice of Extension (s.27(1)) and a Notice to Affected Person (s.28(1)) issued;
 ONLY a Notice of Extension (s.27(1)) issued;
 ONLY a Notice to Affected Person (s.28(1)) issued.

Please note that the four different situations are mutually exclusive and the number of requests completed in each situation should add up to the total number of requests completed in Section 3.2. (Add Boxes 6.3 + 6.6 + 6.9 + 6.12 = BOX 6.13 and BOX 6.13 must equal BOX 3.2)

A. No Notices Issued

		Personal Information	General Records
6.1	Number of requests completed within the statutory time limit (30 days) where neither a Notice of Extension (s.27(1)) nor a Notice to Affected Person (s.28(1)) were issued.	0	10
6.2	Number of requests completed in excess of the statutory time limit (30 days) where neither a Notice of Extension (s.27(1)) nor a Notice to Affected Person (s.28(1)) were issued.	0	1
6.3	Total requests (Add Boxes 6.1 + 6.2 = 6.3)	0	11

B. Both a Notice of Extension (s.27(1)) and a Notice to Affected Person (s.28(1)) Issued

		Personal Information	General Records
6.4	Number of requests completed within the time limits permitted under both the Notice of Extension (s.27(1)) and a Notice to Affected Person (s.28(1)).	0	1
6.5	Number of requests completed in excess of the time limit permitted by the Notice of Extension (s.27(1)) and the time limit permitted by the Notice to Affected Person (s.28(1)).	0	0
6.6	Total requests (Add Boxes 6.4 + 6.5 = 6.6)	0	1

C. Only a Notice of Extension (s.27(1)) Issued

		Personal Information	General Records
6.7	Number of requests completed within the time limits permitted under both the Notice of Extension (s.27(1)).	0	1
6.8	Number of requests completed in excess of the time limit permitted by the Notice of Extension (s.27(1)).	0	0
6.9	Total requests (Add Boxes 6.7 + 6.8 = 6.9)	0	1

D. Only a Notice to Affected Person (s.28(1)) Issued

		Personal Information	General Records
6.10	Number of requests completed within the time limits permitted under both the Notice to Affected Person (s.28(1)).	0	0
6.11	Number of requests completed in excess of the time limit permitted by the Notice to Affected Person (s.28(1)).	0	0
6.12	Total requests (Add Boxes 6.10 + 6.11 = 6.12)	0	0

E. Total Completed Requests (sections A to D)

		Personal Information	General Records
6.13	Total requests (Add Boxes 6.3 + 6.6 + 6.9 + 6.12 = 6.13)	0	13

BOX 6.13 must equal BOX 3.2

Section 6a: Contributing Factors

Please outline any factors which may have contributed to your institution not meeting the statutory time limit. If you anticipate circumstances that will improve your ability to comply with the Act in the future, please provide details in the space below.

Factors for not meeting the statutory time limit were due to voluminous requests or requirement for notifications to affected third parties.

In 2020, a process was established whereby staff met with the FOI co-ordinator to discuss and establish search requirements, determine responsive records, compile records and assess possible severances.

Section 7: Disposition of Requests

What course of action was taken with each of the completed requests? Enter the number of requests into the appropriate category.

	Personal Information	General Records
7.1 All information disclosed	0	1
7.2 Information disclosed in part	0	7
7.3 No information disclosed	0	1
7.4 No responsive records exists	0	5
7.5 Request withdrawn, abandoned or non-jurisdictional	0	1
7.6 Total requests (Add Boxes 7.1 to 7.5 = 7.6)	0	15

BOX 7.6 must be greater than or equal to BOX 3.2

Section 8: Exemptions & Exclusions Applied

For the Total Requests with Exemptions/Exclusions/Frivolous or Vexatious Requests, how many times did your institution apply each of the following? (More than one exemption may be applied to each request)

	Personal Information	General Records
8.1 Section 6 — Draft Bylaws, etc.	0	1
8.2 Section 7 — Advice or Recommendations	0	2
8.3 Section 8 — Law Enforcement ¹	0	0
8.4 Section 8(3) — Refusal to Confirm or Deny	0	0
8.5 Section 8.1 — Civil Remedies Act, 2001	0	0
8.6 Section 8.2 — Prohibiting Profiting from Recounting Crimes Act, 2002	0	0
8.7 Section 9 — Relations with Governments	0	0
8.8 Section 10 — Third Party Information	0	1
8.9 Section 11 — Economic/Other Interests	0	2
8.10 Section 12 — Solicitor-Client Privilege	0	1
8.11 Section 13 — Danger to Safety or Health	0	0
8.12 Section 14 — Personal Privacy (Third Party) ²	0	10
8.13 Section 14(5) — Refusal to Confirm or Deny	0	0

Section 8: Exemptions & Exclusions Applied

8.14	Section 15 — Information soon to be published	0	0
8.15	Section 20.1 Frivolous or Vexatious	0	0
8.16	Section 38 — Personal Information (Requester)	0	0
8.17	Section 52(2) — Act Does Not Apply ³	0	0
8.18	Section 52(3) — Labour Relations & Employment Related Records	0	0
8.19	Section 53 — Other Acts	0	0
8.20	PHIPA Section 8(1) Applies	0	0
8.21	Total Exemptions & Exclusions Add Boxes 8.1 to 8.20 = 8.21	0	17

¹ not including Section 8(3)

² not including Section 14(5)

³ not including Section 52(3)

Section 9: Fees

Did your institution collect fees related to request for access to records?

	Personal Information	General Records	Total
9.1	Number of REQUESTS where fees other than application fees were collected	0	2
9.2.1	Total dollar amount of application fees collected	\$0.00	\$65.00
9.2.2	Total dollar amount of additional fees collected	\$0.00	\$56.90
9.2.3	Total dollar amount of fees collected (Add Boxes 9.2.1 + 9.2.2 = 9.2.3)	\$0.00	\$121.90
9.3	Total dollar amount of fees waived	\$0.00	\$393.50

Section 10: Reasons for Additional Fee Collection

Enter the number of REQUESTS for which your institution collected fees other than application fees that apply to each category.

	Personal Information	General Records	Total
10.1	Search time	0	2
10.2	Reproduction	0	2
10.3	Preparation	0	2
10.4	Shipping	0	0
10.5	Computer costs	0	0
10.6	Invoice costs(and other as permitted by regulation)	0	0
10.7	Total (Add Boxes 10.1 to 10.6 = 10.7)	0	6

Section 11: Correction and Statements of Disagreement

Did your institution receive any requests to correct personal information?

**Personal
Information**

Section 11: Correction and Statements of Disagreement

- 11.1** Number of correction requests received
- 11.2** Correction requests carried forward from the previous year
- 11.3** Correction requests carried over to next year
- 11.4** Total Corrections Completed [(11.1 + 11.2) - 11.3 = 11.4]

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0
0
0

BOX 11.4 must
equal BOX 11.9

What course of action did your institution take regarding the requests that were received to correct personal information?

- 11.5** Correction(s) made in whole
- 11.6** Correction(s) made in part
- 11.7** Correction refused
- 11.8** Correction requests withdrawn by requester
- 11.9** Total requests (Add Boxes 11.5 to 11.8 = 11.9)

Personal Information
0
0
0
0
0

BOX 11.9 must
equal BOX 11.4

In cases where correction requests were denied, in part or in full, were any statements of disagreement attached to the affected personal information?

- 11.10** Number of statements of disagreement attached:

Personal Information
0

If your institution received any requests to correct personal information, the Act requires that you send any person(s) or body who had access to the information in the previous year notification of either the correction or the statement of disagreement. Enter the number of notifications sent, if applicable.

- 11.11** Number of notifications sent:

Personal Information
0

Note:

This report is for your records only and should not be faxed or mailed to the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario in lieu of online submission. Faxed or mailed copies of this report will NOT be accepted. Please submit your report online at: <https://statistics.ipc.on.ca>.

Thank You for your cooperation!

Declaration:

I, Grant Bivol/Clerk, confirm that all the information provided in this report, furnished by me to the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario, is true, accurate and complete in all respects.

Signature

Date



DATE: July 16, 2021

MOTION:

Moved By: Member Woodhouse

Seconded By: _____

WHEREAS globally, pollinator species, including bees and monarch butterflies are declining at a concerning rate due to anthropogenic activity such as habitat loss and degradation as well as pollution and climate change;

WHEREAS the dramatic global decline in the pollinator species population could seriously affect the pollination of human food crops around the world;

WHEREAS Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) has developed Best Management Practices (BMP's), resources, and guidelines to ensure agricultural practices across the country protect pollinators, and, is collaborating with the Provincial Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs to advance these resources and BMP's;

AND WHEREAS the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) is committed to maintaining and enhancing pollinator habitat through its enhanced restoration and stewardship programs, community partnerships, as well as advising land development proponents through planning and development processes;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. **THAT** the NPCA **REQUESTS** the support and collaboration of conservation authorities and (through the CAs) their partner municipalities across the Province of Ontario to include the provision of native pollinator habitat with specialized native plant species through future development and redevelopment projects.
2. **THAT** by copy of this motion, NPCA partner municipalities **BE REQUESTED** to advance the use of pollinator plant species to promote pollinator habitat through projects on their own lands as well through planning and development processes.
3. **THAT** a copy of this resolution **BE CIRCULATED** to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for their consideration.
4. **AND FURTHER THAT** both the governments of Ontario and Canada **BE REQUESTED** to adopt a plan of action for properties within their control to protect pollinators and plant native pollinator species, and entrench this priority with the appropriate legislation with circulation of NPCA jurisdiction federal and provincial political representatives.

Chair: _____

CARRIED: ____ - ____

DEFEATED: ____ - ____