



**FULL AUTHORITY
ONLINE VIDEO CONFERENCE
MEETING MINUTES
Friday, April 16, 2021
9:45 a.m.**

NOTE: The archived recorded meeting is available on the NPCA website. The recorded video of the Full Authority meeting is not considered the official record of that meeting. The official record of the Full Authority meeting shall consist solely of the Minutes approved by the Full Authority Board. *NPCA Administrative By-law*

MEMBERS PRESENT: B. Johnson (Chair)
S. Beattie
R. Brady
B. Clark (departed 11:52 a.m.)
D. Coon-Petersen
D. Cridland
L. Feor
R. Foster
J. Hellinga
D. Huson
J. Ingrao
K. Kawall
B. Mackenzie
J. Metcalfe
W. Rapley
E. Smith
B. Steele
M. Woodhouse
B. Wright

MEMBERS ABSENT: R. Shirton

OTHERS: G. Ford, Program Coordinator, Niagara Coastal Community Collaborative

STAFF PRESENT: C. Sharma, C.A.O. / Secretary – Treasurer
G. Bivol, Clerk
R. Bisson, Manager, Communications and Public Relations
A. Christie, Director, Operations and Strategic Initiatives
J. Culp, Supervisor, Permits and Compliance
D. Deluce, Senior Manager, Planning and Regulations
M. Ferrusi, Manager, Human Resources
L. Gagnon, Director, Corporate Services
N. Green, Project Manager, Strategic Plan
S. Mastroianni, Manager, Planning and Development
S. Miller, Senior Manager, Water Resources
A. Powell, Manager, Conservation Area Services
G. Shaule, Administrative Assistant
G. Verkade, Senior Manager, Integrated Watershed Planning / Information Management

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution No. FA-61-2021

Moved by Member Feor

Seconded by Member Foster

1. **THAT** the agenda **BE AMENDED TO** include the addition of a closed session in respect of a proposed or pending acquisition of land.
2. **AND THAT** the Full Authority Agenda dated April 16, 2021 **BE APPROVED** as amended.
CARRIED

2. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None declared.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes of the Full Authority meeting dated March 19, 2021
- b) Minutes of the Full Authority Closed Session Meeting dated March 19, 2021 (enclosed separately to remain private and confidential)
- c) Minutes of the Special Full Authority Meeting dated March 30, 2021

Resolution No. FA-62-2021

Moved by Member Hellinga

Seconded by Member Huson

THAT the minutes of the following meetings **BE ADOPTED** as presented:

- Minutes of the Full Authority Meeting dated March 19, 2021;
- Minutes of the Full Authority Closed Session Meeting dated March 19, 2021 (to remain private and confidential); and
- Minutes of the Special Full Authority Meeting dated March 30, 2021.

CARRIED

4. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Correspondence dated January 28, 2021 from Conservation Ontario to the Provincial Planning Policy Branch RE: Conservation Ontario's Comments on the "Proposed implementation of provisions in the Planning Act that provide the Minister enhanced authority to address certain matters as part of a zoning order" (ERO #019-2811)

Resolution No. FA-63-2021

Moved by Member Kawall

Seconded by Member Mackenzie

THAT the correspondence dated January 28, 2021 from Conservation Ontario to the Provincial Planning Policy Branch RE: Conservation Ontario's Comments on the "Proposed

implementation of provisions in the Planning Act that provide the Minister enhanced authority to address certain matters as part of a zoning order” (ERO #019-2811) **BE RECEIVED.**

CARRIED

- b) Correspondence dated March 25, 2021 from Conservation Ontario to MMAH RE: Conservation Ontario’s Comments on “Proposed changes to Minister’s zoning orders and the Planning Act” (ERO #019-3233)

Resolution No. FA-64-2021

Moved by Member Metcalfe

Seconded by Member Rapley

THAT the correspondence dated March 25, 2021 from Conservation Ontario to MMAH RE: Conservation Ontario’s Comments on “Proposed changes to Minister’s zoning orders and the Planning Act” (ERO #019-3233) **BE RECEIVED.**

CARRIED

- c) Correspondence dated March 30, 2021 from Conservation Ontario to MNRF RE: Conservation Ontario’s Comments on the proposal to “Amend Public Lands Act Ontario Regulation 239/13 to remove the 10-day registry waiting period for existing shore land erosion control structures” Regulatory Registry Posting (21-MNRF008)

Resolution No. FA-65-2021

Moved by Member Steele

Seconded by Member Smith

THAT the correspondence dated March 30, 2021 from Conservation Ontario to MNRF RE: Conservation Ontario’s Comments on the proposal to “Amend Public Lands Act Ontario Regulation 239/13 to remove the 10-day registry waiting period for existing shore land erosion control structures” Regulatory Registry Posting (21-MNRF008) **BE RECEIVED.**

CARRIED

5. PRESENTATIONS

- a) Presentation by Steve Miller, Senior Manager, Water Resources RE: NPCA Flood Forecasting and Warning Program Overview - Members posed questions and discussion ensued.

Resolution No. FA-66-2021

Moved by Member Wright

Seconded by Member Woodhouse

THAT the PowerPoint presentation by S. Miller, Senior Manager, Water Resources RE: NPCA Flood Forecasting and Warning Program Overview **BE RECEIVED.**

CARRIED

6. DELEGATIONS

None.

7. CONSENT ITEMS

- a) Report No. FA-26-21 RE: Compliance Quarterly Statistics - Vice Chair Mackenzie assumed the chair. D. Deluce, Senior Manager, Planning and Regulations and J. Culp, Supervisor, Permits and Compliance provided comments. Discussion ensued.

Resolution No. FA-67-2021

Moved by Member Brady
Seconded by Member Clark

THAT Report No. FA-26-21 RE: Compliance Quarterly Statistics **BE RECEIVED**.

CARRIED

- b) Report No. FA-24-21 RE: NPCA Response and Actions RE: Auditor General Recommendation No. 9 - D. Deluce, Senior Manager, Planning and Regulations and C. Sharma, Chief Administrative Officer provided comments. Members posed questions and discussion ensued.

Resolution No. FA-68-2021

Moved by Member Ingrao
Seconded by Member Kawall

THAT Report No. FA-24-21 RE: NPCA Response and Actions RE: Auditor General Recommendation 9 **BE RECEIVED**.

CARRIED

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a) Report No. FA-22-21 RE: Niagara Coastal Community Collaborative Partnership MOA - G. Verkade, Senior Manager, Integrated Watershed Planning/Information Management and G. Ford, Program Coordinator, Niagara Coastal Community Collaborative provided comments.

Resolution No. FA-69-2021

Moved by Member Feor
Seconded by Member Woodhouse

1. **THAT** Report No. FA-22-21 RE: Niagara Coastal Community Collaborative Partnership MOA **BE RECEIVED**.

2. **AND FURTHER THAT** staff **BE AUTHORIZED** to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Niagara Coastal Community Collaborative.

CARRIED

- b) Report No. F27-21 RE: NPCA Section 28 Regulation Mapping Update - D. Deluce, Senior Manager, Planning and Regulations commented.

Resolution No. FA-70-2021

Moved by Member Huson
Seconded by Member Wright

1. **THAT** Report No. FA-27-21 RE: Section 28 Regulation mapping base **BE RECEIVED**.

2. **THAT** the updated to Section 28 Regulation mapping **BE CARRIED OUT** in a phased approach based on most current information available on regulated natural hazard features.

3. **THAT** the NPCA's member municipalities and other stakeholders **BE CONSULTED** during the update process.

4. **THAT** staff **REPORT** back to seek Board endorsement on Phase 1 updated mapping and Phase 2 workplan.

CARRIED

- c) Report No. FA-25-21 RE: Expanding the Greenbelt Proposal – NPCA Comments - D. Deluce, Senior Manager, Planning and Regulations presented.

Resolution No. FA-71-2021

Moved by Member Beattie

Seconded by Member Rapley

1. **THAT** Report No. FA-25-21 RE: Expanding the Greenbelt Proposal – NPCA Comments **BE RECEIVED**.
2. **THAT** staff **BE AUTHORIZED** to provide the NPCA's comments on the Expanding the Greenbelt Proposal to the Environmental Registry of Ontario and partner municipalities in Welland River and Twenty Mile Creek watershed **BE ADVISED**.

CARRIED

9. COMMITTEE ITEMS

9.1 GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

9.1.1 Minutes of the Governance Committee Meeting dated March 11, 2021

Resolution No. FA-72-2021

Moved by Member Steele

Seconded by Member Wright

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

CARRIED

9.1.2 Report No. FA-21-21 RE: Integrity Commissioner Services

Resolution No. FA-73-2021

Moved by Member Clark

Seconded by Member Huson

1. **THAT** Report No. FA-21-21 RE: Integrity Commissioner Services **BE RECEIVED**.
2. **THAT** staff **BE AUTHORIZED** to execute agreements, as appropriate, to obtain Integrity Commissioner Services for the NPCA.

CARRIED

9.1.3 Report No. FA-23-21 RE: Governance Committee – 2021 Work Plan

Resolution No. FA-74-2021

Moved by Member Feor

Seconded by Member Beattie

1. **THAT** Report No. FA-23-21 RE: Governance Committee – 2021 Work Plan **BE RECEIVED**.
2. **THAT** the Governance Committee - 2021 Work Plan attached as Appendix 1 **BE APPROVED**.

CARRIED

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9.2 STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

9.2.1 Minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee Meeting dated March 19, 2021

Resolution No. FA-75-2021

Moved by Member Wright

Seconded by Member Ingrao

THAT Minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee Meeting dated March 19, 2021 **BE RECEIVED.**

CARRIED

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

None.

11. MOTIONS

Motion RE: Enhancing Trails in the NPCA Watershed - Chair Johnson resumed the chair as Vice Chair Mackenzie introduced the following motion. Discussion ensued.

Resolution No. FA-76-2021

Moved by Member Mackenzie

Seconded by Member Huson

WHEREAS the public has shown a strong desire and need to be out in nature in the NPCA watershed and across Ontario and it has been demonstrated that being in nature benefits our physical and mental health;

WHEREAS the Province and the Region of Niagara have identified that the population of Niagara is expected to grow by 226,000, or 50% by 2051;

WHEREAS the popularity of the present community-connecting trails like the Friendship Trail, Niagara River Waterfront Trail, Seaway Canal Trail, Dofasco Trail and the Gord Harry Trail is well documented;

WHEREAS there are a large number of unopened road allowances and abandoned rail lines and other possible corridors that are presently not accessible to the public that have the capability of making physical connections between the municipalities in Niagara and with Hamilton and Haldimand County;

WHEREAS Conservation Authorities including the NPCA have been shown to be agencies that can plan for and develop trails throughout their watersheds;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. **THAT** NPCA, being the agency with 2,845 ha of public land connecting Niagara, Hamilton and Haldimand, **CONVENE** a forum to bring agencies and municipalities in its watershed together to facilitate planning and development of an inter-jurisdictional trails network connecting municipalities, neighbourhood, employment areas, and nature destinations.

2. **THAT** NPCA municipalities **BE ENCOURAGED** to adopt, through official plan updates, expanded trail networks using publicly owned corridors, abandoned rails lines, and other opportunities.
3. **THAT** NPCA staff **EXPLORE** formal partnership opportunities with municipalities to map, built, and enhance trail connections.
4. **AND FURTHER THAT** a copy of this motion **BE CIRCULATED** to the local and regional municipalities within NPCA's jurisdiction.

CARRIED

12. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Chief Administrative Officer Chandra Sharma provided a verbal update to the Board on the progress of the strategic plan and the recent implementation of the new NPCA parks reservation system. Discussion ensued with respect parks accessibility designations on the NPCA website.
- b) Vice Chair Mackenzie provided a verbal update on the recent Conservation Ontario meeting.
- c) Member Foster updated the Board as to the Annual General Meeting for the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Foundation on April 8, 2021.

Resolution No. FA-77-2021

Moved by Member Ingrao Kawall

Seconded by Member Wright

THAT the verbal updates from C.A.O. Sharma, Vice Chair Mackenzie and Member Foster **BE RECEIVED**.

CARRIED

13. CLOSED SESSION

- a) Proposed or Pending Acquisition or Disposition of Land by the NPCA

Resolution No. FA-78-2021

Moved by Member Metcalfe

Seconded by Member Smith

THAT the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority **CONVENE** in closed session at 11:56 a.m. in accordance with Section 10.1 c) of the NPCA Administrative By-law for discussion on a proposed or pending acquisition of land.

CARRIED

Resolution No. FA-79-2021

Moved by Member Beatty

Seconded by Member Smith

THAT the meeting **RECONVENE** in open session at 12:26 p.m..

CARRIED

Resolution No. FA-80-2021

Moved by Member Cridland

Seconded by Member Metcalfe

1. **THAT** the Board **APPROVES** acquisition of the property legally described as Part of Lot 14, Concession 1 Wainfleet as In RO602739; Save & Except Parts 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 And 7, 59R-9702, RO353180, Parts 1, 2, 3 & 4, 59R-11985 and Part 1, 59R-16160 and Parts 1 and 2 59R16773; Township Of Wainfleet from its current owner in accordance with the terms and conditions outlined in Agreement of Purchase and Sale as per verbal report of the Chief Administrative Officer, dated April 16th 2021.
2. **AND FURTHER THAT** the Chief Administrative Officer **BE AUTHORIZED** to execute all such documents on behalf of NPCA as may be required to complete the property acquisition in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement of Purchase and Sale.

CARRIED

Recorded Vote:	Yea	Nay
Brenda Johnson (Chair)	X	
Stewart Beattie	X	
Rick Brady	X	
Deborah Coon-Petersen	X	
Donna Cridland	X	
Leah Feor	X	
Rob Foster	X	
Jack Hellinga	X	
Diana Huson	X	
John Ingrao	X	
Ken Kawall	X	
Bruce Mackenzie (Vice Chair)	X	
John Metcalfe	X	
Bill Rapley	X	
Ed Smith	X	
Bill Steele	X	
Mal Woodhouse	X	
Brian Wright	X	

14. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. FA-81-2021

Moved by Member Huson

Seconded by Member Woodhouse

THAT the Full Authority Meeting **BE ADJOURNED** at 12:32 p.m..

CARRIED

Brenda Johnson, Chair
Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority

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