

**FULL AUTHORITY  
ONLINE VIDEO CONFERENCE  
MEETING MINUTES  
Friday, July 16, 2021  
9:30 A.M.**

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**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  
D. Coon-Petersen  
D. Cridland  
L. Feor  
R. Foster  
J. Hellinga  
J. Ingrao  
K. Kawall  
B. Mackenzie  
J. Metcalfe  
W. Rapley  
E. Smith  
B. Steele  
M. Woodhouse  
B. Wright

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** D. Huson  
R. Shirton

**OTHERS:** J. Court, Executive Director, Green Infrastructure Ontario

**STAFF PRESENT:** C. Sharma, CAO / Secretary – Treasurer  
G. Bivol, Clerk  
A. Christie, Director, Operations  
J. Culp, Manager, Compliance and Enforcement  
D. Deluce, Senior Manager, Planning and Regulations  
M. Ferrusi, Manager, Human Resources  
L. Gagnon, Director, Corporate Services  
L. Lee-Yates, Director, Watershed Management  
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 9:31 a.m.. The Board was introduced to Leilani Lee-Yates the new Director of Watershed Management and to additional Watershed department staff.

## 1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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Resolution No. FA-134-2021  
Moved by Member Beattie  
Seconded by Member Brady

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

**CARRIED**

## 2. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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None declared.

## 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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- a) Minutes of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority's 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting held dated June 18, 2021
- b) Minutes of the Full Authority Meeting dated June 18, 2021

Resolution No. FA-135-2021  
Moved by Member Clark  
Seconded by Member Coon-Peterson

**THAT** the minutes of the following meetings **BE APPROVED**:

- Minutes of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority's 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting held dated June 18, 2021; and
- Minutes of the Full Authority Meeting dated June 18, 2021.

**CARRIED**

## 4. CORRESPONDENCE

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

Resolution No. FA-136-2021

Moved by Member Cridland

Seconded by Member Feor

**THAT** the following correspondence **BE RECEIVED**:

- 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;
- Correspondence from Don Ciparis President, National Farmers Union – Ontario RE: Response to Regulatory proposals (Phase 1) under the Conservation Authorities Act (ERO 019-2986);
- 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; and
- Correspondence dated June 25, 2021 from Ann-Marie Norio Regional Clerk, Regional Municipality of Niagara RE: Development Applications Monitoring Report – 2020 Year End.

**CARRIED**

## 5. PRESENTATIONS

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- a) Presentation by Jennifer Court, Executive Director Green Infrastructure Ontario RE: “An Economic Impact Assessment of Green Infrastructure Sector in Ontario” – C.A.O. Sharma introduced Ms. Court who conducted her presentation via PowerPoint. Members posed questions.

Resolution No. FA-137-2021

Moved by Member Foster

Seconded by Member Hellinga

**THAT** the PowerPoint presentation by Jennifer Court, Executive Director Green Infrastructure Ontario entitled “An Economic Impact Assessment of Green Infrastructure Sector in Ontario” **BE RECEIVED**.

**CARRIED**

- b) Presentation by Adam Christie, Director of Operations RE: NPCA Conservation Areas Update - Both Adam Christie, Director of Operations and Alicia Powell, Manager, Conservation Area Services presented. Members posed questions. Discussion ensued.

Resolution No. FA-138-2021

Moved by Member Ingraio

Seconded by Member Kawall

**THAT** the PowerPoint presentation by Adam Christie, Director of Operations RE: NPCA Conservation Areas Update **BE RECEIVED**.

**CARRIED**

## 6. DELEGATIONS

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None

## 7. CONSENT ITEMS

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

Resolution No. FA-139-2021  
Moved by Member Mackenzie  
Seconded by Member Metcalfe

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

**CARRIED**

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

Resolution No. FA-140-2021  
Moved by Member Rapley  
Seconded by Member Steele

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

**CARRIED**

## 8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

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- a) Report No. FA-45-21 RE: Compliance and Enforcement 2021 Q2 Statistics – David Deluce, Senior Manager, Planning and Regulations presented and discussion ensued.

Resolution No. FA-141-2021  
Moved by Member Smith  
Seconded by Member Woodhouse

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.

**CARRIED**

- b) Report No. FA-46-21 RE: NPCA Section 28 Permit Signatory Delegation – Ms. Sharma presented.

Resolution No. FA-142-2021  
Moved by Member Wright  
Seconded by Member Beattie

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.

**CARRIED**

- c) Report No. FA-47-21 RE: Term of Chair Position resulting from Conservation Authorities Act Update – Ms. Sharma outlined the report.

Resolution No. FA-143 -2021

Moved by Member Brady

Seconded by Member Clark

**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.

**CARRIED**

## 9. COMMITTEE ITEMS

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### 9.1 PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

#### 9.1.1 Minutes of the Public Advisory Committee Meeting dated June 17, 2021

Resolution No. FA-144 -2021

Moved by Member Coon-Petersen

Seconded by Member Cridland

**THAT** the minutes of the Public Advisory Committee Meeting dated June 17, 2021 **BE RECEIVED**.

**CARRIED**

### 9.2 GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

#### 9.2.1 Minutes of the Governance Committee Meeting dated June 24, 2021

Resolution No. FA-145-2021

Moved by Member Foster

Seconded by Member Feor

**THAT** the minutes of the Governance Committee Meeting dated June 24, 2021 **BE RECEIVED**.

**CARRIED**

9.2.2 Report No. GC-05-21 RE: Freedom of Information Statistical Report 2020 - Grant Bivol, Clerk presented the report.

Resolution No. FA-146-2021  
Moved by Member Feor  
Seconded by Member Foster

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

**CARRIED**

## 10. NOTICES OF MOTION

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None

## 11. MOTIONS

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- a) Motion Regarding Provision of Native Pollinator Species – Discussion ensued with respect to wording amendments and circulation to area municipalities.

Resolution No. FA-147-2021  
Moved by: Member Woodhouse  
Seconded by: Member Brady

**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 native 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.

**CARRIED**

## 12. NEW BUSINESS

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- a) C.A.O. Updates – Verbal - Ms. Sharma spoke on future meetings requested with municipalities in respect of Bill 229. Additional direction along with discussion was heard from Members in respect of pollinator species, tree plantings at LaFortune Park, Green Infrastructure and campground reservation policies.
- b) Niagara Peninsula Conservation Foundation Update – Verbal - Board Members discussed Comfort Maple pens, fundraising efforts and the upcoming NPCF presentation to the Board.

## 13. CLOSED SESSION

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## 14. ADJOURNMENT

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By consensus, the meeting adjourned at 11:44 a.m..

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Brenda Johnson, Chair  
Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority

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