

**FULL AUTHORITY
ONLINE VIDEO CONFERENCE
MEETING MINUTES
Friday, June 18, 2021
10:15 A.M.**

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MEMBERS PRESENT: B. Johnson (Chair)

S. Beattie
R. Brady
B. Clark
D. Coon-Petersen
D. Cridland
L. Feor
J. Hellinga
D. Huson
J. Ingrao
K. Kawall
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
G. Shaule, Administrative Assistant

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 (MNRF), 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

Monitoring Program Summary Report for the Year 2020.

- 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