

**FULL AUTHORITY
ONLINE VIDEO CONFERENCE
MEETING MINUTES**

**Friday, November 19, 2021
9:30 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. Mackenzie (Chair)
S. Beattie (departed 11:29 a.m.)
R. Brady
D. Cridland
R. Foster
J. Hellinga
D. Huson (departed 11:15 a.m.)
J. Ingrao
K. Kawall
J. Metcalfe
W. Rapley
R. Shirton
E. Smith
B. Steele
M. Woodhouse (arrived 9:41 a.m.)
B. Wright

MEMBERS ABSENT: B. Clark
D. Coon-Petersen
L. Feor
B. Johnson

OTHERS PRESENT: S. Bauer, Friends of Twelve Mile Creek
G. Graveline, Friends of Twelve Mile Creek
S. Stephen, Watson and Associates Economists Ltd.

STAFF PRESENT: C. Sharma, CAO / Secretary – Treasurer
G. Bivol, Clerk
A. Christie, Director, Land Operations
C. Coverdale, Business and Financial Analyst
J. Culp, Manager, Compliance and Enforcement
D. Deluce, Senior Manager, Planning and Regulations
M. Ferrusi, Manager, Human Resources
K. Frohlich, Ecologist
L. Gagnon, Director, Corporate Services
E. Gervais, Procurement Specialist
S. Gillis, Restoration Project Lead
B. Lee, GIS Administrator
L. Lee-Yates, Director, Watershed Management

S. Miller, Senior Manager, Water Resources
K. Royer, Coordinator, Community Outreach
G. Shaule, Administrative Assistant
G. Verkade, Senior Manager, Integrated Watershed Planning / Information Management

In the absence of the Chair, Vice Chair Mackenzie called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.. The Board was introduced to the Land Operations Department staff.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution No. FA-185-2021

Moved by Member Huson

Seconded by Member Brady

1. **THAT** a delegation **BE ADDED** to the agenda Guy Graveline, Friends of Twelve Mile Creek RE: Unnecessary destruction of the 12 Mile Creek valleylands for the cutting of new trails and man-made developments for the purpose of building a mountain bike racecourse for the Niagara 2022 Canada Summer Games.
2. **THAT** Closed Session **BE REMOVED** from the agenda.
3. **THAT** agenda for the Full Authority Meeting agenda dated November 19, 2021 **BE APPROVED** as amended.

CARRIED

2. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

By virtue of his volunteer position with Niagara 2022 Canada Summer Games, Member Foster declared a conflict of interest during the discussion on item 6. a) being the Delegation by Guy Graveline, Friends of Twelve Mile Creek RE: Unnecessary destruction of the 12 Mile Creek valleylands for the cutting of new trails and man-made developments for the purpose of building a mountain bike racecourse for the Niagara 2022 Canada Summer Games.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes of the Full Authority Meeting dated October 15, 2021

Resolution No. FA-186-2021

Moved by Member Woodhouse

Seconded by Member Huson

THAT the minutes of the Full Authority Meeting dated October 15, 2021 **BE APPROVED**.

CARRIED

4. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Correspondence dated October 18, 2021 from Alisa Mahrova, Clerk and Manager, Policy, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority RE: TRCA Wetland Water Balance Modelling Guidance Document - C.A.O. Chandra Sharma spoke to the document. Discussion ensued. Staff were requested to bring forward a report to adopt the same modelling criteria.

Resolution No. FA-187-2021

Moved by Member Hellinga

Seconded by Member Smith

1. **THAT** the correspondence dated October 18, 2021 from Alisa Mahrova, Clerk and Manager, Policy, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority RE: TRCA Wetland Water Balance Modelling Guidance Document **BE RECEIVED**.
2. **AND THAT** the document **BE REFERRED** to staff for a report back to the Board in January, 2022 addressing the inclusion of the modelling criteria within the procedural manual on planning policies.

CARRIED

- b) Correspondence dated October 21, 2021 from David Quartermain Director, Real Property Management Air, Marine and Environmental Programs, Transport Canada RE: Establishment of an Eco Park on Transport Canada's Surplus Land Site in Niagara-on-the-Lake – Discussion ensued.

Resolution No. FA-188-2021

Moved by Member Cridland

Seconded by Member Metcalfe

THAT the correspondence dated October 21, 2021 from David Quartermain Director, Real Property Management Air, Marine and Environmental Programs, Transport Canada RE: Establishment of an Eco Park on Transport Canada's Surplus Land Site in Niagara-on-the-Lake **BE RECEIVED**.

CARRIED

- c) Correspondence dated November 5, 2021 from Nicholas Fischer, Policy and Planning Officer RE: Conservation Ontario's Comments on "Minister's Order for Temporary Suspension of Protection Upon the Listing of Black Ash Under the Endangered Species Act" (ERO#019-4278) and "Amendments to Ontario Regulation 242/08 (General Regulation – Endangered Species Act, 2007) Relating to Upcoming Changes to the Species at Risk in Ontario List" (ERO#019-4280) - Geoff Verkade, Senior Manager, Integrated Watershed Planning / Information Management provided comments.

Resolution No. FA-189-2021

Moved by Member Brady

Seconded by Member Foster

THAT the correspondence dated November 5, 2021 from Nicholas Fischer, Policy and Planning Officer RE: Conservation Ontario's Comments on "Minister's Order for Temporary Suspension of Protection Upon the Listing of Black Ash Under the Endangered Species Act" (ERO#019-4278) and "Amendments to Ontario Regulation 242/08 (General Regulation – Endangered Species Act, 2007) Relating to Upcoming Changes to the Species at Risk in Ontario List" (ERO#019-4280) **BE RECEIVED**.

CARRIED

5. PRESENTATIONS

- a) PowerPoint presentation by Sean-Michael Stephen, Manager, Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. RE: Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority Parks and Recreation Services Fee Review - Agenda Item 8. a) being Report No. FA-64-2021 RE: 2022

Conservation Area Fees was addressed in conjunction with this presentation. Sean-Michael Stephen, Manager, Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. presented. A. Christie presented Report No. FA-64-2021 RE: 2022 Conservation Area Fees. Lengthy discussion ensued. Members suggested investigation of partnership options and that Finance Committee input be sought on the diversification of revenue streams.

Resolution No. FA-190-2021

Moved by Member Huson
Seconded by Member Rapley

THAT the PowerPoint presentation by Sean-Michael Stephen, Manager, Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. RE: Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority Parks and Recreation Services Fee Review **BE RECEIVED**.

CARRIED

Resolution No. FA-191-2021

Moved by Member Steele
Seconded by Member Shirton

1. **THAT** Report No. FA-64-2021 RE: 2022 Conservation Area Fees **BE RECEIVED**.
2. **AND THAT** the 2022 Conservation Area Rates outlined in Appendix 1 of Report No. FA-64-21 **BE APPROVED**.

CARRIED

The Chair called for a brief recess from 11:24 a.m. until 11:31 a.m..

6. DELEGATIONS

- a) Delegation by Guy Graveline, Friends of Twelve Mile Creek RE: Unnecessary destruction of the 12 Mile Creek valleylands for the cutting of new trails and man-made developments for the purpose of building a mountain bike racecourse for the Niagara 2022 Canada Summer Games – Mr. Graveline presented a video recording. Leilani Lee-Yates, Director, Watershed Management provided detail and background on the NPCA's involvement in the matter. Members posed questions to staff, to the delegation and also to Mr. Steve Bauer who was in attendance as a representative of Friends of 12 Mile Creek. By virtue of his volunteer position with Niagara 2022 Canada Summer Games, Member Foster declared a conflict of interest during the discussion of this item. Lengthy discussion ensued.

Resolution No. FA-192-2021

Moved by Member Brady
Seconded by Member Metcalfe

THAT the video presentation and written materials submitted from Guy Graveline, Friends of Twelve Mile Creek **BE RECEIVED**.

CARRIED

Resolution No. FA-193-2021

Moved by Member Smith
Seconded by Member Kawaii

THAT a letter **BE SENT** to the Niagara 2022 Canada Summer Games from the Board seeking a dialogue on the present trail and future condition of the site for the bike race course located at the 12 Mile Creek.

CARRIED

Recorded Vote:	Yea	Nay
Rick Brady		X
Donna Cridland		X
Rob Foster	----	----
Jack Hellinga	X	
John Ingrao	X	
Ken Kawall	X	
Bruce Mackenzie	X	
John Metcalfe	X	
Bill Rapley	X	
Rob Shirton		X
Ed Smith	X	
Bill Steele	X	
Mal Woodhouse	X	
Brian Wright	X	

7. CONSENT ITEMS

- a) Report No. FA-63-2021 RE: Comfort Maple Tree Assessment

Resolution No. FA-194-2021

Moved by Member Ingrao

Seconded by Member Metcalfe

THAT Report No. FA-63-2021 RE: Comfort Maple Tree Assessment **BE RECEIVED.**
CARRIED

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a) Report No. FA-64-2021 RE: 2022 Conservation Area Fees – This report was addressed during item 5. a) PowerPoint presentation by Sean-Michael Stephen, Manager, Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. RE: Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority Parks and Recreation Services Fee Review.

- b) Report No. FA-65-2021 RE: Wainfleet Bog Advisory Committee Terms of Reference

Resolution No. FA-195-2021

Moved by Member Wright

Seconded by Member Cridland

- THAT** Report No. FA-65-2021 RE: Wainfleet Bog Advisory Committee Terms of Reference **BE RECEIVED.**
- THAT** the Board **APPROVE** the NPCA Wainfleet Bog Advisory Committee Terms of Reference attached as Appendix 1.
- AND THAT** this report **BE CIRCULATED** to the City of Port Colborne and the Township of Wainfleet.

CARRIED

- c) Report No. FA-68-2021 RE: NPCA Transition Plan in Accordance with Section 21.1.4 of the Conservation Authorities Act

Resolution No. FA-196-2021

Moved by Member Steele

Seconded by Member Foster

1. **THAT** Report No. FA-68-2021 RE: NPCA Transition Plan in Accordance with Section 21.1.4 of the Conservation Authorities Act **BE RECEIVED**.
2. **AND FURTHER THAT** the NPCA Transition Plan, as appended, **BE APPROVED** and **SUBMITTED** to the Ministry of Environment and Parks (MECP) with a copy to NPCA funding municipalities and posting on the NPCA website.

CARRIED

9. COMMITTEE ITEMS

9.1 FINANCE COMMITTEE

- a) Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting dated November 4, 2021

Resolution No. FA-197-2021

Moved by Member Metcalfe

Seconded by Member Rapley

THAT the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting dated November 4, 2021 **BE RECEIVED**.

CARRIED

- b) Report No. FA-69-21 RE: Financial Report – Q3 – 2021 – Lise Gagnon, Director of Corporate Services addressed questions.

Resolution No. FA-198-2021

Moved by Member Smith

Seconded by Member Kawall

THAT Report No. FA-69-21 RE: Financial Report – Q3 – 2021 **BE RECEIVED**.

CARRIED

- c) Report FA-70-2021 RE: 2022 Draft Budgets and Municipal Levies – Ms. Gagnon addressed questions.

Resolution No. FA-199-2021

Moved by Member Woodhouse

Seconded by Member Cridland

1. **THAT** Report No. FA-70-21 RE: Draft Budgets and Municipal Levies **BE APPROVED**.
2. **THAT** the 2022 Draft Budgets and Municipal Levies **BE APPROVED** for discussion with participating municipal staff, in accordance with Board approved Budget Assumptions.
3. **THAT** Staff **CONTINUE** to discuss the possibility of reinstating the Land Acquisition Reserve contributions with municipal funding partners.

4. **THAT** the list of 2022 unfunded pressures **BE APPROVED** and **PROVIDED** to partner municipalities for any future opportunities outside the 2022 budget through collaborative projects or external funding.
5. **AND FURTHER THAT** the final 2022 Budget **BE BROUGHT** back to the Finance Committee and Board of Directors meetings for approval.

CARRIED

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

None

11. MOTIONS

None

12. NEW BUSINESS

- a) C.A.O. Updates – Verbal – In the interest of time, Ms. Sharma opted to forego a verbal update. She spoke briefly on the printing of the Strategic Plan.
- b) Niagara Peninsula Conservation Foundation Update – Member Foster indicated that an update on the upcoming Niagara Peninsula Conservation Foundation Meeting would be forthcoming.
- c) Member Shirton spoke on the return to in-person meetings.

13. CLOSED SESSION

None.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. FA-200-2021
Moved by Member Ingrao
Seconded by Member Steele

THAT the Full Authority Meeting **BE ADJOURNED** at 12:58 p.m..

CARRIED

Brenda Johnson, Chair
Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority

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