

**PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, February 11, 2025
5:00 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Cribbs, Chair
Julia Baird
Lageera Chatheechan
David Wylie
Lennie Aarts
George McKibbon
Naheed Qureshi
Cindilee Ecker-Flagg (departed 5:11pm)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Philip Beale
Tracy Boese
William Rapley
John Metcalfe, ex-officio

STAFF PRESENT: Adam Christie, Director, Conservation Areas
Melanie Davis, Manager, Office of the CAO & Board
Tara Gaade, Coordinator, Watershed Strategies & Climate Research
Natalie Green, Director, Watershed Strategies & Climate Change
Erika Navarro, Supervisor, Communications & PR
Alicia Powell, Manager, Conservation Area Programs & Services

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m.

1. OPENING WELCOME

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Recommendation No. PAC-01-25

Moved by: George McKibbon

Seconded by: Naheed Qureshi

THAT agenda for the Public Advisory Committee meeting held on February 11, 2025 **BE APPROVED.**

CARRIED

3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1. Public Advisory Committee meeting dated November 26, 2024.

Recommendation No. PAC-02-25

Moved by: Lennie Aarts

Seconded by: Julia Baird

THAT the Minutes of the Public Advisory Committee meeting dated November 26, 2024 **BE APPROVED.**

CARRIED

5. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

6. PRESENTATIONS

6.1. Natural Assets Initiative

Coordinator, Watershed Strategies & Climate Research, Tara Gaade, provided a presentation regarding the initiative noted above. Discussion regarding municipal interest in the initiative and capacity to support them ensued.

Recommendation No. PAC-03-25

Moved by: David Wylie

Seconded by: George McKibbin

THAT the presentation regarding the Natural Assets Initiative **BE RECEIVED.**

CARRIED

6.2. Wayfinding Signage Update

Director, Conservation Areas, Adam Christie and Manager, Conservation Area Programs & Services, Alicia Powell, provided an update on Conservation Areas' interpretive signage.

Discussion regarding alignment with Bruce Trail Corridor signage system and accounting for variety and complexity of CA landscapes ensued. Chair Cribbs suggested considering double-sided signage where appropriate.

Recommendation No. PAC-04-25

Moved by: George McKibbin

Seconded by: Julia Baird

THAT the presentation regarding the Wayfinding Signage Update **BE RECEIVED.**

CARRIED

7. DELEGATIONS

None.

8. CONSENT ITEMS

8.1. Committee Member Recruitment – Verbal Update

Manager, Office of the CAO & Board, Melanie Davis, provided a verbal update regarding three representative vacancies on the Public Advisory Committee and timelines for internal review and recommendations to be brought forward for Full Authority Approval.

Recommendation No. PAC-05-25

Moved by: Naheed Qureshi

Seconded by: Lageera Chatheechan

THAT the verbal update regarding Committee Member Recruitment **BE RECEIVED.**

CARRIED

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

None.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1. Members' Updates

- Brock University is hosting the 2nd Annual World Water Day on March 21, 2025 from 10am to 3pm. Member Baird encouraged Members to attend and noted that free parking will be available for the event.
- Member Aarts shared that a municipal drain in the Township of Wainfleet is scheduled to be dug up that will require involvement from the Conservation Authority and the Ministry of Natural Resources.

- Chair Cribbs shared that a significant enhancement to establish a Pelham/Thorold connectivity trail is being explored by Niagara Region, Town of Pelham, and City of Thorold.
- Member Qureshi shared that the Services of Humanities is hosting a dinner to conclude Ramadan on March 2, 2025.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Recommendation No. PAC-06-25

Moved by: Lennie Aarts

Seconded by: Naheed Qureshi

THAT the Public Advisory Committee meeting **ADJOURN** at 6:51 p.m.

CARRIED