

**PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, May 13, 2025
5:00 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Cribbs, Chair
Julia Baird
Philip Beale
Mary Jane Combe
David Wylie
Lennie Aarts
George McKibbin
John Metcalfe, ex-officio (departed 6:22pm)
Andrew Panko
William Rapley

MEMBERS ABSENT: Cindilee Ecker-Flagg
Tracy Boese
Lageera Chatheechan
Naheed Qureshi
Steven Rivers

STAFF PRESENT: Melanie Davis, Manager, Office of the CAO & Board
Eric Baldin, Manager, Land Planning
Natalie Green, Director, Watershed Strategies & Climate Change
Kerry Royer, Specialist, Conservation Areas Land Planning

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m.

1. OPENING WELCOME

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Recommendation No. PAC-07-25

Moved by: Lennie Aarts

Seconded by: William Rapley

THAT agenda for the Public Advisory Committee meeting held on May 13, 2025 **BE APPROVED.**

CARRIED

3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1. Public Advisory Committee meeting dated February 11, 2025.

Recommendation No. PAC-08-25

Moved by: Philip Beale

Seconded by: Julia Baird

THAT the Minutes of the Public Advisory Committee meeting dated February 11, 2025 **BE APPROVED.**

CARRIED

5. CORRESPONDENCE

5.1. Correspondence RE: Public Advisory Committee Sector Representative Appointments dated May 1, 2025

Chair Cribbs welcomed the Committee's newest Members and invited those in attendance to introduce themselves.

Recommendation No. PAC-09-25

Moved by: Philip Beale

Seconded by: Lennie Aarts

THAT the Correspondence RE: Public Advisory Committee Sector Representative Appointments dated May 1, 2025 **BE RECEIVED.**

CARRIED

6. PRESENTATIONS

6.1. Invasive Species Strategy

Specialist, Conservation Areas Land Planning, Kerry Royer, and Manager, Land Planning, Eric Baldin provided a presentation regarding the initiative noted above. Discussion regarding preventative measures, education for conservation area visitors, and roles and responsibilities regarding invasive species management ensued.

Recommendation No. PAC-10-25

Moved by: Philip Beale

Seconded by: Lennie Aarts

THAT the presentation regarding the Invasive Species Strategy **BE RECEIVED;**

AND THAT staff consider taking steps to formalize NPCA's leadership in invasive species management in relation to the authority's core mandate;

AND FURTHER THAT NPCA consider exploring collaborative initiatives with partner and local area municipalities related to this matter.

CARRIED

6.2. Member Orientation and Committee Overview

Director, Watershed Strategies & Climate Change, Natalie Green and Manager, Office of the Board & CAO, Melanie Davis, presented on the item noted above. Discussion regarding meeting schedule, location and opportunities for a guided hike ensued.

Recommendation No. PAC-11-25

Moved by: Philip Beale

Seconded by: Julia Baird

THAT the Member Orientation and Committee Overview presentation **BE RECEIVED.**

CARRIED

7. DELEGATIONS

None.

8. CONSENT ITEMS

None.

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

None.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1. Priority Projects and Items of Committee Interest – Open Discussion

Manager Davis provided an overview of priority work plan items at NPCA to determine areas of interest for the Committee.

Items of interest included floodplain mapping projects, collaborative opportunities/shared services pertaining to corporate services, and comments submitted by NPCA or Conservation Ontario on legislative and regulatory changes.

11.2. Members' Updates

- Vice Chair Beale attended an Ontario tourism event hosted at Ball's Falls that was well attended with a variety of tourism organizations on site.
- Member Combe encouraged members to attend the International Plowing Match, hosted in West Lincoln from September 16-20, 2025.
- Chair Cribbs shared that he is enrolled at Brock University for fall 2025 to complete a MSc, Sustainability. Member Baird shared that the course based Masters program is well-suited for professionals looking to expand on their sustainability knowledge part-time.
- Member Rapley noted that there are legislative changes coming regarding habitat restoration in Bill 5 that warrant attention.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Recommendation No. PAC-12-25

Moved by: Philip Beale

Seconded by: Julia Baird

THAT the Public Advisory Committee meeting **ADJOURN** at 7:15 p.m.

CARRIED