

**PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, November 26, 2024  
5:00 PM**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** David Cribbs, Vice Chair  
Julia Baird  
Philip Beale  
Lennie Aarts  
George McKibbin  
Naheed Qureshi  
William Rapley

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Tracy Boese  
Lageera Chatheechan  
Cindilee Ecker-Flagg  
John Metcalfe, ex-officio  
David Wylie

**STAFF PRESENT:** Melanie Davis, Manager, Office of the CAO & Board  
Natalie Green, Manager, Climate Change & Special Programs  
Sofia Zavarella, Manager, Communications & Public Relations

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**The meeting was called to order at 5:12 p.m.**

**1. OPENING WELCOME**

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Recommendation No. PAC-20-24

Moved by: Philip Beale

Seconded by: Lennie Aarts

**THAT** agenda for the Public Advisory Committee meeting held on November 26, 2024 **BE APPROVED.**

**CARRIED**

**3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None.

#### 4. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

Manager, Office of the CAO & Board, Melanie Davis, assumed the role of Chair to conduct the election of Officers.

##### 4.1. Appointment of Chair

The Committee was informed of the process outlined in the Terms of Reference to appoint the Vice Chair as the Chair, should the Chair become vacant. The Committee was informed of the opportunity to nominate other members, if interested.

Recommendation No. PAC-21-2024

Moved by: Julia Baird

Seconded by: Philip Beale

**THAT** David Cribbs **BE APPOINTED** as Chair of the Public Advisory Committee for the remainder of the 2023-2026 term.

**CARRIED**

##### 4.2. Appointment of Vice Chair

Recommendation No. PAC-22-24

Moved by: George McKibbon

Seconded by: Lennie Aarts

**THAT** Philip Beale **BE APPOINTED** as Vice Chair of the Public Advisory Committee for the remainder of the 2023-2026 term.

**CARRIED**

#### 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

##### 5.1. Public Advisory Committee meeting dated May 25, 2024.

Recommendation No. PAC-23-24

Moved by: Philip Beale

Seconded by: Julia Baird

**THAT** the Minutes of the Public Advisory Committee meeting dated September 17, 2024 **BE APPROVED**.

**CARRIED**

#### 6. CORRESPONDENCE

##### 6.1. Correspondence from NPCA RE: Board of Directors 2025 Meeting Schedule

Recommendation No. PAC-24-24

Moved by: George McKibbon

Seconded by: William Rapley

**THAT** the Correspondence from NPCA RE: Board of Directors 2025 Meeting Schedule **BE RECEIVED.**

**CARRIED**

## **7. PRESENTATIONS**

### **7.1. Lyons Creek East – Project Update**

Manager, Climate Change & Special Programs, Natalie Green, provided a presentation regarding the initiative noted above. Discussion regarding recommended clean-up in identified zones and NPCA's role in the next phases ensued.

Recommendation No. PAC-25-24

Moved by: Philip Beale

Seconded by: William Rapley

**THAT** the Presentation regarding Lyons Creek East – Project Update **BE RECEIVED.**

**CARRIED**

## **8. DELEGATIONS**

None.

## **9. CONSENT ITEMS**

### **9.1. 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. Staff informed the Committee that a forthcoming report will outline timelines for Full Authority Board approval.

Discussion ensued regarding considering relaxing the requirements while prioritizing candidates aligned with sectors that are not currently represented ensued.

Recommendation No. PAC-26-24

Moved by: George McKibbon

Seconded by: Lennie Aarts

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

**AND THAT** pending recruitment initiatives indicate that priority will be given to candidates who can advise based on expertise in the respective areas and identify with equity-deserving groups;

**AND FURTHER THAT** the Public Advisory Committee request that the NPCA Board of Directors consider relaxing the sector requirements for the recruitment of the following vacant positions:

- One (1) agricultural representative;
- One (1) business/industry representative; and
- One (1) development/building representative.

**CARRIED**

## **10. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

None.

## **11. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None.

## **12. NEW BUSINESS**

### **12.1. Members' Updates**

- Chair Cribbs thanked NPCA staff for stepping in and providing leadership on the 12 Mile Creek restoration project.
- Member Baird shared that recruitment for graduate students is underway, encouraged Committee Members to share the Sustainability programs at Brock University with their networks.
- Vice Chair Beale expressed gratitude to staff for their efforts in celebrating volunteers at the annual appreciation dinner.

### **12.2. Roundtable for Additional Strategy Feedback**

- Discussion ensued regarding modelling extreme weather events to demonstrate the impact of flooding and erosion in the watershed. Potential to explore as a research project for graduate students.

## **13. ADJOURNMENT**

Recommendation No. PAC-27-24

Moved by: Philip Beale

Seconded by: George McKibbin

**THAT** the Public Advisory Committee meeting **ADJOURN** at 7:00 p.m.

**CARRIED**