

**PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
A G E N D A**

**NPCA Main Office
Carolinian Hall
3350 Merrittville Hwy., Thorold ON
Tuesday, March 10, 2026
5:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

The Niagara Peninsula watershed is situated within the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee, Attiwonderonk (Neutral), and the Anishinaabeg, including the Mississaugas of the Credit—many of whom continue to live and work here today. This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties (No. 3, 4, and 381) and is within the land protected by the Dish with One Spoon Wampum agreement. Today, the watershed is home to many First Nations, Métis, and Inuit.

1. OPENING WELCOME

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**4.1 Minutes of the Public Advisory Committee meeting dated
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5. CORRESPONDENCE

6. PRESENTATIONS

**6.1 Niagara River Remedial Action Plan Ecosystem Impairment
Removed**

Presented by Niagara River RAP Coordinator, Jessi Nelson.

7. DELEGATIONS

8. CONSENT ITEMS

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 NPCA Corporate Priorities – Committee Areas of Interest

11.2 Members' Updates (Verbal) – Information/Issues/Items of Interest

12. ADJOURNMENT

**PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, November 25, 2025
5:00 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Cribbs, Chair
Julia Baird
Philip Beale
Lageera Chatheechan
Mary Jane Combe
Andrew Panko
Steven Rivers
David Wylie
Lennie Aarts
John Metcalfe, ex-officio
George McKibbon
Naheed Qureshi
Cindilee Ecker-Flagg (departed 5:24pm)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tracy Boese
Lageera Chatheechan
William Rapley

STAFF PRESENT: Melanie Davis, Manager, Office of the CAO & Board
Eric Baldin, Manager, Land Planning
Natalie Green, Director, Watershed Strategies & Climate Change
Geoffrey Verkade, Senior Manager, Integrated Watershed Strategies

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m.

1. OPENING WELCOME

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Recommendation No. PAC-13-25

Moved by: Philip Beale

Seconded by: George McKibbon

THAT agenda for the Public Advisory Committee meeting held on November 25, 2025 **BE APPROVED.**

CARRIED

3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1. Public Advisory Committee meeting dated May 13, 2025.

Recommendation No. PAC-14-25

Moved by: George McKibbon

Seconded by: Mary Jane Combe

THAT the Minutes of the Public Advisory Committee meeting dated May 13, 2025 **BE APPROVED.**

CARRIED

5. CORRESPONDENCE

5.1. Correspondence RE: NPCA 2026 Meeting Schedule dated November 24, 2025

Recommendation No. PAC-15-2025

Moved by: Julia Baird

Seconded by: Andrew Panko

THAT the Correspondence RE: NPCA 2026 Meeting Schedule dated November 24, 2025 **BE RECEIVED.**

CARRIED

6. PRESENTATIONS

6.1. Conservation Areas Management Planning Process

Manager, Land Planning, Eric Baldin provided a presentation regarding the initiative noted above. Discussion regarding process for revising land classifications and potential for 'dual classified' lands ensued.

Recommendation No. PAC-16-25

Moved by: David Wylie

Seconded by: Lennie Aarts

THAT the presentation regarding the Conservation Areas Management Planning Process **BE RECEIVED.**

CARRIED

6.2. Trees for All

Senior Manager, Integrated Watershed Strategies, Geoffrey Verkade, provided a presentation on the Trees for All program.

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Discussion regarding tracking mortality and success rates, operationalizing the seed collection Community of Practice, and engaging volunteers for public plantings (i.e. high school students, municipal partners where staff may receive paid days for volunteer work) ensued.

Recommendation No. PAC-17-25

Moved by: Andrew Panko

Seconded by: Julia Baird

THAT the presentation regarding Trees for All **BE RECEIVED**.

CARRIED

7. DELEGATIONS

None.

8. CONSENT ITEMS

8.1. Report No. FA-56-25 RE: Proposed Amendments to the *Conservation Authorities Act* to establish the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency, and Proposed Boundaries for the Regional Consolidation of Ontario's Conservation Authorities.

Director, Watershed Strategies & Climate Change, Natalie Green, and Manager, Office of the CAO & Board, Melanie Davis, provided a brief overview of the report brought forward at the Full Authority Meeting on November 21, 2025, for the Public Advisory Committee's information.

Discussion regarding concerns related to governance structures and impacts to community connections and grassroots linkages ensued.

Recommendation No. PAC-18-25

Moved by: Philip Beale

Seconded by: David Wylie

THAT Report No. FA-56-25 RE: Proposed Amendments to the *Conservation Authorities Act* to establish the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency, and Proposed Boundaries for the Regional Consolidation of Ontario's Conservation Authorities **BE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION**.

CARRIED

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

None.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1. Members' Updates

- Member Combe noted that attendance at the International Plow Match in September reached 50,000 visitors, highest rate of attendance since COVID-19.
- Vice Chair Beale noted the Ball's Falls Thanksgiving Festival was a major success and discussed the opportunity for a tour of the site for the Committee in 2026.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Recommendation No. PAC-19-25

Moved by: Philip Beale

Seconded by: Lennie Aarts

THAT the Public Advisory Committee meeting **ADJOURN** at 6:48 p.m.

CARRIED