



**PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ONLINE VIDEO CONFERENCE
MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, February 24, 2022
5:00 p.m.**

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- MEMBERS PRESENT:** J. Oblak (Committee Chair)
C. Ecker-Flagg
R. Foster, NPCA Chair
E. Furney
K. Huxley
M. Kauzlaric
D. Kelly
H. Korosis
J. Musso
J. Schonberger
D. Speranzini
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** J. Ariens
N. Seniuk
- STAFF PRESENT:** C. Sharma, C.A.O. / Secretary – Treasurer
G. Bivol, Clerk
D. Deluce, Senior Manager, Planning and Regulations
R. Hull, Manager, Strategic Business Planning and Public Relations
L. Lee-Yates, Director, Watershed Management
E. Navarro, Communications Specialist
A. Powell, Manager, Conservation Area Services
K. Royer, Coordinator, Community Outreach

Chair Oblak called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.. Member Cindilee Ecker-Flagg offered an opening statement acknowledging the spirit of co-operation achieved with the Committee.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Recommendation No. PAC-01-2022

Moved by Member Kelly

Seconded by Member Speranzini

THAT the agenda for the February 24, 2021 NPCA Public Advisory Committee meeting **BE ADOPTED** as amended with the addition of an agenda item 10. c) Flood Advisory Notification Comment.

CARRIED

2. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Member Speranzini stated for the record that her opinions as expressed are her own and not that of her employer.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes of the Public Advisory Committee Meeting dated November 25, 2021

Recommendation No. PAC-02-2022

Moved by Member Speranzini

Seconded by Member Kauzlaric

THAT the minutes of the NPCA Public Advisory Committee meeting dated November 25, 2021 **BE APPROVED**.

CARRIED

4. CORRESPONDENCE

None

5. PRESENTATIONS

- a) Project Introduction: Planning Policy Review by David Deluce, NPCA Senior Manager, Planning and Regulations – Mr. Deluce presented via PowerPoint. Leilani Lee-Yates, Director of Watershed Management spoke. Discussion ensued.

Recommendation No. PAC-03-2022

Moved by Member Furney

Seconded by Member Huxley

THAT the PowerPoint presentation by David Deluce, NPCA Senior Manager, Planning and Regulations RE: Planning Policy Review **BE RECEIVED**.

CARRIED

- b) Introduction of the NPCA Chair – Committee Chair Oblak called for comments from the new NPCA Chair, Rob Foster. Chair Foster introduced himself to the members before leaving the proceedings to tend to a prior engagement.

6. DELEGATIONS

None

7. CONSENT ITEMS

- a) Report No. FA-68-21 RE: NPCA Transition Plan in Accordance with Section 21.1.4 of the

Conservation Authorities Act - Chandra Sharma, C.A.O. / Secretary - Treasurer offered background and presented the report. Discussion ensued.

Recommendation No. PAC-04-2022

Moved by Member Ecker-Flagg

Seconded by Member Musso

THAT NPCA Report No. FA-68-21 RE: NPCA Transition Plan in Accordance with Section 21.1.4 of the *Conservation Authorities Act* **BE RECEIVED**.

CARRIED

- b) Report No. FA-03-22 RE: Conservation Authorities Act – Update on Inventory of Programs/Services - Chandra Sharma, C.A.O. presented. Discussion ensued.

Recommendation No. PAC-05-2022

Moved by Member Korosis

Seconded by Member Schonberger

THAT NPCA Report No. FA-03-22 RE: Conservation Authorities Act – Update on Inventory of Programs/Services **BE RECEIVED**.

CARRIED

- c) Report No. PAC-01-22 RE: Update on 2022 NPCA Events and Programs

Alicia Powell, NPCA Manager of Conservation Area Services spoke to the report.

Recommendation No. PAC-06-2022

Moved by Member Huxley

Seconded by Member Kelly

THAT NPCA Report No. PAC-01-22 RE: Update on 2022 NPCA Events and Programs **BE RECEIVED**.

CARRIED

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a) Climate Change Verbal Update by the Chandra Sharma, NPCA C.A.O. – Ms. Sharma spoke on opportunities and future initiatives for the NPCA to combat climate change.

Recommendation No. PAC-07-2022

Moved by Member Furney

Seconded by Member Speranzini

THAT the verbal update on Climate Change by Chandra Sharma, NPCA C.A.O. **BE RECEIVED**.

CARRIED

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a) C.A.O. Update (Verbal) – Ms. Sharma spoke about funding approvals recently received by the NPCA, the NPCA Annual Report and the outreach for Board Members for the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Foundation.

Recommendation No. PAC-08-2022

Moved by Member Huxley

Seconded by Member Furney

THAT the verbal update from Chandra Sharma, NPCA C.A.O. **BE RECEIVED.**

CARRIED

- b) Members' Updates (Verbal) – Information / Issues / Items of Interest – Chair Oblak spoke on options for an informal outdoor gathering of the Committee in the coming months.

Recommendation No. PAC-09-2022

Moved by Member Huxley

Seconded by Member Ecker-Flagg

THAT the Members' Updates for Information / Issues / Items of Interest **BE RECEIVED.**

CARRIED

- c) Flood Advisory Notification Comment – The Chair noted that Members were now receiving notification of flood advisories but could opt out by notifying NPCA staff.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. PAC-10-2022

Moved by Member Musso

Seconded by Member Korosis

THAT this meeting of the NPCA Public Advisory Committee **BE ADJOURNED** at 6:24 p.m..

CARRIED

Jackie Oblak
Public Advisory Committee Chair

Chandra Sharma
Chief Administrative Officer / Secretary –
Treasurer