



WATERSHED FLOODPLAIN SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 26, 2020
4:00 p.m.
Virtual meeting via Webex

MEMBERS PRESENT:	J. Oblak (Sub-Committee Chair) E. Furney B. Johnson H. Korosis B. Mackenzie J. Schonberger D. Speranzini
STAFF PRESENT:	C. Sharma, Chief Administrative Officer / Secretary – Treasurer C. Crerar, Communications Assistant S. Miller, Senior Manager, Water Resources K. Royer, Coordinator, Community Outreach
OTHERS PRESENT:	J. Hellinga K. Kawall M. Woodhouse Dave Maunder, Aquafor Beech Ltd.

The Committee Chair called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. welcoming the Members.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Recommendation No. WFSC-04-2020

Moved by Member Korosis

Seconded by Member Furney

THAT the agenda for the November 26, 2020 Watershed Floodplain Sub-Committee meeting **BE ADOPTED** as presented

CARRIED

2. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

D. Speranzini declared that her opinions are her own and not that of her employer Agriculture and AgriFood Canada.

3. BUSINESS FOR CONSIDERATION

3 a) Presentation by Dave Maunder, Aquafor Beech Limited RE: Watershed Floodplain Mapping project in Grimsby and Lincoln

D. Maunder presented the draft floodplain mapping projects for Grimsby and Lincoln pointing out that there was a total of 30 flood hazards identified, 21 of which are on public land. He walked members through various sections of the watersheds and the costs to mitigate some of the flood hazards identified.

Member D. Speranzini identified that some properties in the mapping document are in the floodplain (shown in red) and asked if those people are typically contacted as part of the process to identify their increased flood risk. S. Miller noted that this is not typically part of the process, however it is a very small number of people and we can contact them and share the report to notify those people they are at an increased risk of flooding. J. Hellinga asked whether part of the process is to determine if buildings were built in the floodplain before or after existing floodplain lines and S. Miller shared that this is not part of the floodplain mapping process, is more related to the work of planning and regulations staff. D. Speranzini commented that buildings/structures may not have been in a floodplain previously but due to development upstream they may now find themselves in a floodplain (older culverts may become undersized as a result of increased development upstream).

Another discussion ensued with regards to green infrastructure as it was noted that all proposed mitigation measures from the presentation are hard infrastructure and whether or not there is a role for green infrastructure in the floodplain mapping process. D. Maunder noted that it is not typically part of the process and that this type of consideration would require a detailed assessment and can take decades to implement, though Aquafor Beech Ltd. has written provincial documents about the implementation of green infrastructure.

Recommendation WFSC 05-2020:

Approved by general consensus

THAT the NPCA should contact landowners that are identified in the Watershed Floodplain report as having their house or buildings in the floodplain.

CARRIED

3 b) Presentation by Steve Miller, Senior Manager Watershed Resources RE: Changes between old and new Grimsby & Lincoln Floodplain Mapping

4. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

4 a) Minutes of the Watershed Floodplain Sub-Committee dated September 24, 2020

Recommendation WFSC-06-2020

Moved by Member Speranzini

Seconded by Member Schonberger

THAT the minutes of the NPCA Public Advisory Committee Watershed Floodplain Sub-Committee meeting dated September 24, 2020 **BE APPROVED**.

CARRIED

5. BUSINESS FOR INFORMATION

- 5 a) Information about the media campaign promoting the upcoming virtual public information sessions regarding the Grimsby and Lincoln Floodplain Mapping Update Project was shared with members via a presentation by Steve Miller. A total of 7300 postcards will be mailed to local residents within 300m of mapped watersheds. After the public information sessions, the presentations will be made public for people to review on their own time and provide feedback. S. Miller also encouraged PAC and Watershed Floodplain Sub-Committee members to attend the public information sessions.

Public Information Sessions: Dec. 15 and 16 (additional details on get involved site)

Project webpage link: <https://getinvolved.npca.ca/grimsby-lincoln-floodplain-mapping>

6. ADJOURNMENT

Recommendation No. WFSC-07-2020

Moved by Member Korosis

Seconded by Member Schonberger

THAT this meeting of the Watershed Floodplain Sub-Committee **BE** hereby **ADJOURNED** at 5:12 p.m..

CARRIED

Jackie Oblak
Public Advisory Committee Chair

Chandra Sharma
Chief Administrative Officer / Secretary –
Treasurer