



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

**Thursday February 25, 2021
5:00 p.m.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: J. Oblak (Committee Chair)
J. Ariens
C. Ecker-Flagg
B. Johnson, NPCA Board
M. Kauzlaric
D. Kelly
H. Korosis
B. Mackenzie, NPCA Board
J. Musso
D. Pont
J. Schonberger
D. Speranzini

MEMBERS ABSENT: E. Furney
N. Seniuk

STAFF PRESENT: C. Sharma, Chief Administrative Officer / Secretary – Treasurer
R. Bisson, Manager, Communications and Public Relations
N. Green, Project Manager, Niagara River Remedial Action Plan
K. Royer, Coordinator, Community Outreach
G. Verkade, Senior Manager, Integrated Watershed
Planning/Information Management

The Committee Chair called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. welcoming the Members and acknowledging and welcoming new members to the Committee.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Recommendation No. PAC-01-2021

Moved by Member Korosis

Seconded by Member Pont

THAT the agenda for the February 25, 2021 NPCA Public Advisory 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. PRESENTATIONS

3 a) Strategic Plan Update (verbal update from Natalie Green)

N. Green shared that in January 2021 the Board Strategic Planning Committee directed staff to move forward with the strategic plan in 2021 after a brief hold at the end of the year because of changes to Conservation Authorities Act. The Communication and Engagement Plan presented to PAC in September was updated with the new timelines (the updated Plan was circulated to all PAC members after the meeting). Public engagement process is expected to begin near the end of March and the PAC will be approached for input on the public survey.

4. DELEGATIONS

none

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5 a) Minutes of the NPCA Public Advisory Committee dated November 26, 2020

Recommendation No. PAC-02-2021

Moved by Member Korosis

Seconded by Member Pont

THAT the minutes of the NPCA Public Advisory Committee meeting dated November 26, 2020 **BE APPROVED.**

CARRIED

5 b) Minutes of the NPCA Public Advisory Committee Watershed Floodplain Sub-Committee dated November 26, 2020

Recommendation No. PAC-03-2021

Moved by Member Speranzini

Seconded by Member Schonberger

THAT the minutes of the NPCA Public Advisory Committee Watershed Floodplain Sub-Committee meeting dated November 26, 2020 **BE APPROVED.**

CARRIED

5 c) Minutes of the NPCA Public Advisory Committee Watershed Floodplain Sub-Committee dated January 28, 2021

Recommendation No. PAC-04-2021

Moved by Member Korosis

Seconded by Member Schonberger

THAT the minutes of the NPCA Public Advisory Committee Watershed Floodplain Sub-Committee meeting dated January 28, 2021 **BE APPROVED**.

CARRIED

6. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

7. CONSENT ITEMS

- a) Bill 229 Conservation Authorities Act update (Report FA-12-21)
- b) Drainage Act Regulatory Proposal (ERO#019-2814)
- c) NPCA Media Releases – <https://npca.ca/our-voice>

C. Sharma provided an update on the Conservation Authorities Act and the Drainage Act from the Province. There was a discussion and questions from members about the Nutrient Act and the Drainage Act. Staff will follow-up with a response to these questions. Members were encouraged to check NPCA's website for recent media releases.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

None.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

10. NEW BUSINESS

10. a) Member Meet and Greet (verbal discussion/round table)

Members were asked to respond to three (3) questions:

- Short background about you and why you want to be on PAC
- What are the two (2) most important issues in your sector
- How do they relate to the NPCA

- What actions would be useful/suggested for NPCA in addressing these issues?

Each member had 5 minutes to answer this question. General discussion around the various topics.

Recommendation No.PAC-05-2021

Moved by Member Kelly

Seconded by Member Ecker-Flagg

THAT the committee directs Member Oblak to develop a draft discussion paper summarizing key issues as discussed, for approval at the next PAC meeting.

CARRIED

Action item for all members: submit 2 key points/concerns to Jackie and Kerry via email with a short explanation for inclusion in the discussion paper.

10. b) General Discussion on Low-Impact Development, Green Infrastructure and Climate Change as related to NPCA mandate.

G. Verkade, Senior Manager of Integrated Watershed Planning/Information Management introduced a number of NPCA initiatives related to climate change, LID, and green infrastructure. Some examples Geoff shared included:

- LID workshop in partnership with Trout Unlimited Niagara Chapter
- restoration feasibility study (looking at other CAs and municipal partners)
- information gathering, developing partnerships in the community
- looking at climate change mitigation metrics related to restoration work
- climate change statement on NPCA website
- full, dynamic and high-functioning staff
- floodplain mapping and shoreline resiliency strategies
- 10 year NPCA Strategic Plan
- asset management program to look at incorporating green infrastructure
- working closely with Niagara Region on their Official Plan

A general discussion followed with some members sharing ideas to move some items forward, including lunch and learns, bus tours, development incentives, and creating demonstration projects.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. PAC-06-2021

Moved by Member Speranzini

Seconded by Member Ariens

THAT this meeting of the NPCA Public Advisory Committee **BE** herby **ADJOURNED** at 6:59PM.

CARRIED

Jackie Oblak
Public Advisory Committee Chair

Chandra Sharma
Chief Administrative Officer / Secretary –
Treasurer