



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

**Thursday, June 17th 2021
5:00 p.m.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: B. Johnson, NPCA Board Chair (Acting Committee Chair)
C. Ecker-Flagg
E. Furney
K. Huxley
D. Kelly
B. Mackenzie, NPCA Board Vice Chair
J. Musso
J. Schonberger
D. Speranzini

MEMBERS ABSENT: J. Oblak (Committee Chair)
J. Ariens
M. Kauzlaric
H. Korosis
N. Seniuk

STAFF PRESENT: C. Sharma, Chief Administrative Officer / Secretary – Treasurer
N. Green, Project Manager, Niagara River Remedial Action Plan
K. Royer, Coordinator, Community Outreach
S. Miller, Senior Manager, Water Resources
G. Verkade, Senior Manager, Integrated Watershed Planning / Information Management

OTHERS PRESENT: A. Crosby-DiCenso, Executive Coordinator, NPCF
G. Wood, Vice-Chair, NPCF
S. van Haren, WSP Canada
A. Zhuge, WSP Canada

By consensus, in the absence Committee Chair Oblak, NPCA Board Chair Johnson agreed to Chair the PAC meeting on her behalf. Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.. Chair Johnson welcomed the Members and sent regrets on behalf of Committee Chair Oblak.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Recommendation No. PAC-12-2021

Moved by Member Speranzini

Seconded by Member Kelly

THAT the agenda for the June 17, 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

- a) A. Crosby-DiCenso, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Foundation RE: Annual Report, Donation Challenge and Gallery at Ball's Falls.

Recommendation No. PAC-13-2021

Moved by Member Ecker-Flagg

Seconded by Member Musso

THAT the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Foundation presentation RE: Annual Report, Donation Challenge and Gallery at Ball's Falls **BE RECEIVED.**

CARRIED

4. DELEGATIONS

None

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes of the NPCA Public Advisory Committee dated April 29, 2021

Recommendation No. PAC-14-2021

Moved by Member Huxley

Seconded by Member Furney

THAT the minutes of the NPCA Public Advisory Committee meeting dated April 29, 2021 **BE APPROVED.**

CARRIED

6. CORRESPONDENCE

None

7. CONSENT ITEMS

None

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a) Floodplain Mapping Projects: Big Forks Creek and Beaver Creek – Presentation by Steve Miller - Steve Miller, NPCA Senior Manager, Water Resources, introduced two upcoming floodplain mapping projects for Wainfleet and West Lincoln that will be completed by WSP Canada. The project team was introduced, including Steve van Haren and Albert Zhuge from WSP. Steve also presented the public engagement media campaign for input and recommendation by the Public Advisory Committee.

Recommendation No. PAC-15-2021

Moved by Member Huxley

Seconded by Member Furney

1. **THAT** the Presentation RE:Floodplain Mapping Public Engagement Media Campaign **BE RECEIVED**.
2. **THAT** the Public Engagement Media Campaign **BE ENDORSED** by the NPCA Public Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

- b) Strategic Planning Progress Update: Survey Results Summary and Input on Public Engagement - Presentation by Natalie Green.

Recommendation No. PAC-16-2021

Moved by Member Musso

Seconded by Member Huxley

THAT the presentation RE: Strategic Planning Progress Update **BE RECEIVED**.

CARRIED

- c) Niagara River *Beach Closings* Beneficial Use Impairment Assessment Report – Verbal Update - Natalie Green.

Recommendation No. PAC-17-2021

Moved by Member Kelly

Seconded by Member Ecker-Flagg

THAT the verbal update from Natalie Green RE: Niagara River *Beach Closings* Beneficial Use Impairment Assessment Report **BE RECEIVED**.

CARRIED

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Report No. PAC-01-21 RE: NPCA Public Advisory Committee Membership Update - It was noted that Derrick Pont had stepped down as the Niagara Regional Métis representative on the PAC. With support from Métis Nation of Ontario and the Niagara Regional Métis Council, Kelsey Huxley has agreed to serve as the Niagara Regional Métis representative for the remainder of Mr. Pont's term. Ms. Huxley was welcomed by the Acting Chair.

Recommendation No. PAC-18-2021

Moved by Member Musso

Seconded by Member Huxley

THAT Report No. PAC-17-2021 RE: Public Advisory Committee Membership Update **BE RECEIVED.**

CARRIED

- b) Report No. PAC-02-21 RE: NPCA Public Advisory Committee Discussion Paper

Recommendation No. PAC-19-2021

Moved by Member Speranzini

Seconded by Member Ecker-Flagg

THAT Report No. PAC-02-21 RE: NPCA Public Advisory Committee Discussion Paper **BE DEFERRED.**

CARRIED

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Verbal Update RE: Growing Canada's Forests Request for Information, Geoff Verkade – Mr. Verkade provided a verbal update to the PAC regarding the NPCA's recent submission to the Request for Information for Growing Canada's Forest federal grant. The NPCA proposed a 10-year commitment to plant native trees across the watershed in collaboration with local municipalities, community groups, and native plant growers / nurseries. It was noted that his program would aim to engage residents in nature-based solutions to climate change by planting 2 million trees over a 10-year period on public and private lands.
- b) Verbal update RE: Conservation Authorities Act – Regulatory Proposal Consultation Guide, Chandra Sharma – Ms. Sharma provided a verbal update on the Regulatory Proposal Consultation for the Conservation Authorities Act. She notified members that the process is open for comment until June 27th and that the recent NPCA Board Report and NPCA comments would be circulated to members after the meeting.

Recommendation No. PAC-20-2021

Moved by Member Speranzini

Seconded by Member Kelly

THAT Verbal Update RE: Growing Canada's Forest Request for Information and Verbal Update RE: Conservation Authorities Act – Regulatory Proposal Consultation Guide **BE RECEIVED.**

CARRIED

11. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. PAC-21-2021

Moved by Member Ecker-Flagg

Seconded by Member Musso

THAT this meeting of the NPCA Public Advisory Committee **BE** hereby **ADJOURNED** at 6:47 p.m..

CARRIED

Brenda Johnson
Public Advisory Committee Acting Chair

Chandra Sharma
Chief Administrative Officer / Secretary –
Treasurer