



Board of Directors Meeting Highlights – March 25th, 2022

On Friday, March 25th, 2022, the Board of Directors of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) held its regular monthly meeting electronically. Highlights from the meeting included:

Ontario Regulation 155/06 - NPCA Phase 1 Policy Document Review

The Board of Directors was provided with an overview of the completed Phase 1 review of the “NPCA Policy Document: Policies for the Administration of Ontario Regulation 155/06 and the Planning Act” (May 1, 2020, consolidation). The Board also approved the Phase 2 Workplan to prepare an updated Policy Document and Procedural Manual by the end of 2022.

Karen Wianecki, a Registered Professional Planner with extensive experience working with Conservation Authorities was retained to build upon the work initiated by NPCA staff in 2021 and to complete the Phase 1 policy review and gap analysis. The Phase 1 Report concluded that the NPCA Policy Document offers a solid foundation for the NPCA to communicate and further articulate its corporate position on plan review and permitting. In total, 47 recommendations were presented, ranging from minor changes such as formatting changes to more substantial recommendations like undertaking a technical review to assess the appropriate buffers to natural hazards, wetlands and watercourses.

The goal of the Phase 2 workplan will be to produce an updated NPCA Policy Document and accompanying Procedural Manual for approval by the NPCA Board of Directors on or before December, 2022.

NPCA Wainfleet Bog Advisory Committee Membership Appointments

The Board of Directors appointed the following individuals to the NPCA Wainfleet Bog Advisory Committee. Mark Jemison was appointed to represent the Township of Wainfleet. Bethany Kuntz-Wakefield was appointed to represent the First Nations (Six Nations of the Grand River). Katharine Yagi was appointed to represent the Academia Sector. Kristen Bernard and Marcie Jacklin were appointed to represent the Environmental Non-Governmental Organizations (ENGO) Sector. Dave Malloy and Kathy Richardson were appointed to represent the Stakeholder Sector.

The Board further appointed Board Member Hellinga to the NPCA Wainfleet Bog Advisory Committee for the duration of the term of the NPCA Board.

NPCA Climate Change Update

The Board of Directors was given a high-level overview of the key actions to be taken by the NPCA to combat the effects of climate change in the Niagara Peninsula Watershed. NPCA staff will be consolidating its actions into a cohesive Climate Action Plan in the coming months that will detail the measures and outcomes that the plan will cover. NPCA staff will provide annual updates to the Board of Directors on the progress of the NPCA's Climate Action Plan.

NPCA Governance Committee Member Appointments

The Board of Directors held a motion to appoint Members Ken Kawall, Ed Smith and Brad Clark to the NPCA Governance Committee.

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