



## **Board of Directors Meeting Highlights – April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022**

On Friday April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022, the Board of Directors of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) held its regular monthly meeting electronically. Highlights from the meeting included:

### **2021 Restoration Program Highlights and 2022 Restoration Project Approvals**

The Board of Directors was provided information regarding the activities of the Restoration Program in 2021 and approved 43 restoration projects selected from the November 2021 application intake. The projects selected will result in 24.24 ha of reforestation, 3.8 ha of wetlands created, 7.39 ha of new or improved hedgerows, 7.05 ha of riparian restoration, and 3 agricultural best management practices projects. Staff will engage several significant traditional and new partner organizations which will allow the NPCA to leverage funds and organizational capacities to deliver on its current priorities.

### **NPCA Draft 2021 Annual Report**

The Board of Directors approved the digital and print publication of the NPCA 2021 Annual Report. The Annual Report highlights the successes of the NPCA in 2021 that included increased conservation area visitation, volunteer hours logged, planning and permit reviews completed, and trees and shrubs planted.

### **2021 Audited Financial Statements and Audit Findings Report**

The Board of Directors approved the 2021 Audited Financial Statements and the 2021 Audit Findings Report developed by KPMG LLP, following a high-level summary presentation of the firm's findings.

### **2022 Operating and Capital Budgets**

The Board of Directors approved the NPCA Operating and Capital Budgets for 2022. The NPCA 2022 Operating and Capital Budgets were approved by Niagara Region Council on December 16, 2021, City of Hamilton Council on March 30, 2022, and Haldimand County Council on April 4, 2022.

The Board also approved the allocation of funds from Reserves to fund ongoing initiatives carried over from 2021, including those outlined in the 2022 Unfunded Budget Priorities list. This included allocation of funds into the General Operating Reserve, General Capital Reserve, Restoration Reserve, and Tree By-Law Reserve.

## **Board Resolution to The City of St. Catharines and Ontario Power Generation Regarding 12 Mile Creek**

After lengthy discussion at the meeting, the Board of Directors adopted a resolution apprising the City of St. Catharines and Ontario Power Generation of the NPCA's ongoing interest in future use and environmental enhancement of the 12 Mile Creek Valley. The Board further requested that any future high intensity use of the 12 Mile Creek Valley undergo slope stability, environmental impact studies and/or other technical works as deemed appropriate by the NPCA.

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