



Board of Directors Meeting Highlights – June 17, 2022

On Friday, June 17, 2022, the Board of Directors of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) held its regular monthly meeting in a hybrid electronic format with a limited number of Board Members attending proceedings at the Ball's Falls Centre for Conservation. Highlights from the meeting included:

Morgan's Point Conservation Area Environment and Climate Change Canada's (ECCC) Habitat Stewardship Program Funding Update

The Board of Directors received an update on activities and next steps following the purchase of a 28-hectare property at Morgan's Point Road in 2021 and the successful approval of \$100,000 in federal funding through Environment and Climate Change Canada's (ECCC) Habitat Stewardship Program.

Presentation on Digital Terrain Modeling Updates and Open Data Release

The Board of Directors received a presentation from Geoffrey Verkade, Senior Manager, Integrated Watershed Planning & Information Management regarding the updates to its 1-meter contour supporting Digital Terrain Model (DTM) serving as its topographic base mapping, as well as the publication of the Authority's Open Data Portal website for public use.

The DTM update will serve as a critical base data resource for many functionally dependent business needs as the Authority commits to filling data gaps by 2026 to support its programs and services, and further offers broader community value to those accessing and leveraging its open use publicly through the Open Data Portal.

Cave Springs Conservation Area Enhancement Project Update and Award of Contract for Parking Lot Construction

The Board of Directors were updated on the enhancement project taking place at Cave Springs Conservation Area and approved a capital contract award to Duomax Developments Ltd. in the amount of \$257,191 (plus non-recoverable HST). A contingency of 10% or \$25,719 was allocated to address any anticipated costs during the project implementation process. The initiatives of the enhancement project included an enhanced entrance and new parking area using low-impact designs, development of trail systems and wayfinding, interpretive signage, and other enhancements.

Draft Land Securement Strategy 2022-2023

The Board of Directors were presented with the Draft Land Securement Strategy for 2022-2023. The NPCA retained the consulting firm, Orland Conservation to develop the Strategy with input from NPCA staff. The Draft Land Securement Strategy 2022-2032 provided the framework for the NPCA to secure public greenspace effectively using established best practices, sound decision-making, sustainable and innovative financial models, and collaboration.

The Board endorsed the next steps for the implementation of the Land Securement Strategy to take place in 2022. This included consultation with various stakeholders for feedback on the strategy, development of policies that guide decision-making regarding land acquisition and disposition, and development of a land securement program including a budget, outreach and engagement plan.

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