

Board of Directors' Meeting Highlights – November, 2022

The Board of Directors of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) held a Special Meeting electronically on Friday, November 4, 2022, followed by a regular monthly meeting on November 18, 2022 with a limited number of Board Members attending proceedings at the Ball's Falls Centre for Conservation. Highlights from the meetings included:

Special Meeting of the Board of Directors – Friday, November 4, 2022:

Policies for Planning and Development in the N P C A Watersheds and NPCA Planning and Permitting Procedural Manual

At this special meeting convened electronically, the Board of Directors received a presentation and subsequently approved the NPCA Policy Document for Planning and Development in the Watersheds of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority along with the NPCA Planning and Permitting Procedural Manual. Provisions relating to wetland buffers were referred to the NPCA Governance Committee for further review.

Bill 23, *More Homes Built Faster Act*, 2022

The Board received a report and directed that the NPCA's comments on Bill 23, *More Homes Built Faster Act*, 2022, be submitted to the Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy. The NPCA's comments on Bill 23 were to be further posted on the NPCA's digital platforms and distributed to its partners and stakeholders.

Source Protection Authority Meeting – November 18, 2022

Source Protection Committee Chair Re-Appointment

Meeting as the Source Protection Authority on November 18, the Board welcomed the re-appointment of Source Protection Committee Chair, Bill Hodgson and approved updates to the Operating Policy within the Committee Member's Handbook.

Regular Board of Directors' Meeting – November 18, 2022

Proposed Amendments to the Greenbelt Plan, The Greenbelt Area Boundary Regulation and The Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan

The Board instructed staff to provide comment to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding proposed amendments to the Greenbelt Plan, the Greenbelt Area boundary regulation (O. Reg. 59/05) and the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan and to provide submissions to the province on the related ERO's.

Buffers to Wetlands

Following previous referral to its Governance Committee, the Board approved a section in the NPCA Policy Document to prescribe a minimum 30 metre buffer around all Provincially Significant Wetlands (PSW). For Non-Provincially Significant Wetlands, a minimum 30 m buffer was prescribed, which could only be reduced if there is no other reasonable alternative and the proposed buffer reduction was supported by science through an Environmental Impact Study (EIS). The policy does not prevent a buffer from being increased based on the findings of an EIS.

2023 Fees Schedule

With recent amendments to the Conservation Authorities Act, the NPCA reviewed and updated its fees schedule for programs and services provided by the Conservation Authority. As a result, updated fees were approved by the Board on November 18, and will be circulated to stakeholders and partners, and published on the NPCA website.

Draft Budget and Municipal Levies

The Board approved its 2023 draft budgets and municipal levies for discussion with municipal staff, and established targeted Land Securement Reserve contributions as per the Land Securement Strategy for further consideration to municipal partners.

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