



Board of Directors Meeting Highlights – July 16th, 2021

On Friday July 16th, 2021, the Board of Directors of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) held its regular monthly meeting electronically. Highlights from the meeting included:

Compliance and Enforcement 2021 Q2 Statistics

The Board of Directors was provided an overview of activities related Compliance and Enforcement within the NPCA jurisdiction during the second quarter of 2021. Second quarter statistics demonstrated a significant increase in demands on the compliance and enforcement service area. Thus far in 2021, NPCA Regulations staff reported that they had investigated 183 complaints, already exceeding the total number of complaints investigated in 2019 and were set to surpass the 225 complaints received and investigated in 2020.

The Board directed that formal discussions with local municipal partners be requested to develop or enhance tools and communication resources in relation to issues that the NPCA cannot enforce such as the cutting of trees and/or the removal of vegetation on private property.

Director, Watershed Management and Section 28 Permit Signatory Delegation

The Board was introduced to Leilani Lee-Yates, the NPCA's new Director of Watershed Management and subsequently designated her as an approved signatory for Section 28 work permits in compliance with Ontario Regulation 155/06: Regulation of Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses.

Term of Chair Position Resulting from Conservation Authorities Act Update

Pending discussions on Board size and composition with the partner municipalities, the Board of Directors approved a report to seek, as may be required, an exception from the province to the term of the NPCA Chair and Vice Chair appointments for 2022 as required under newly enacted amendments to the Conservation Authorities Act.

Resolution on the Provision of Native Pollinator Habitat

The Board adopted a resolution requesting the support and collaboration of conservation authorities and their partner municipalities across the Province of Ontario to include specialized native plant species through future development and redevelopment projects. The Board requested that the governments of Ontario and Canada also adopt a plan of action for properties within their control to protect pollinators and plant native pollinator species.

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