

Board of Directors' Meeting Highlights – September 16, 2022

On Friday, September 16, 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:

Public Advisory Committee Resignation

The Board accepted the resignation of Jackie Oblak from the NPCA Public Advisory Committee and thanked her for her service as the Committee Chair.

Request for a Minister's Zoning Order

The Board of Directors was apprised of the comments from Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority to the City of Niagara Falls on the Minister's Zoning MZO Request related to the proposed development at 0 and 8656 Mountain Road, City of Niagara Falls, to facilitate the development of an 18-hole golf course with related amenities.

Transport Canada Risk Assessment Study of Upper Welland River System Downstream of Hamilton International Airport

The Board of Directors was introduced to Elham Arbaban, a Risk Assessor with Arcadis Inc., presenting on behalf of Transport Canada. Ms. Arbaban provided information and spoke on Transport Canada's commitment to evaluating the risk of exposure to Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) for human and ecological health in areas off-site of the John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport (HIA) in the downstream area of the upper Welland River watershed.

Water Quality Monitoring Program Summary Report of the Year 2021

Josh Diamond, NPCA Water Quality Specialist, provided an overview of the Water Quality Monitoring Program implemented in 2001 in partnership with the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP), the Niagara Region, Haldimand County, and the City of Hamilton. From hundreds of water samples each year taken from streams and groundwater resources within the watershed, the NPCA identifies sources of pollution and tracks water quality trends to assess and direct NPCA environmental programs. The long-term data collected serves as a baseline to evaluate various water quality improvement initiatives undertaken by different organizations throughout the watershed.

The Board directed that the NPCA's Water Quality Monitoring Program Summary Report for the Year 2021 and the Watershed Quality Stewardship Fact Sheet 2021 be circulated to municipalities, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Ministry of the Environment and Parks, and the Federal Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Canada.

Purchase of Rockway Community Centre

Following the direction to staff in the closed session meeting of July 15, 2022, the Board received a report confirming the successful completion of the purchase of the Rockway Community Centre located at 2021 Regional Road 69 in Lincoln for the amount of \$800,000 (plus closing costs and non-recoverable HST) with funding allocated from the NPCA Land Acquisition Reserve.

Contract Award to Skycomp Solutions Inc. for Consulting and Professional Services in Information Technology

The Board of Directors approved the award of the contract for consulting and professional services in information technology to its existing service provider, Skycomp Solutions Inc., for \$150,240 per year (plus non-recoverable HST) for a 5-year term with annual price escalation tied to the Consumer Price Index.

Law Crushed Stone Quarry – Joint Agency Review Team Memorandum of Understanding

The Board approved NPCA's participation with the Region of Niagara and the Township of Wainfleet in the formation of a Joint Agency Review Team to facilitate a technical review of the application for a Regional Official Plan Amendment (ROPA), local Official Plan Amendment (OPA) and Zoning By-law Amendment (ZBA) about the expansion of the Law Crushed Stone Quarry located north of Highway 3, between Biederman Road and Graybiel Road, in the Township of Wainfleet.

OPSEU Collective Bargaining Agreement (2022-2024)

The Board of Directors ratified the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the NPCA and OPSEU – Local 212, approving salary increases of 2%, 2.25%, and 2.25% for 2022, 2023, and 2024 with the negotiated amendments of the Collective Agreement to be applied to non-union employees as well.

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