MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NIAGARA PARKS COMMISSION, SCHOOL OF HORTICULTURE, NIAGARA FALLS, ONTARIO – FRIDAY OCTOBER 20, 2017 AT 10:00 A.M.

46. MEMBERS PRESENT
Chair Janice Thomson, Vice Chair Joan Andrew, Commissioner Ian Nielsen-Jones, Commissioner Lois Giles, Commissioner Kerry Pond, Commissioner Jim Diodati, Commissioner Pat Darte, Commissioner Wayne Redekop, Commissioner Eldon Bennett, Commissioner James Detenbeck, Commissioner Kerrio.

Ms. Thomson was in the Chair and Mr. Reegan McCullough acted as Secretary to the meeting. The following staff members were present to report and answer questions on the agenda items: D. Adames, M. Neubauer, S. Barnhart, M. Gruosso, M. McMullen, Natasha Devos, Dave Infantino, Josie Bradford, Nola Polgar.

47. CHAIR THOMSON’S OPENING REMARKS
Chair Thomson welcomed members of the public and thanked them for attending.

Chair Thomson introduced Natasha Devos, Strategic Policy Coordinator.

Chair Thomson announced that the Chief Operating Officer will present on Niagara Parks recent initiatives, the Niagara Parks’ 2017 customer survey initiative, and the 2018 – 2022 multi-year accessibility plan.

The meeting began with a presentation on Niagara Parks Public Art Project followed by the introduction of the artist Gordon Reeve and the unveiling of the art Niagara Strait.

48. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
There were no declarations of interests.

49. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
The agenda was presented for approval.

Moved by: Vice Chair Andrew
Seconded by: Commissioner Kerrio
That the agenda be approved as presented.
Carried.

50. MINUTES OF JUNE 23, 2017
The minutes were presented for approval.

Moved by: Commissioner Kerrio
Seconded by: Vice Chair Andrew
That the minutes of June 23, 2017 be approved as presented.
Carried.

51. PRESENTATIONS RE: NPC RECENT INITIATIVES AND
Mr. Adames presented on Niagara Parks’ recent initiatives and business highlights as well as the results of the Niagara Parks’ Customer Satisfaction Survey that was executed between May and August 2017.
52. NPC MULTI-YEAR ACCESSIBILITY PLAN

Mr. Adames presented the 2018 – 2022 NPC Multi-Year Accessibility Plan. There were only minor changes from the previous plan.

Moved by: Commissioner Diodati
Seconded by: Commissioner Bennett
That the Commission approves the Niagara Parks 2018 – 2022 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan attached as Appendix A. Carried.

53. BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS

Mr. McCullough advised that the majority of items in the Business Highlights report were covered in Mr. Adames’ presentation on Niagara Parks’ initiatives. However, the CEO offered to take any questions on the pre-circulated report from the floor. There were no questions.

54. SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

Chair Thomson asked if there were any questions regarding the pre-circulated Summary of Decisions report. There were no questions.

55. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

56. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held Friday December 15, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the School of Horticulture.

57. RESOLUTION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

Moved by: Commissioner Pond
Seconded by: Commissioner Diodati
That the meeting move to closed session at 11:09 a.m.
Carried.