

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NIAGARA PARKS COMMISSION, LEGENDS ON THE NIAGARA, 9561 NIAGARA PARKWAY, NIAGARA FALLS, ONTARIO – FRIDAY AUGUST 18, 2017 AT 10:00 A.M.

36. MEMBERS PRESENT

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

Regrets from Commissioner James Detenbeck.

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, D. Morris.

37. CHAIR THOMSON'S OPENING REMARKS

Chair Thomson welcomed members of the public and thanked them for attending.

Chair Thomson remarked on the beautiful surroundings at the School of Horticulture and recognized the efforts of all Niagara Parks staff including the Executive team's work preparing the 2018 – 2028 Strategic Plan in addition to executing the current business plan.

Chair Thomson then invited the Chief Operating Officer, Mr. Adames, to present on Niagara Parks' recent initiatives.

38. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interests.

39. 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.*

40. 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.*

41. PRESENTATION RE: UPDATE ON NIAGARA PARKS INITIATIVES

Mr. Adames presented on Niagara Parks initiatives and recent highlights.

42. 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.

Moving forward staff will showcase Niagara Parks' initiatives and recent highlights information to the public in a presentation style in addition to the Business Highlights report.

43. SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

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

44. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Commissioner Diodati asked for information on Niagara Parks' Urban Forestry Management plan. Mr. Barnhart advised that staff will present a report at the September 22, 2017 Commission meeting.
2. Commissioner Diodati referenced a picture in the Business Highlights report of a retail display at Table Rock Complex with a sign that reads The Holiday Lodge. He commented that if all the merchandise in the display is Christmas related then he thinks the sign should use the word Christmas instead of Holiday.
3. Chair Thomson asked if there were any questions from the public. A member of the public commented that pesticide signs were posted in the Glen trails and asked what type of pesticides were being used. Mr. Barnhart advised that pesticides are not used but will look into the signs referenced. The same member of the public also commented that she has noticed a lot of litter and graffiti in the Glen trails. Mr. Barnhart advised that the routes are inspected and that staff will look into this issue.
4. Chair Thomson thanked the public for attending the meetings and for supporting Niagara Parks.

45. RESOLUTION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

*Moved by: Commissioner Diodati
Seconded by: Commissioner Kerrio
That the meeting move to closed session at 11:00 a.m.
Carried.*