

THE NIAGARA PARKS COMMISSION
MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2018 AT 10:00 A.M.
LEGENDS ON THE NIAGARA, 9561 NIAGARA PARKWAY, NIAGARA FALLS, ON

Attendance

Members: Chair Janice Thomson
Vice Chair Joan Andrew
Commissioner James Detenbeck
Commissioner Jim Diodati
Commissioner Lois Giles
Commissioner Ian Nielsen-Jones
Commissioner Wayne Redekop

Regrets: Commissioner Kerry Pond
Commissioner Eldon Bennett
Commissioner Vince Kerrio
Commissioner Pat Darte

Staff: Reegan McCullough, David Adames, Steve Barnhart, Marcelo Grusso,
Mark McMullen, Dave Morris, Margaret Neubauer, Tony Baldinelli,
Natasha Devos.

1. Call to order

Ms. Thomson welcomed Commissioners, staff and members of the public and called the meeting to order.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Approval of Agenda

The following motion was moved by Commissioner Nielsen-Jones and seconded by Vice Chair Andrew:

That the agenda be approved as presented.

Carried.

4. **Approval of Minutes – December 15, 2017**

The following motion was moved by Vice Chair Andrew and seconded by Commissioner Detenbeck:

That The Niagara Parks Commission approve the minutes of December 15, 2017 as presented.

Carried.

6. **GO Train Volunteers**

Chair Thomson presented the Niagara GO Train Welcome Team Ambassadors with an award of recognition for their service. The volunteers welcomed thousands of visitors at the downtown Niagara Falls train station from June through Labour Day and holiday weekends in 2017.

7. **Niagara Parks' Initiatives**

D. Adames provided a slide show of recent and upcoming Niagara Parks' initiatives.

8. **Green Destinations 2017 Award**

Laura Higgins from Green Destinations presented Niagara Parks with the Green Destinations 2017 award. S. Barnhart provided a slide show overview of Niagara Parks' broad sustainability initiatives in biodiversity, climate, energy and geo-tourism that make Niagara Parks an exemplary sustainable tourism destination in Canada.

9. **Business Highlights Report**

R. McCullough provided an overview of business highlights.

The following motion was moved by Commissioner Redekop and seconded by Commissioner Giles:

That The Niagara Parks Commission receive the Business Highlights report for information.

Carried.

10. **Summary of Decisions**

The Committee requested that staff present a report respecting the urban forestry management plan at the March 21, 2018 Property and Infrastructure Committee meeting to provide mapping and options for canopy cover targets.

The following motion was moved by Commissioner Detenbeck and seconded by Commissioner Diodati:

That The Niagara Parks Commission receive the Summary of Decisions report for information.

Carried.

11. French Language Services Act Application (Report 2018-28)

The following motion was moved by Commissioner Diodati and seconded by Commissioner Nielsen-Jones:

That The Niagara Parks Commission receive report 2018-28 respecting French Language Services Act Application for information.

Carried.

12. Eco-Friendly Alternatives to Bottled Water – Transition Plan (Report 2018-37)

The following motion was moved by Commissioner Detenbeck and seconded by Commissioner Nielsen-Jones:

That The Niagara Parks Commission direct staff to report back to the Finance and Audit Committee at its April 11, 2018 meeting with an update report regarding eco-friendly alternatives to bottled water.

Carried.

13. Resolution to Move into Closed Session

The following motion was moved by Commissioner Giles and seconded by Commissioner Diodati:

That The Niagara Parks Commission meeting move into Closed session at 11:15 a.m.

Carried.

Reegan McCullough, Secretary

Janice Thomson, Chair

Darla Jones, Recording Secretary