MINUTES OF M758/04-2015
NIAGARA ESCARPMENT COMMISSION
ST. CATHARINES, ONTARIO
April 15 and 16, 2015


Regrets: None.


Also Present: R. Pineo, Niagara Escarpment Program Team Leader, Natural Heritage and Land Use Planning Section, MNRF; S. Aslam, Land Use and Planning Advisor, Natural Heritage Land Use Planning Section, MNRF; S. Cooper, Land Use and Planning Advisor, Natural Heritage Land Use Planning Section, MNRF; R. Patrick, President, C.O.N.E.

Meeting called to order: 8:30 a.m.

Chair Don Scott presided.

AGENDA ITEM I – M757/03-2015

M758R1/04-2015 Moved By: McQueen
Seconded By: McGhee

“That the Commission accept the Commission Minutes of March 19, 2015, with a small change to Motion M757R7/03-2015 to read ‘based on Minutes of Settlement to be prepared to the satisfaction of the Chair’. Also there was a small change on page 23 to change the reference from G8 to G7 regarding the presentation by Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority.”

Motion Carried
**Business Arising from the Previous Minutes**

Commissioner Cambray reiterated his comments regarding his concern that the growing pressure for development could lead to the loss of the Bruce Trail as a continuous recreational corridor. Future demands for more infrastructure as well as development pressures on water resources due to growing populations will have a negative impact on the Escarpment, and therefore the policies from NEC staff regarding these matters will need to be strengthened as part of the Plan Review.

Commissioner Beattie reminded staff to include discussions regarding information items in the Minutes going forward.

**NOTE:** The Minutes were discussed and ratified on Wednesday, April 15, 2015.

**AGENDA ITEM II** – Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

None declared.

**AGENDA ITEM III** – Applications & Planning Reports

**M758R2/04-2015**

Moved By: Powers  
Seconded By: Beattie

“That the persons representing the Applications listed on the Agenda be invited to address the Commission.”

Motion Carried

**C3**

**INITIAL STAFF REPORT**

Proposed Niagara Escarpment Plan Amendment PW 209 15  
Niagara Escarpment Commission Land Use Re-Designation (former pit, Posavad)  
Part Lot 3, Concession 8  
City of Hamilton

**SOURCE:** Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC)

**PROPOSAL:**

To undertake an Amendment to the Niagara Escarpment Plan (NEP) to allow for a site specific change to the designation of a portion of the property at 451 8th Concession
Road East, City of Hamilton from Mineral Resource Extraction Area (MREA) to Escarpment Natural Area and Escarpment Rural Area. The licence (Licence No. 5682) under the Aggregate Resources Act (ARA) held by James and Rudolph Posavad was surrendered in 2006.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Niagara Escarpment Commission initiate the Amendment and instruct staff, in accordance with this Report, to prepare the proposed Amendment PW 209 15 for circulation and notification pursuant to Subsection 6.1 (2) of the NEPDA.

**Note:** Nancy Mott, Senior Strategic Advisor, reviewed the staff report and answered questions.

**M758R3/04-2015**

*Moved By: Powers*

*Seconded By: Borodczak*

“*That the Commission accept the staff recommendation.*”

*Motion Carried*

**NOTE:** The Commission requested NEC staff to consider amending Schedule A to include more of the Escarpment Natural Designation along the Tributary of Bronte Creek provided it meets the criteria for this designation. If Schedule A can be adjusted to include a larger section of Natural then that will become part of the Amendment.

This matter was dealt with on Wednesday, April 15, 2015.

**C1 SUB # 9568**

**RE:** STAFF REPORT

Policy Interpretation – Bruce Trail Conservancy and Lot Creation in the Niagara Escarpment Plan Area

**ISSUE:**

When is the Bruce Trail Conservancy (BTC) required to obtain a Niagara Escarpment Development Permit, in addition to an approval for Consent under the Planning Act? Staff presented a number of scenarios in Table 1 of the Staff Report to highlight when a Niagara Escarpment Development Permit is required. The information presented in Table 1 is meant to provide general guidance to planners and the BTC. The BTC is responsible for submitting a proposal to the NEC before proceeding with any Consent application. The NEC will ultimately be responsible for determining whether a Development Permit is required.
RECOMMENDATION:

That the Niagara Escarpment Commission:

Inform the Bruce Trail Conservancy of its proposed approach for determining when a Niagara Escarpment Development Permit is required in addition to an approval for Consent under the Planning Act.

Note: Kellie McCormack, Senior Strategic Advisor, presented and answered questions.

M758R4/04-2015

Moved By: McGhee
Seconded By: Little

“That the Commission endorse the staff recommendation.”

Motion Carried

C2 SUB # 9569

RE: STAFF REPORT
Staff Comments to Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing on the Planning Act and resulting Smart Growth for Our Communities Act (Bill 73)

CONCLUSION:

NEC staff concludes that the changes to the Planning Act are positive and that although they do not entirely address NEC staff’s original comments, the Commission should support Bill 73. NEC staff are also of the opinion that the changes which require specification of a conflict with Provincial policy in an appeal would be beneficial in implementing the Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act and/or the NEP. Knowing the nature of the alleged conflict with a policy in the NEPDA/NEP would assist in the preparation for hearings by possibly clarifying and scoping issues or resolving policy disputes.

RECOMMENDATION:

That a copy of the Report be provided to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing representing the position of the Niagara Escarpment Commission with respect to the Smart Growth for Our Communities Act (Bill 73).

Note: Nancy Mott, Senior Strategic Advisor, reviewed the staff report and answered questions.
Moved By: Borodczak
Seconded By: McQueen

“That the Commission endorse the staff recommendation.”

Motion Carried

A3

DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION W/F/2014-2015/176
Robyn Sheppard
Part Lot 35, Concession 1
(Former) Town of Ancaster City of Hamilton

PROPOSAL:

To recognize additional fill placement and re-grading at the rear portion of an existing 1.13 ha (2.8 ac) lot which supports a single dwelling and an accessory building, to extend a previously approved privacy berm and improve lot drainage.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the proposal be approved, subject to conditions.

Note: Martin Kilian, Planner, reviewed the staff report and answered questions. Scott Llewellyn, S. Llewellyn & Associates, Agent, was present to answer questions.

Moved By: Powers
Seconded By: Davidson

“That the Commission accept the staff recommendation with the following conditions with an amendment to Condition 4 shortening the timeframe in which the Development Permit will expire from 3 years to 120 days.”

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL W/F/2014-2015/176

1. Non-fulfilment or breach of any one of the conditions shall render the Development Permit void.
2. A site inspection(s) to the property may be undertaken by the Niagara Escarpment Commission to ensure that the development complies with the conditions of the Development Permit. Persons may accompany the Commission representative on the site inspection(s) who possess expert or special knowledge related to the conditions of the Development Permit.

3. No municipal building permit or other licence, certificate, permit or other similar permission relating to development shall be issued or be considered to be in force unless a Development Permit is in effect.

4. The Development Permit shall expire **120 days** from its date of issuance unless the development has been completed.

5. Development shall take place only in accordance with the site plan and development permit application submitted (except where special conditions are to apply as noted below).

6. No grading of the existing contours of the development site in the area of the development is permitted, with the exception of that which is absolutely necessary for the final completion and shaping of the berm; stabilization of the berm through seeding; removal of any unauthorized fill on the abutting Hamilton Conservation Authority property followed by rehabilitation; and, any post-development stabilization.

7. No trees other than dead or diseased trees shall be cut or removed from the lot in the area of the development, except those absolutely necessary for the final completion and shaping of the berm.

8. Screening, landscaping and rehabilitation shall be completed as soon as practical to minimize impacts to adjacent water resources and properties. All trees, shrubs and nursery stock shall be native to Ontario.

9. Prior to commencement of the on-site activity authorized under this Permit and within sixty (60) days of the date of issuance of this Permit, the applicant shall submit for the review and approval of the Hamilton Conservation Authority (HCA) a **revised pre- and post-construction grading and drainage plan** to the submitted plan prepared by S. Llewellyn & Associates Limited dated March 14, 2014 with modifications to remove the silt fence from the swale, to include a rock check dam or other suitable sediment control alternative within the swale, and to replace the proposed seed mix for re-vegetation with a valleyland or woodland seed mix.

   The HCA shall notify the Niagara Escarpment Commission upon its acceptance of the revised plan. Once approved, this plan shall form part of the Development Permit.
10. Prior to commencement of the on-site activity authorized under this Permit, the applicant shall, if necessary, obtain a **Site Alteration Permit** from the City of Hamilton Building Services Division.

If a Permit is required, a copy shall be filed with the Niagara Escarpment Commission.

11. The applicant shall remove any unauthorized fill from adjoining private properties to the satisfaction of the Niagara Escarpment Commission.

12. The berm elevation shall **not** be extended beyond its current as-built height. The sides of the berm may be shaped and contoured to a final form but not in such a way that the height is increased. Following final shaping, the berm is to be rehabilitated and stabilized with ground cover such as seeding of a native mixture acceptable to the Hamilton Conservation Authority.

13. No additional fill shall be brought onto the subject lands.

**NOTE:**

The applicant is advised by the City of Hamilton as follows:

“Acknowledgement: The subject property has been determined to be an area of archaeological potential. It is reasonable to expect that archaeological resources may be encountered during any demolition, grading, construction activities, landscaping, staging, stockpiling or other soil disturbance, in addition to any areas impacted by the installation of services, such as water, electricity and ground-source heat pumps, and the proponent is advised to conduct an archaeological assessment prior to such impacts in order to address these concerns and mitigate, through preservation or resource removal and documentation, adverse impacts to any significant archaeological resources found. Mitigation, by an Ontario-licensed archaeologist, may include the monitoring of any mechanical excavation arising from this project. If archaeological resources are identified on-site, further Stage 3 Site-specific Assessment and Stage 4 Mitigation of Development Impacts may be required as determined by the Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport. All archaeological reports shall be submitted to the City of Hamilton concurrent with their submission to the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport.

Should deeply buried archaeological materials be found on the property during any of the above development activities the Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) should be notified immediately (416.314.7143). In the event that human remains are encountered during construction, the proponent should immediately contact both MTCS and the Registrar or Deputy Registrar of the Cemeteries Regulation Unit of the Ministry of Small Business and Consumer Services (416.326.8392).”

*Motion Carried*
The Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) presented their Management Plan for the Cave Springs Conservation Area to the Commission.

Cave Springs is a 100 acre property situated along the Niagara Escarpment, in the Town of Lincoln and features spectacular vistas overlooking Lake Ontario, a rich and unique diversity of plants and habitat, and an exquisite representation of the Niagara Escarpment’s talus slopes and cliffs.

The majority of the site includes the provincially significant Beamsville Escarpment Life Science Area of Natural and Life Science Interest (ANSI). The majority of the Cave Springs Conservation Area is designated Escarpment Natural Area, with a relatively small portion designated as Escarpment Protection Area (NEP) and is classified as a “Nature Reserve” within NEPOSS.

The objectives of the Management Plan are as follows:

1. To document the natural and cultural heritage features/attributes of the property.
2. To confirm a park classification as required by the NEPOSS Planning Manual.
3. To identify park and open space zones within the property as required by the NEPOSS Planning Manual.
4. To determine appropriate types and levels of human activity.
5. To enhance access to and awareness of the Bruce Trail.
6. To increase awareness of the UNESCO Niagara Escarpment World Biosphere Reserve Designation.
7. To develop a plan for the maintenance, monitoring and protection of sensitive habitat and ecological features.

The NPCA expects to prepare a detailed Management Plan by November 2015 and the Steering Committee will make recommendations to the NPCA Board in December 2015. Once the NPCA Board has given approval of the Management Plan it will be submitted to Niagara Escarpment Commission for review and endorsement with final approval from MNRF by April 2016.

Note: Mark Brickell, Project Manager, and Carmen de Angelo, Niagara Region Conservation Authority, presented and answered questions.
“That the Commission receive the presentation on the proposed Cave Springs Management Plan.”

Motion Carried

A2

DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION D/R/2014-2015/193

John Buch  
Part Lot 11, Concession 6 EHS  
Town of Mono  Dufferin County

PROPOSAL:

To construct a ± 169.1 sq. m. (± 1,820 sq. ft.) 2 storey single dwelling, having a maximum height of ± 10.97 m. (± 36 ft.), on an existing 4.1 ha (10.2 ac.) lot. The new dwelling is to be serviced by a new private well and private onsite sewage disposal, and accessed by an extension of the existing driveway from Hockley Road.

RECOMMENDATION:

The proposal be refused for the following reasons.

1. The proposal does not comply with the Development Criteria in Parts 2.2.1 a, and 2.2.4 of the Niagara Escarpment Plan.

2. The proposal does not conform to the objective and policies of New Development Affecting Steep Slopes and Ravines in Part 2.5.5 of the Niagara Escarpment Plan.

3. The proposal does not conform to the objective and policies of New Development Within Wooded Areas in Parts 2.7.1 to 2.7.3 of the Niagara Escarpment Plan.

4. Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority does not provide support for the proposal.

5. Town of Mono does not provide support for the proposal.

Note: Tara Spears, Planner, reviewed the staff report and answered questions. John Buch, Applicant, presented and answered questions.
Moved By: McGhee
Seconded By: McQueen

“That the Commission grant the Applicant a two month deferral to allow the applicant additional time to meet with the Conservation Authority and request an appearance with the Municipality’s Public Works Board.”

Motion Carried

A1

RE: PROPOSED Niagara Escarpment Plan Amendment PG 207 15 (CAFRAMO LIMITED)
Part Lot 3, Jones Range, Geographic Township of Keppel
Township of Georgian Bluffs, County of Grey

OWNER: Solkima Limited c/o Caframo Limited
AGENT: Ron Davidson, Ron Davidson Land Use Planning Consulting Inc.

PROPOSAL:

To amend the Niagara Escarpment Plan (NEP) to add a special policy exception to the property at 501273 Grey Road 1, Part Lot 3, Jones Range, Geographic Township of Keppel, Township of Georgian Bluffs, County of Grey, to permit the construction of a 2,235m² (24,057ft²) addition to an existing 2,574m² (27,706ft²) commercial, manufacturing operation.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Niagara Escarpment Commission should initiate the Amendment and instruct staff, in accordance with this Report, to prepare the proposed Amendment PG 207 15 (Caframo Limited), for circulation and notification pursuant to Subsection 6.1 (2) of the Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act.

Note: Kellie McCormack, Senior Strategic Advisor, presented and answered questions. Dale Schnurr and Tony Solecki, Caframo Limited, presented and answered questions.

Moved By: Miller
Seconded By: Boyle

“That the Commission accept the staff recommendation.”

Motion Carried
Broke for Lunch: 12:00 p.m.

Reconvened: 1:00 p.m.

B3

STATUS UPDATE REPORT
DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION N/F/2013-2014/152
Justin Mamone – Losani Homes
Part Lot 23, Concession 3
Town of Grimsby  Niagara Region

PROPOSAL:

To undertake site grading using fill material already placed on a portion of a vacant 19.5 ha (48.3 ac) lot to prepare this area for agricultural use.

BACKGROUND:

At its February 19, 2015 meeting, the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) received a staff report for the above-noted application recommending that the application be refused. After reviewing the staff report, the applicant requested a deferral to further discuss the issues of concern to NEC staff and attempt to resolve the objectionable issues. The NEC granted the deferral for a period of 2 months, and that time frame brings the staff report back before the NEC at this time.

Staff would require an opportunity to review a future revised site and grading plan prior to considering any alternate recommendation. Therefore, should the NEC agree to extend the deferral, staff will continue to work with the applicant as expeditiously as possible to receive and consider an alternate plan that can be brought before the Commission at either its May or June 2015 meeting.

Note: Martin Kilian, Planner, reviewed the staff report and answered questions. Justin Mamone, Applicant, presented and answered questions.

M758R10/04-2015  Moved By:  Miller
Seconded By:  Powers

“That the Commission defer this matter to the July 16, 2015 Commission meeting.”

Motion Carried
B2 SUB # 9565

STATUS UPDATE REPORT
DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION N/I/2011-2012/371
Winona Concrete and Pipe Products Ltd.
Part Lot 20, Concession 2
Town of Grimsby, Region of Niagara

PROPOSAL:

To renovate and expand by 260.1 sq m (2,800 sq ft) an existing water systems products manufacturing and warehousing building on a 0.8 ha (2 ac) lot which also supports a secondary warehouse building and an outdoor product and equipment storage yard; and to recognize the expansion of the outdoor product and equipment storage yard onto a ± 0.3 ha (± 0.7 ac) area in the rear yard of the abutting 0.65 ha (1.6 ac) lot to the east which supports a single dwelling.

STATUS UPDATE:

The applicant met with staff on March 3, 2015 to discuss options which the 2015 Coordinated Review may present to resolving the outstanding issues with the development permit application. Staff advised that the applicant can consider filing a NEP Amendment application for consideration of the current proposal through the Coordinated Review.

Recently, the applicant retained a planning consultant (Upper Canada Consultants) who is scheduled to meet with staff to obtain further direction regarding the filing of an NEP Amendment application. Should such an application be filed by the Coordinated Review deadline of May 28, 2015, a decision on the development permit application could be withheld pending the outcome of the proposed amendment.

Note: Martin Kilian, Planner, reviewed the staff report and answered questions. J. Robert Puddicombe, Applicant, presented and answered questions.

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Moved By: Cambray
Seconded By: Beattie

“That the Commission defer this matter pending the submission of a Plan Amendment application during the Coordinated Plan Review.”

Motion Carried
AGENDA ITEM IV – Information Reports (Packages G & H)

M758R12/04-2015

Moved By: Little
Seconded By: Borodczak

“That the Commission receive the ‘G’ and ‘H’ package and the Deferred Items Chart.”

Motion Carried

DISCUSSION

The Commission inquired why the 2014/2015 Q4 Commission expenses were included in the G package. It was noted that it is part of a new provincial directive and will be provided quarterly for information purposes.

The Commission requested clarification on next steps for New Keppel Quarry licence. The licence is with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry for approval; the Niagara Escarpment Plan will need to be amended accordingly. It was noted that there is no time limit on quarry licences imposed through the ARA.

The Commission noted that the newly passed modified County of Dufferin Official Plan is a big step forward, with improved mapping. It was noted that all consultation meetings were held with local politicians present and it was helpful in moving the Official Plan forward, since Dufferin was one of the few municipalities in Ontario without an Official Plan.

The Commission requested further information regarding the UNESCO Niagara Escarpment Biosphere Reserve (NEBR). Cecil Louis is the NEBR representative to the Canadian Biosphere Reserve Association and the Canadian Commission for UNESCO. Efforts to establish a more formal network for the NEBR is underway.

a) Chair’s Remarks:

None at this time.

b) Director’s Report:

NEC Organizational Changes

Tara McKenna, Planner (Dufferin/Peel), has accepted a position with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, Guelph District. Recruitment to fill this permanent position has commenced.
NEC Applications S/T/2013-2014/9152-9153 (Township of Clearview) EIS and VIA

On March 24th, NEC staff, including Judy Rhodes-Munk, Rick Watt, Bohdan Wynnycky, and Linda Laflamme, met with representatives of the Township of Clearview, R.J. Burnside & Associates Limited, and Envision Tatham to discuss the errors and omissions in the Environmental Impact Study (EIS) and Visual Impact Assessment (VIA) and agency comments regarding the Township’s Development Permit Applications S/T/2013-2014/9152 and S/T/2013-2014/9153. A number of action items were identified. The Township is to provide clarifications, justification/rationale of essential, engineered cross-sections, address technical gaps and correct errors in the EIS. NEC is to provide example(s) of other Development Permit Applications that have addressed the question of essential and confirm whether an approach to addressing the fisheries concerns is acceptable to MNRF and NVCA. A subsequent meeting to further discuss the VIA requirements was proposed.

King Road Environmental Assessment, Burlington

On March 25th, Kellie McCormack attended a meeting with City of Burlington staff and their consultants, as well as staff from MNRF and Conservation Halton, regarding the King Road Environmental Assessment. Staff also attended a site visit on April 8th to gain a better understanding of the extent of rock cuts proposed to the Escarpment. Staff reiterated that an Amendment to the NEP may be required for the proposed road works, as the area is considered habitat for an endangered species (Jefferson Salamander). Further, the NEC is not supportive of any alternatives that would involve major cuts of the Escarpment.

Pinckney Pit, Town of Caledon

On March 26th, Ken Whitbread and Kellie McCormack met at the Town of Caledon offices with Town Staff, MNRF staff and Credit Valley Conservation Authority staff to discuss the future of the Pinckney Pit which is nearing the end of its operational life and the potential for using the lands for a haul route access to an active pit to the south and removing the truck traffic off Mississauga Road to the Charlton Sideroad. The issue was whether or not from a planning perspective the delay in having the pit becoming a part of the Niagara Escarpment Parks and Open Space System was justified. The issues included the transfer of the lands to the Conservation Authority, environmental and rehabilitation implications and the 20 year life span of the pit to the south. The Town will consider the issues and likely convene another meeting.

Possible Addition of Five Properties to NEPOSS

On March 26th, Anne Marie Laurence and Daniel Ventresca met with Susan Cooper (MNRF) and Bob Barnett from the Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy (EBC) to discuss the possible addition of five properties to NEPOSS. The proposal would add approximately 93 hectares of public land to NEPOSS, mainly within the Escarpment Natural Area.
Provincial Coordinated 2015 Plan Review

On March 23rd, NEC staff attended the Consultation Session on the Coordinated Review with stakeholder groups in Toronto.

On March 26th, NEC staff attended the Consultation Session on the Coordinated Review in the Town of Caledon.

On March 30th, NEC staff attended the Consultation Session on the Coordinated Review in Toronto.

On April 1st, NEC staff attended the Consultation Session on the Coordinated Review in Barrie.

On April 1st and Tuesday, April 14th, Nancy Mott participated in a teleconference with provincial staff on the Aggregate Policy Working Group to discuss the preparation of background information to support the development of policy options.

On April 9th, Anne Marie Laurence participated in a teleconference with MNRF, MMAH and other provincial ministry representatives to discuss the completion of a template for MMAH related to parks and open space policies as part of the Coordinated Plan Review.

McMaster University – Vacant Parcel for Possible Development

On March 30th, Martin Kilian attended a meeting with City of Hamilton Planning staff and McMaster University regarding McMaster’s interest in developing a 46.77 ha (115.6 ac) vacant parcel which it acquired in the 1960’s for institutional purposes in connection with its learning programs. The parcel is located on Lower Lion’s Club Road in the former Town of Ancaster (now City of Hamilton) and includes both Escarpment Natural Area and Escarpment Protection Area areas according to the mapping of the Niagara Escarpment Plan. Both City and NEC staff advised the owner that development opportunities are extremely limited within lands so designated.

Orb Subdivision

On Tuesday, March 31st, Ken Whitbread and Nancy Mott attended a meeting regarding the proposed subdivision in Belfountain. The local and regional councillors, Town staff, CVC staff and representatives of the Belfountain Community Organization were also in attendance. The purpose of the meeting was to review the planning history in the area and discuss the planning process once a Development Permit application is submitted. Planning issues relate to the requirements of the NEP, the policies of the local Official Plan and the studies required to support the subdivision were discussed. Key concerns were with the density of the subdivision, its impacts on the character of the Village and the impacts on local water supplies. The subdivision is proposed to be supported with individual wells and septic systems in an area of the Town which the ratepayers believe is already stressed. Once the studies are complete there will likely be more consultation.
Town of Caledon Properties at Mississauga Road and Olde Base Line

On April 1st, Ken Whitbread and Tara McKenna met at the Georgetown NEC offices with staff of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority, staff of the Town of Caledon and the owners of two parcels at Mississauga Road and Olde Base Line in the Town of Caledon respecting two Development Permits which are delayed because of matters related to the sensitivity of the area. The properties are impacted by significant wetlands, an Area of Natural and Scientific Interest and Endangered Species. The processing of the applications requires a NE Plan Amendment and relief from CVC policies. Options for moving forward were discussed. The applicants will approach the MNRF to see if they can receive clarification on the extent of Regulated Habitat and then decide on the course of action with respect to the Permits before the NEC.

Ontario Biodiversity Summit Advisory Committee meeting

On April 2nd, Anne Marie Laurence participated in an Ontario Biodiversity Summit Advisory Committee meeting. The purpose of the meeting was for MNRF to provide an update to the committee on progress in the planning of the upcoming summit in May. A preliminary program is now available on their website www.ontariobiodiversitysummit.ca.

Cave Springs Management Plan Technical Steering Committee

On April 7th, Anne Marie Laurence met with Susan Cooper (MNRF) and the Cave Springs Management Plan Technical Steering Committee at the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority office to discuss progress towards the development of a management plan for this area. Topics of discussion included an update on the natural heritage, water resources and cultural heritage inventories and preparations for the first round of public consultation. It was identified at the meeting that NPCA’s Board has agreed to adopt all of the changes to the Terms of Reference for the Cave Springs Management Plan that were recommended by NEC staff and endorsed by the Commission.

Cheltenham Badlands

On April 8th, Anne Marie Laurence participated in a teleconference with Ontario Heritage Trust and the rest of the Cheltenham Badlands Planning Team to discuss the status of the temporary closure of the Badlands, including proposed signage and fencing.

Proposed Road Allowance in the Queenston Minor Urban Centre

On April 9th, Martin Kilian attended a meeting with other public agency representatives at the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake municipal offices and members of the Queenston Residents’ Association regarding the Town’s intention to declare a parcel which it acquired in 1980 as a road allowance, extending from Brittain Street which is a built road located within the Queenston Minor Urban Centre of the NEP. Therefore, the
subject parcel was not included in the urban boundary when that boundary was confirmed in the late 1990s and, therefore, a development permit would be required to extend the road over this parcel. Martin explained the process involving a development permit application as well as the limitations in the policies of the NEP for transportation and utility facilities.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Beattie requested that Commissioners receive notice electronically in advance of the Commission meeting of any late submissions regarding Development Permit applications.

AGENDA ITEM VI – Adjournment

M758R12/04-2015  Moved By:  Powers

“That this meeting be adjourned.”

Motion Carried

Time of Adjournment:  2:05 p.m.

Original Signed by:

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Don Scott
Chair