

CONSERVATION ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA

THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 2018

Hamilton Conservation Authority

Vision

HCA works to ensure healthy streams and healthy communities in which human needs are met in balance with the needs of the natural environment, now and in the future.

Mission

To lead in the conservation and sustainable management of our watershed's natural environment.



**Hamilton
Conservation Authority**

Healthy Streams...Healthy Communities!

**Sunset
Christie Lake Conservation Area**

NOTICE OF MEETING CONSERVATION ADVISORY BOARD

Thursday, June 14, 2018

7:00 p.m.

**at Marina Pavilion, Christie Lake Conservation Area
1000 Highway 5 West, Dundas**

A tour will start at 6:15 p.m. Please meet at the Shuttle Hub at 6:15 p.m.

After you enter the conservation area, drive down the main road
and at the t-intersection turn left and follow the waterfall parking signs.

We will then proceed to view the restored water courses and Pond 7.

Following the tour, we will head to the Marina Pavilion for the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

1. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS ~ Topalovic

2. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. DELEGATIONS

5. MEMBER BRIEFING

5.1 Conservation Authorities Act ~ Burnside

6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACTIONS ~ Topalovic

CA1810 Project Technical Advisory Committee

CA1811 Flood and Erosion Control Project for Upper Battlefield Creek
and Stoney Creek – Saltfleet Conservation Area

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

7.1 Minutes – Conservation Advisory Board (March 8, 2018) ~ Topalovic

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

8.1 Tracking Report (for your information only)

9. STAFF REPORTS/MEMORANDUMS

9.1 Christie Pond 7 (Verbal Update) ~ Oaks

9.2 Fifty Point Conservation Area Pond – Fisheries Management ~ Stone

9.3 Changes in Public Pool Regulations 565 – Wild Waterworks ~ Kinnear

9.4 Westfield Heritage Village Conservation Area Master Plan ~ Smith

9.5 Upcoming Events ~ Costie

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. NEXT MEETING – Thursday, August 9, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

12. ADJOURNMENT

HAMILTON CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Conservation Advisory Board

MINUTES

March 8, 2018

Minutes of the Conservation Advisory Board meeting held on Thursday, March 8, 2018 at HCA's Woodend Administration Building commencing at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

**Morgan Pirie, Chair
Lydia Cartlidge
Frank Cucullo
Brad Gautreau
Cheryl Larocque
Marie Robbins
Wayne Terryberry**

**Doug Conley
Joanne Di Maio
Donna Kydd
Chris Michels
John Shaw**

REGRETS:

John Barkovic, Kristen Brittain, Susan Fielding, Robert Pasuta, Duke O'Sullivan, Maria Topalovic

STAFF PRESENT:

Lisa Burnside, Grace Correia, Gord Costie, Matt Hall, Joel Konik and Scott Peck – HCA Staff

OTHERS:

**Tim Keane
Richard Leitner – Media**

1. CHAIR'S REMARKS

Morgan Pirie welcomed everyone and indicated the regrets received for the meeting and recognized two members who are departing CAB.

Morgan indicated that Marie Robbins has been a CAB member for 8 years from April 2010 to March 2018. With her work commitment, Marie is not renewing her membership for another four year term. Marie Robbins thanked the HCA and CAB for the opportunity to serve on the committee. Marie noted it was an honour to serve and it was bittersweet to depart and noted that it is a turning point with an opportunity to do some hands on work at Fifty Point and Eramosa Karst.

Marie wished the HCA well in our continued conservation work and noted she will see us down the road.

Morgan also noted that Rob Booth has resigned. Lisa Burnside expressed this was for professional reasons relating to the Board of Director's decision regarding the Ancaster Wells. Rob's resignation email was sent to all CAB and Board members.

Morgan and Lisa Burnside extended their sincere thanks and appreciation for all the work and service provided by both Marie and Rob and acknowledged how fortunate HCA is to have engaged volunteer citizens that serve on CAB.

2. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The Chair asked members to declare any conflicts of interest. John Shaw noted he had a conflict with item 9.2 Project Technical Advisory Committee. John did not vote nor take part in the conservation on that item.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Chair requested any additions or deletions to the agenda. There were none.

CA1808 **MOVED BY:** **John Shaw**
 SECONDED BY: **Frank Cucullo**

THAT the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

4. DELEGATIONS

4.1 40 Day Hike of the Bruce Trail

Morgan Pirie and John Shaw introduced Tim Keane.

Tim provided an overview of his through hike of the Bruce Trail and provided his view of our lands from a hiker's perspective. He noted that he started out on August 5 and finished September 20 which totaled 40 days and 39 nights. Tim also indicated he practiced no trace hiking and did not use a tent and did not have a fire for the whole trip other than the last night of the hike.

Tim spoke of the challenges of the hike from a physical and emotional perspective and noted how hard it was to hike the intended 22 km per day and some specific difficult sections of the trail. Tim specifically noted the lack of

water along the length of the Bruce Trail. There was a Facebook page that Tim used to track his progress and it was well viewed with much support from emotional perspective from his followers.

Tim noted the importance of trail angels, people along the trail who helped him when he needed it most and how they helped him with water, food and spiritual support. He continued to talk about his experience with black bears, owls and seeing a Massasauga Rattle Snake.

Tim concluded his talk by expressing his gratitude for the work we do and noted that nature has a way to heal a person. People benefit from our lands because they can go on a hike and experience the land, the forests, the wetlands and all nature has to offer.

5. MEMBER BRIEFING

There was none.

6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT OF BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S ACTIONS

The March Board of Directors meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum. As such, the Board of Directors took no action regarding the February CAB items discussed regarding the Merrick Cider Shack or the Artifact Donation List. The Shuttle Bus recommendation was approved by the Board of Directors by an email poll.

7. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

7.1 Minutes – Conservation Advisory Board (February 8, 2018)

CA1809 MOVED BY: Cheryl Larocque
SECONDED BY: Joanne Di Maio

THAT the minutes of the February 8, 2018 Conservation Areas Advisory Board meeting be approved.

CARRIED

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was none.

9. STAFF REPORTS/MEMORANDUMS

9.1 Trail Bridge Inspection Program

Matt Hall presented the memorandum and indicated that HCA is currently responsible for maintaining over 70 trail bridges and 140 kilometres of trail. Matt provided example pictures of various bridge issues including trip hazards, decking issues and wood rot on the bridges. The bridges are mostly made of wood and they deteriorate over time and require regular inspection and maintenance to ensure that they are safe for the public to use.

Capital Projects & Strategic Services division has developed a program to provide for an annual review of the bridges and outlines the roles and responsibilities of HCA employees for inspecting each bridge.

A Trail Bridge Inspection Manual has been developed to aid staff on how to properly inspect a bridge and what to document.

As annual trail bridge inspections are performed and completed, it helps determine where capital resources can be most effectively utilized with a priority placed on the bridges which need the most attention.

Matt answered member's questions.

9.2 Project Technical Advisory Committee

Scott Peck presented the report and answered member's questions. The Project Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC) acts as a review and approval committee for funding applications under the Hamilton and Halton Watershed Stewardship Programs (HWSP) Water Quality and Habitat Improvement Program. Annual endorsement of PTAC members is required for the annual insurance coverage requirement. The term of appointment would run from April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019.

CA1810

MOVED BY: Wayne Terryberry
SECONDED BY: Lydia Cartlidge

THAT the Conservation Advisory Board recommends to the Board of Directors:

THAT to meet annual insurance coverage requirements, the responsibilities of the Project Technical Advisory Committee for the Hamilton and Halton Watershed Stewardship Programs be approved as identified in this staff report of March 8, 2018; and further

THAT the members on the Committee be appointed for the period of April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019.

CARRIED

9.3 HWWA Deer Harvest Results

Gord Costie provided a verbal report on the agreement the HCA has with the HWWA and the spirit and intent of that agreement. Gord noted the agreement represents reconciliation in action and respects cultural and treaty rights of the Haudenosaunee and is not a cull.

Gord outlined that on the Schedule "A" lands west of Martin Side Road, that 13 deer were harvested during the time period of November 15, 2017 to December 7, 2017. Further, 2 deer were harvested on the Schedule "B" lands north of Governors Road from January 2 to 11, 2018. Total of 15 deer were harvested out of the 60 deer quota maximum as outlined in the Board of Directors approved Annual Specific Agreement.

Gord concluded that the HCA continues to work with all parties on this agreement and that HCA staff continue to monitor the impact of deer on HCA lands through our ecology staff.

Gord answered member's questions.

9.4 Flood and Erosion Control Project for Upper Battlefield Creek and Stoney Creek – Saltfleet Conservation Area

Scott Peck presented the report and answered member's questions. For the new Saltfleet Conservation Area, the HCA engaged the consulting firm Amec Foster Wheeler (now WOOD PLC) to undertake an environmental assessment to "conduct a technical assessment of the effectiveness of various potential storage locations, sizes and combinations above the escarpment to address flood and erosion risk in the lower reaches of Stoney and Battlefield Creeks" for the purposes of natural hazard attenuation. This is a Class EA, as per the "Conservation Ontario, Class Environmental Assessment for Remedial Flood and Erosion Projects".

The next step in this process is the filing of the environmental study report, notifying by letter all parties that have expressed an interest in the project and publishing a Notice of Completion in the local newspaper and for the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change.

The study recommends 4 storage facilities be implemented to best address the purposes of the study being to reduce the risk of downstream flooding and

erosion. Scott outlined that staff are supportive of the findings and recommendations of the environmental study report.

Scott answered member's questions.

CA1811 **MOVED BY:** **Wayne Terryberry**
SECONDED BY: **Chris Michels**

THAT the Conservation Advisory Board recommends to the Board of Directors:

THAT the Flood and Erosion Control Project for Upper Battlefield Creek and Stoney Creek, Community of Stoney Creek, City of Hamilton Environmental Study Report be filed for public review and for the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change.

CARRIED

9.5 Upcoming Events

Gord Costie provided an update of the upcoming events that was provided in the agenda package.

10. NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the CAB is scheduled for Thursday, May 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

12. ADJOURNMENT

On motion, the meeting was adjourned.



Memorandum

To: Members of the Conservation Advisory Board

From: Lisa Burnside, CAO

Recommended by: T. Scott Peck, MCIP, RPP - Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/Director, Watershed Planning & Engineering

Prepared by: Jaime Tellier, Watershed Officer

Date: June 4, 2018

Re: CAB Tracking Report – June, 2018

Meeting Date	Formal Recommendation	Idea/Comment	Board Approval	Action/Status
March 8, 2018	<p>Flood and Erosion Control Project for Upper Battlefield Creek and Stoney Creek – Saltfleet Conservation Area</p> <p>That the Conservation Advisory Board recommends to the Board of Directors:</p> <p>That the Flood and Erosion Control Project for Upper Battlefield Creek and Stoney Creek, Community of Stoney Creek, City of Hamilton Environmental Study Report be filed for public review and for the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change.</p>	N/A	April 5, 2018	The EA was filed with a comment deadline of May 28, 2018. Comments have been received from 3 agencies and HCA staff are reviewing the comments and preparing response to the issues raised. Staff will advise when the EA is final.

February 8, 2018	<p>Merrick Cider Shack</p> <p>That the Conservation Advisory Board recommends to the Board of Directors:</p> <p>That the Merrick Cider Shack be approved for a new use and be converted into a pavilion.</p>	N/A	April 5, 2018	The conversion of the Merrick Cider Shack into a pavilion is scheduled to take place in the fall of 2018. The work will be undertaken by HCA staff
November 9, 2017	Westfield Heritage Village Master Plan	N/A	N/A	Staff report to June 14, 2018 CAB will detail plan and public consultation
April 13, 2017	<p>Ancaster Wells – Recommendation to the Board of Directors:</p> <p>That this report be received as information for project background and general understanding; and</p> <p>That the Conservation Advisory Board endorse the closure of the site; and further</p> <p>That the Conservation Advisory Board recommend to the Board of Directors that the site be closed.</p>	N/A	N/A	Fencing has been installed around the well. The automated entry system is operational. Approximately 640 have signed the waiver form to obtain a swipe card.
April 13, 2017	<p>Gypsy Moth Surveys - That the Conservation Advisory Board recommends to the Board of Directors:</p> <p>That the memorandum titled Gypsy Moth Surveys and Update be received.</p>		May, 2017	Staff are coordinating with the City of Hamilton; Information has been added to the HCA website; Gypsy Moth spraying has taken place in late May 2018. Monitoring work will continue.
December 8, 2016	Webster Falls - Spencer Gorge	Members requested an update regarding Webster Falls – Spencer Gorge	N/A	Shuttle is operating out of Christie Lake CA.

April, 2016	HCA Managed Forest Plan – received as information.	N/A	N/A	Pine plantation harvests have been completed.
June, 2015	Pond Decommissioning and Fish Habitat Improvement Project – received as information.	Monitor for changes in water temperature as a result of the decommissioning	N/A	Ecological monitoring of Ponds 1-6 is ongoing; Pond 7 work is complete
January, 2015	Roofed Accommodation Facilities – Valens Lake Conservation Area – received as information.	N/A	N/A	The Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) has been approved. Staff are working on obtaining site plan approval from the City of Hamilton and submission of a building permit application.
June, 2014	Desjardins Canal Parklands Restoration Project Update – Recommendation that the HCA Board of Directors approve the change in design approach to the chimney square area of the Desjardins Canal Parklands project as proposed by the Dundas Rotary Clubs; and that the staff update report on the Desjardins Canal Parklands Restoration Project be received.	N/A	July, 2014	The deck/lookout design is being finalized, with construction scheduled to begin in 2018. In the upcoming field season, staff will evaluate the success of previous plantings and provide recommendations for further work, if needed.
April, 2014	HCA Planning & Regulation Policies and Guidelines - Policy Review and Update – received as information.	N/A	N/A	Consultation on draft update planned for mid-year; Completion anticipated for year-end.



Report

TO: Conservation Advisory Board

FROM: Lisa Burnside, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)

RECOMMENDED T. Scott Peck, MCIP, RPP, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/Director, Watershed Planning & Engineering

PREPARED BY: Mike Stone, Manager, Watershed Planning Services
Gord Costie, Director, Conservation Area Services
Colin Oaks, Aquatic Ecologist

DATE: May 29, 2018

RE: Fifty Point Conservation Area Pond – Fisheries Management

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Conservation Advisory Board recommends to the Board of Directors:

THAT staff be directed to undertake a project feasibility study for the work required to transition the Fifty Point pond to a self-sustaining fishery; and further,

THAT, subject to the findings of the feasibility study, staff be directed to complete the design and implement the transition of the pond to a self-sustaining fishery.

BACKGROUND

The Fifty Point Conservation Area is one of the Hamilton Conservation Authority's premier landholdings. The conservation area is located within an urbanized area of the City of Hamilton and contains a full service marina with dockage for 340 boats, a restaurant facility, and a fully serviced campground with 76 sites, hiking, swimming, and fishing in the pond, marina and Lake Ontario as well as picnicking opportunities.

In addition to the above, the conservation area contains significant natural features associated with the shoreline of Lake Ontario and Fifty Creek and its associated floodplain. These features provide a natural setting for this conservation area while providing opportunities for nature appreciation, fishing and birding.

One of the main environmental features in this conservation area is the pond that is located to the immediate west of Fifty Creek (Figure 1). This pond was constructed in the late 1960's by removing fill material that was used for the construction of the QEW overpass at Fifty Road. The pond has an area of 5.74 hectares (14.2 acres) with an average depth of 4.2 metres (13.5 feet) and a maximum depth of 7.62 metres (25 feet).

HCA staff expect the pond is primarily supported by rain water and surface drainage, with possibly some groundwater input. The pond is periodically connected to Fifty Creek during elevated water levels by way of an outlet in the northeast corner of the pond. Fifty Creek drains to Lake Ontario. There is no outlet or drainage connection between the pond and the marina. In recent years, staff have noted periodic algae blooms in the pond, and an overall decrease in aquatic plant life.

The pond and Fifty Creek are both regulated by the Hamilton Conservation Authority pursuant to *Ontario Regulation 161/06 (HCA's Regulation of Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses)* made under the *Conservation Authorities Act, R.S.O. 1990*. The pond and watercourse are regulated as they are subject to floodplain and erosion hazards.

The City of Hamilton Official Plan designates the pond and Fifty Creek as part of the Fifty Creek Valley Environmentally Significant Area. Additionally, the valley lands associated with Fifty Creek are also designated as Significant Woodland in the City of Hamilton Official Plan.

STAFF COMMENT

Fifty Point provides several fishing opportunities for conservation area users. Staff note that fishing takes place in the marina when the boats are out of the water and also along the Lake Ontario shoreline. The pond at Fifty Point has also traditionally been stocked with trout. Staff refer to this as a "put and take" fishery as the pond is stocked and the fish are taken by the angler with the fish not reproducing in the pond. This stocking program cost \$18,000 in 2017, and stocking has been done on an annual basis.

The Hamilton Conservation Authority (HCA) is required to obtain a license from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) to stock the pond. HCA's licence to stock the pond was last renewed in 2015, for a period of five years. However, in the spring of this year after a site visit by the MNRF, the HCA was advised by MNRF that the pond did not meet conditions to stock due to the water levels of Fifty Creek and the resulting connection of the pond to Fifty Creek. Stocked ponds are required to be "off-line" to ensure stocked fish do not enter a natural waterbody.

Given the above, HCA staff see an opportunity to create a natural fishery. Staff are proposing to further investigate the conditions in the pond to determine the feasibility of establishing a native self-sustaining fishery that would allow for continued fishing opportunities in the pond. This would include seine netting to document any existing fish species present, confirmation of pond depths, temperatures and oxygen levels, as well as surveying for aquatic vegetation and other existing fish habitat features that may be in the pond. Based on the findings of this work, HCA staff would then work towards determining if any fish habitat improvements would be required to establish or enhance a self-sustaining fishery. HCA staff expect this would likely be a warm water fishery, with species such as Pumpkinseed, Blue gill, Pike and Bass, but this needs to be confirmed through the work proposed. Fish such as trout, bass and perch have been observed in the pond.

Work to move towards a self-sustaining fishery in the pond at Fifty Point is consistent with HCA's recent fisheries management philosophy and approach. Over the last several years at Christie Lake Conservation Area, seven former fishing ponds were decommissioned and returned to natural streams in an effort to improve fish habitat and establish a self-sustaining fishery. With this work complete, Fifty Point remains the only HCA conservation area where fish have been stocked in recent years. The proposal to establish a natural fishery will allow for continued recreational fishing opportunities in the pond going forward, and would be envisioned to include enhanced access areas for the public.

STRATEGIC PLAN LINKAGE

The initiative refers directly to the HCA Strategic Plan 2014-2018:

- **Strategic Goal #2 – Natural Heritage Conservation**
 - Strategic Objective - maintain and enhance the natural heritage features of HCA lands and manage these lands on an environmentally sustainable basis
- **Strategic Goal #3 – Conservation Area Experience**
 - Strategic Objective – maintain and enhance conservation area infrastructure and natural heritage features within the context of approved master plans.

AGENCY COMMENTS

Not applicable.

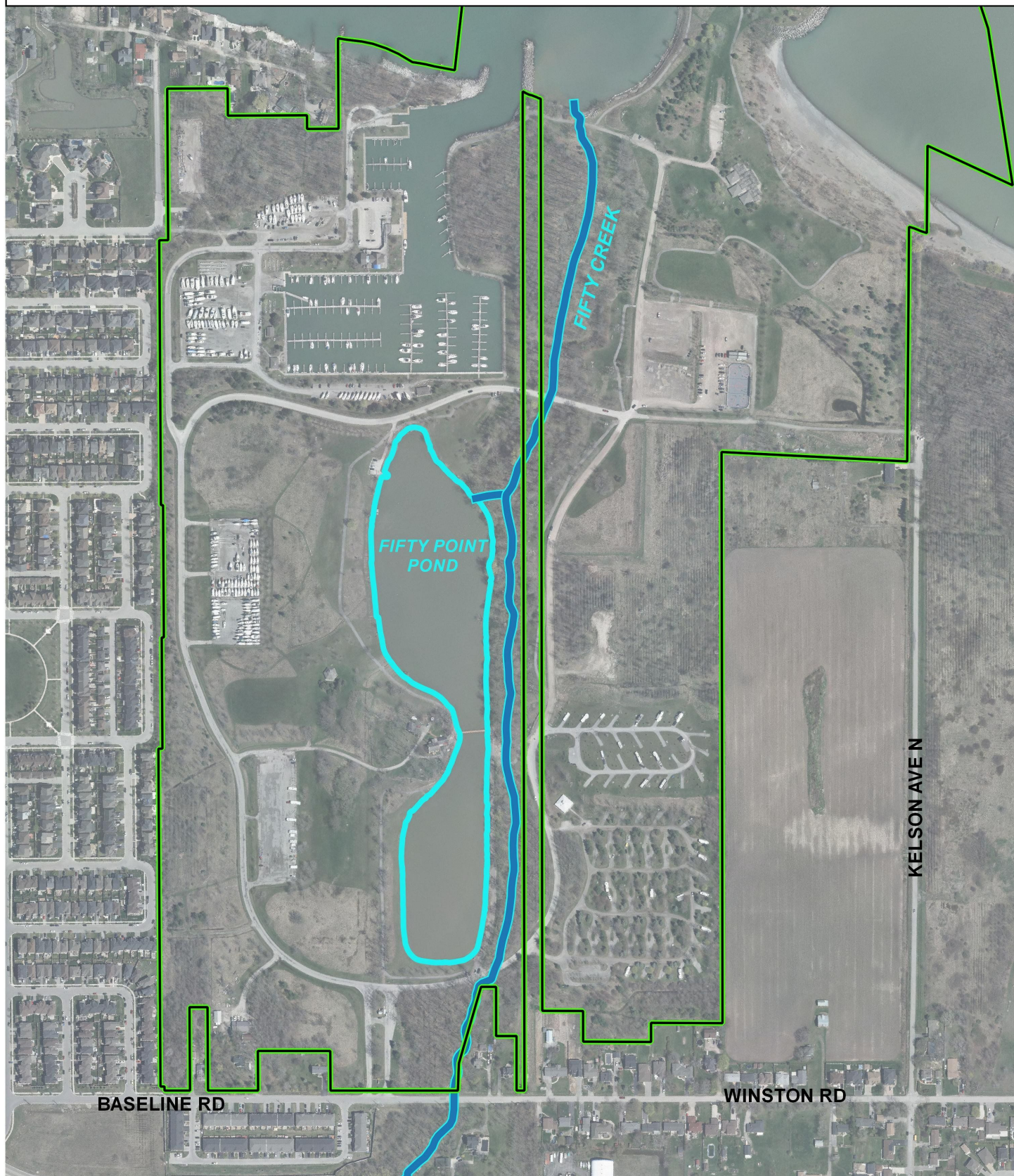
LEGAL/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The proposed investigation of pond conditions would be completed by HCA Ecology staff as part of regular annual Aquatic Resources Monitoring Program work. Any costs associated with design work or fish habitat enhancements would need to be determined based on monitoring results, and would be implemented through future capital improvements and utilizing the funds earmarked for fish stocking.

CONCLUSIONS

Staff recommend to undertake the required investigation and design work to establish a self-sustaining fishery in the Fifty Point pond. This recommendation is consistent with HCA's recent fisheries management philosophy and approach at conservation areas, and continues to allow fishing opportunities at Fifty Point where conservation area users of all ages will be able to fish in the pond for years to come.

FIGURE 1



0 250 500 m



Legend

 Fifty Point CA Boundary

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Memorandum

TO: Conservation Areas Board Members

FROM: Lisa Burnside, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)

RECOMMENDED & PREPARED BY: Sara Kinnear, Manager, Wild Waterworks

DATE: May 31, 2018

RE: Changes in Public Pool Regulations 565 Impacting Wild Waterworks

BACKGROUND

Wild Waterworks is located in Confederation Beach Park and hosts approximately 100,000 visitors a year. It boasts having one of the largest outdoor wave action pools in Canada, six waterslides, a river attraction and children's waterplay area. To operate Wild Waterworks, HCA must comply with various pieces of legislation and regulations which govern the waterslides, food concessions and water attractions (pool and river).

The Ministry of Health and Long Term Care undertook a revision of the Public Pool Regulations 565 during the last fifteen (15) months. Consultation with aquatic professionals was sought during the revisions and a final document was released as of March 29, 2018. There are several changes to the legislation which will affect the operation of Wild Waterworks.

STAFF COMMENT

Recent changes to the regulations under the Health Protection and Promotion act affecting public pools have been put into place by the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care. The changes in Legislation will affect every Class A pool in Ontario including water parks and municipally run pools. The particularly relevant aspect impacting Wild Waterworks is the legislation intended to promote the safety of young swimmers while participating in recreational swimming.

As an operator HCA must comply with the regulation which states the following:

That every owner and every operator of a Class A pool shall ensure that there is a process in place to ensure a guardian or designated person supervises children 10 years of age and under. The process must include a swimming competency test and a method of communicating the requirements of the process O. Reg 494/17, s.13(10) 565.

A wave action pool presents unique and challenging logistics to undertake a swim competency test due to the volume of visitors and lack of a dedicated still water area, however, compliance with this requirement is expected.

Staff have worked with the City of Hamilton Public Health inspector to mutually agree upon the following measures in lieu of a swimming competency test:

If a swimming competency test is not performed there must be a process in place that addresses this. It is required that all users 10 years of age and younger wear a lifejacket/PFD in the wave pool and Eazy River if their swimming competency cannot be determined.

To this end Wild Waterworks will be requiring anyone 10 years of age and under to wear an approved lifejacket/PFD in the Wave Action Pool and the Eazy River in lieu of a swim competency test.

For supervision of those 10 years of age and under, the guardian or designated person 16 years of age or older must be within Arm's Reach at all times while in the water and the following ratios must be adhered too.

Children under age 6	Two children with a lifejacket/PFD to one guardian (2:1) 16 years of age or older
Children aged 6 to 10	Eight children with a lifejacket/PFD to one guardian (8:1) 16 years of age or older

Wild Waterworks will have lifejackets/PFDs available on first come first serve basis free of charge for patron use. They will be located near the Wave Action Pool on racks. Staff will be available to assist with sizing and answer questions. Wild Waterworks allows patrons to bring in their own approved Lifejacket/PFD for use in the Wave Action Pool and Eazy River as supplies are limited.

Staff note that other water parks in the area, including Bingemans, Canada's Wonderland, Wet n' Wild Toronto, Fallsview Indoor Waterpark and East Park are also moving to the use of lifejackets, in order to be in compliance.

STRATEGIC PLAN LINKAGE

The initiative refers directly to the HCA Strategic Plan 2014-2018:

- **Strategic Goal # 5**
 - Strategic Objective – maintain and provide a safe working environment for both employees and visitors
 - Strategic Objective – maintain and enhance our relationship with the City of Hamilton regarding the management and operation of Confederation Beach Park.

AGENCY COMMENTS

In early May 2018, the City of Hamilton Public Health Services sent a letter to owners/operators of public pools and spas to explain the position of Public Health Services regarding the interpretation, expectations, and timelines to comply with several sections in the revised public pools regulation that comes into effect on July 1, 2018. If Wild Waterworks were to operate while not in compliance with the revised legislation there is a risk that Public Health Services could order the premises closed and/or pursue legal action with the designated operator and/or the owner, depending on the deficiency.

LEGAL/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

To comply with this regulation Wild Waterworks has purchased 750 Lifejackets/PFDs at a cost of approximately \$25,000. The lifejackets will be available to patrons free of charge. There will be a yearly cost for replacement lifejackets/PFD's each season.

CONCLUSIONS

Wild Waterworks will be requiring anyone 10 years of age and under to wear an approved lifejacket/PFD in the Wave Action Pool and the Eazy River in lieu of a swim competency test to meet the requirements of Public Pool Regulations 565. It is the hope of Wild Waterworks staff and management that this change in legislation and provision of lifejackets will also encourage those that are over the age of 10 and non-swimmers to wear a Lifejacket/PFD.



Memorandum

TO: Conservation Advisory Board

FROM: Lisa Burnside, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)

RECOMMENDED BY: Matthew Hall, Director, Capital Projects & Strategic Services

PREPARED BY: Kathy Smith, Design Projects Coordinator

DATE: June 1, 2018

RE: Update on Westfield Heritage Village Conservation Area Master Plan

BACKGROUND

Westfield Heritage Village opened to the public in 1964, and today is operated year round as a living history museum by the Hamilton Region Conservation Authority (HRCA). Westfield Heritage Village Conservation Area (Westfield) boasts over 50 buildings and a diverse artifact collection, and the public is greeted in the village area of the property by costumed staff and volunteers on weekends and during special event days.

Westfield is 202 hectares (500 acres) in size, and contains the heritage village as well as natural woodlands, plantation forests, provincially significant wetlands, meadow areas, cultural heritage features from past farming operations, and several well marked recreational trails easily accessed from the village area. Westfield is a community resource and attracts visitors and generates revenue from a variety of special events and public programs, food services, a gift shop, facility rentals, school tours, bus tours, wedding bookings, and film and television productions.

Westfield is an important tourist attraction for visitors from around the world as well as the local area. Recent land acquisitions have significantly increased the size of this conservation area. Changes in urban development, tourism, recreation, demographic

and market trends since the 2005 master plan was completed were considered in the preparation of this new master plan for Westfield.

STAFF COMMENT

The new Westfield Heritage Village Conservation Area Master Plan is intended to become the guiding policy document for development and management of this conservation area.

This master plan was developed in a five stage process by staff who scoped the work plan, developed a project schedule, and proposed a framework for consultation and review through an in-house steering committee.

Phase 1 Initiation was completed by September 2017 with the establishment of the steering committee, engagement of staff, collection of mapping information, and gathering information through meetings and workshops. Staff, the steering committee, and selected volunteers and stakeholders were engaged in this process.

Phase 2 Inventory was completed by February 2018 with collection and assembly of background information, mapping, and seasonal ecological field surveys of the property. Visitor surveys were conducted in the summer of 2017 in person and on-line with staff, volunteers, and the public. Staff also operated a public information booth at the Westfield Ice Cream Carnival to notify the public of the master plan process and respond to questions.

Phase 3 and 4 Site Concepts, Management and Operations was completed by April 2018 with a series of roundtable focus groups discussing site concept, site philosophy, vision and mission, operations, finance, marketing and tourism.

Staff are currently in Phase 5 Finalizing the Master Plan and this is to be completed by August 2018 with reviews of the compiled draft plan by the steering committee, stakeholders, and Board of Directors and CAB members. The draft plan will be posted online for public review and comment from June 15 to July 24th. Public comment will also be solicited at a public open house tentatively scheduled for the afternoon of Sunday June 24th at Westfield. It is anticipated the final draft document will be compiled after public comment, for presentation and recommendation for adoption by the HCA Board of Directors at their September meeting. A follow up presentation will be held with CAB to inform members of the adopted Master Plan.

STRATEGIC PLAN LINKAGE

The initiative refers directly to the HCA Strategic Plan 2014-2018:

- **Strategic Goal #3 – Conservation Area Experience**
 - Strategic Objective – Maintain and enhance conservation area infrastructure and natural heritage features within the context of approved masterplans.

AGENCY COMMENTS

Westfield Heritage Village is situated in the Grand River Conservation Authority watershed. The Grand River Conservation Authority and City of Hamilton planning departments will be circulated with the draft document for review and comment before it is finalized. No formal comments have been requested or received at this time.

LEGAL/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

CONCLUSIONS

A new Master Plan will help provide guidance for wise management and operation of Westfield Heritage Village Conservation Area (Westfield) over the next ten years. The master plan process is at 80% completion, and Phase 5 will be completed when all comments are received on the draft. Staff look forward to receiving comments from all interested parties over the coming months, and presenting the final plan for adoption this fall.



UPCOMING HCA & PARTNER EVENTS

Opening Weekend

June 9 & 10, 11:00am to 8:00pm

Wild Waterworks

680 Van Wagners Beach Road, Hamilton, ON L8E 3L8

What better way than to start your summer than a day at Wild Waterworks?! Splash around and enjoy a day filled with fun in the sun! For more information, visit www.wild-waterworks.com, phone 905-547-6141 or email wildww@conservationhamilton.ca

Paint in the Park “Morning Serenity”

June 16 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Christie Lake Conservation Area

1000 Highway 5 West, Dundas, Ontario, L9H 5E2

Spend an afternoon in the outdoors with Social Art at Christie Lake Conservation Area! Spend a couple hours creating your own painting, and make sure you take advantage of this beautiful place by packing a picnic, hiking, and enjoying the beach! To register for this event, please visit <http://www.socialart.ca/reservations/morning-serenity-christie-lake>

Bring a Picnic for Father’s Day

June 17 12:30 – 4:00 pm

Westfield Heritage Village

1049 Kirkwall Road, Rockton, ON L0R 1X0

Treat Dad to a day in the country. Bring your own picnic to enjoy in the beautiful, picturesque setting of Westfield. Purchase sweet treats and cool drinks from the General Store. For more information visit www.westfieldheritage.ca

Father’s Day

June 17, 11:00am to 8:00pm

Wild Waterworks

680 Van Wagners Beach Road, Hamilton, ON L8E 3L8

Cool off and celebrate a day with dad and the whole family at Wild Waterworks! Lots of contests and giveaways! Dad gets in free with 2 day admission purchases, not applicable for sundown rates. For more information, visit www.wild-waterworks.com, phone 905-547-6141 or email wildww@conservationhamilton.ca

Family Swims

June 18-22, June 25/26 4:00-8:00pm

Wild Waterworks

680 Van Wagners Beach Road, Hamilton, ON L8E 3L8

Cool off after your hard day of work with the whole family at Wild Waterworks! Sunset admission rates apply. For more information, visit www.wild-waterworks.com , phone 905-547-6141 or email wildww@conservationhamilton.ca.

Carnival Day

June 23, 11:00am - 8:00pm

Wild Waterworks

680 Van Wagners Beach Road, Hamilton, ON L8E 3L8

What's better than a regular carnival? Well, one at Wild Waterworks of course! Splash around and enjoy a day filled with fun in the sun! Enjoy all that Wild Waterworks has to offer plus some carnival games! For more information, visit www.wild-waterworks.com , phone 905-547-6141 or email wildww@conservationhamilton.ca.

Yoga in the Park

June 26, 2018 – September

Dundas Valley Conservation Area

650 Governors Road, Dundas, ON L9H 5E3

Moksha Yoga Hamilton is back and will meet every Tuesday at 6pm throughout the summer months in the Dundas Valley to offer a free* outdoor yoga class! The class will take place in the flat clearing of grass just off the Rail Trail, close to the Trail Centre building, behind the train and near the start of the Main Loop. You can't miss them! For more information, visit Moksha Yoga Hamilton's website at <https://hamilton.mokshayoga.ca/>. Parking fee applies, free to HCA Membership Pass holders

Canada Day Weekend Camping

June 29 – July 2

Valens Lake Conservation Area

1691 Regional Road 97 (R.R.#6), Flamborough, ON N1R 5S7

Reserve your campsite to avoid missing out on this busy weekend. For more information, please call Valens Lake at 905-525-2183 or email valens@conservationhamilton.ca

Canada Day at Westfield**July 1, 12:30 – 4:00 pm****Westfield Heritage Village****1049 Kirkwall Road, Rockton, ON L0R 1X0**

Tour the village and discover what life was like in early Canada. Visit the historic buildings, gardens and forests, stroll on the boardwalk or take a hike on the trails. This is a great opportunity for new Canadians to experience the history of Canada. For more information visit www.westfieldheritage.ca

Canada Day Celebration**July 1, 11:00am to 8:00pm****Wild Waterworks****680 Van Wagners Beach Road, Hamilton, ON L8E 3L8**

Celebrate Canada Day at Wild Waterworks with flags, pins, stickers. Service persons receive free entry and those wearing red and white will receive \$3.00 off admission at the gate not applicable with sundown rates. Join in the fun with Canada themed games and contests! For more information, visit www.wild-waterworks.com , phone 905-547-6141 or email wildww@conservationhamilton.ca.

70's Music Day**July 6, 11:00am to 8:00pm****Wild Waterworks****680 Van Wagners Beach Road, Hamilton, ON L8E 3L8**

Groovy!! 70's music day at Wild Waterworks will have you enjoying the best songs of the decade as you splash around and enjoy a day filled with fun in the sun! Wear your favourite decade band shirt and receive \$3 off admission at gate! Not applicable for sundown rates, or any other discount. For more information, visit www.wild-waterworks.com , phone 905-547-6141 or email wildww@conservationhamilton.ca.

John Burns Memorial Fishing Derby**July 7****Valens Lake Conservation Area****1691 Regional Road 97 (R.R.#6), Flamborough, ON N1R 5S7**

Catch the Big One and win great prizes for children and adults. Prizes for the largest northern pike, largemouth bass and, for children, panfish. Bait and boat rentals are available. Runs from sunrise to 2 p.m. For more information call 905-525-2183 or email valens@conservationhamilton.ca .

Summer Sundays**July 8, 15, 22, 29, August 12, 26 12:30 – 4:00 pm****Westfield Heritage Village****1049 Kirkwall Road, Rockton, ON L0R 1X0**

Enjoy the arrival of summer in the Village. Bring your own picnic to enjoy in the beautiful, picturesque setting of Westfield. Purchase sweet treats and cool drinks from the General Store.

80's Music Day**July 13, 11:00am to 8:00pm****Wild Waterworks****680 Van Wagners Beach Road, Hamilton, ON L8E 3L8**

Gnarly man!! 80's music day at Wild Waterworks will have you enjoying the best songs of the decade as you splash around and enjoy a day filled with fun in the sun! Wear your favourite decade band shirt and receive \$3 off admission at gate! Not applicable for sundown rates, or any other discount. For more information, visit www.wild-waterworks.com , phone 905-547-6141 or email wildww@conservationhamilton.ca.