



Conservation Advisory Board Meeting Agenda

Thursday, August 8, 2019



Notice of Meeting

Conservation Advisory Board

Thursday, August 8, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

Westfield Heritage Village Conservation Area, 1049 Kirkwall Road, Rockton, ON

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 - 7.1. Minutes – Conservation Advisory Board (June 13, 2019) – Topalovic
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 - 9.1. Saltfleet Conservation Area Wetland Restoration – Project Update – Peck
 - 9.2. Westfield Admission Tickets for Major Special Events – Rondalyn Brown & Christina Jager
 - 9.3. Upcoming HCA & Partner Events – Costie
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- 12. Adjournment**

HAMILTON CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Conservation Advisory Board

MINUTES

June 13, 2019

Minutes of the Conservation Advisory Board meeting held on Thursday, June 13, 2019 at HCA's Woodend Administration Building commencing at 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Maria Topalovic, Chair	Joanne Di Maio
John Barkovic	Cheryl Larocque
Cynthia Janzen	Wayne Terryberry
Duke O'Sullivan	

REGRETS: **Lydia Cartlidge, Lloyd Ferguson, Chris Michels, John Shaw**

STAFF PRESENT: **Lisa Burnside, Grace Correia, Gord Costie, Devon Kleinjan, Matt Hall, Bruce Harschnitz, Joel Konik, Scott Peck, Jeff Stock, Jaime Tellier, and Rick Woodworth – HCA Staff**

OTHERS: **Media – Not Present**

1. Chairman's Remarks

Maria Topalovic welcomed everyone to the meeting. She advised that she was elected Chair of the Conservation Advisory Board (CAB) at the Board of Directors meeting the previous week. She added that she is honoured to be the Chair again and to work with all of the CAB members. Maria also introduced Cynthia Janzen, a new citizen appointee to the Board of Directors who has joined CAB. Cynthia added that she works with advisory committees in a professional capacity and looks forward to the different perspective being on the board will bring. Maria also advised there is one vacant position for a board member to join CAB and she will be canvassing members to fill the seat.

2. Election of Vice Chair

Elections for the Vice-Chair of CAB were undertaken. Maria called for nominations. Duke O'Sullivan nominated Wayne Terryberry. Maria called for nominations twice more before closing the nomination period. Maria asked Wayne if he would serve. Wayne indicated he would. Maria declared Wayne Terryberry Vice-Chair of CAB by acclimation and congratulated him. Wayne indicated he is honoured to fill the position.

CA 1918 MOVED BY: Duke O'Sullivan
SECONDED BY: Jo-Anne Di Maio

**THAT Wayne Terryberry be confirmed as Vice-Chair of the
Hamilton Conservation Authority Conservation Advisory
Board for 2019.**

CARRIED

3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

There were none.

4. Delegations

There were none.

5. Approval of Agenda

The Chair requested any additions or deletions to the agenda.

CA1919 MOVED BY: Jo-Anne Di Maio
SECONDED BY: John Barkovic

THAT the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

6. Member Briefing

6.1. Cootes to Escarpment EcoPark System

David Galbraith introduced himself as the Head of Conservation Science at Royal Botanical Gardens. He added that he has been Chair of the Cootes to Escarpment (C2E) project for approximately 10 years. He acknowledged Mall Hall and Wayne Terryberry as representatives on C2E for HCA and McMaster University, respectively.

David provided a history on the concept and formation of the C2E EcoPark System. The project was formed as a partnership between major landholders in the area. There is a memorandum of understanding, governing council, management team and secretariat for the project. Partner funds maintain the secretariat. The program is funded through third party grants, totalling approximately \$8.5 million to date.

The C2E system is not a contiguous park because of fragmentation, however, is a group of major landholders working collaboratively. HCA lead the way with a York Road acquisition in Pleasant View. Other partners have been active with land securement as well, including Conservation Halton and the City of Burlington. David emphasized that each partner brings something different to the project. Stewardship and community engagement are also core areas of the project.

The project partners are also currently working to develop and finalize management plans for the project area. Fundraising was undertaken to hire consultants to complete management plans to better understand the natural and cultural heritage of the landscape, to inform ideas, and for incorporation into a framework that is compatible with the Niagara Escarpment Parks and Open Space System (NEPOSS). The management plans are separated into six natural heritage areas. Five of the six plans have been completed. Lower Grindstone Creek is underway and set to be completed by next year.

The existing strategic plan for C2E is ten years old. Consultation for the next iteration of the strategic plan is going well. The new timeline for the strategic plan is to 2030, which coincides with the United Nations Sustainable Development goals. The strategic plan will be brought to the governing council for approval.

Maria thanked David for a very informative and comprehensive presentation. Members recalled the start of the initiative and congratulated David on its success.

The members discussed with David what the role of CAB may be for driving engagement. David indicated each partner agency determines how their staff, advisory boards and boards are engaged in the process. Matt Hall added that the C2E group has been discussing engaging partner internal committees and that now that the two management plans that incorporate HCA lands are complete, they will be reviewed by HCA's boards and the boards will likely be engaged more often. Lisa Burnside also added that staff sit on various committees for the project. For example, she is on the governing council. She also advised that early purchases of lands in the project area were submitted through HCA's boards. Wayne Terryberry

suggested that some of the strategic plan details may be brought to CAB for engagement.

**CA1920 MOVED BY: Cynthia Janzen
 SECONDED BY: Cheryl Larocque**

THAT the Cootes to Escarpment EcoPark System Verbal Update be received as information.

CARRIED

7. Chairman's Report on Board of Directors Actions

Maria advised all recommendations from April CAB were approved by the Board at the May meeting.

8. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

8.1. Minutes – Conservation Advisory Board (April 11, 2019)

**CA1921 MOVED BY: Duke O'Sullivan
 SECONDED BY: Jo Anne Di Maio**

THAT the minutes of the April 11, 2019 Conservation Areas Advisory Board meeting be approved.

CARRIED

9. Business Arising from the Minutes

10. Staff Reports/Memorandums

10.1. Cootes to Escarpment Update and Management Plan Report

Building on David's earlier presentation, Matt Hall presented a report on the C2E Management Plans, particularly as they relate to HCA. Matt highlighted details of the Borer's Falls Rock Chapel and Cootes Paradise management plan areas which contain significant HCA land holdings. HCA is the majority land holder in the Borer's Falls Rock Chapel area and owns 30 ha of lands in the Cootes Paradise area. Matt noted that the management plans have not been developed to drive or encourage new activities, rather were completed to gain a more detailed understanding of the lands and highlight issues and opportunities. HCA staff were

involved in the development of the management plans throughout 2018 and have benefitted a great deal from the information that has been derived.

Matt outlined key topics included in each management, including those related to natural and cultural heritage resources, pressures and issues of concern, infrastructure, recreation, education and outreach, and ongoing monitoring and evaluation. The report also outlines six high priority management tasks that have been assigned to HCA for the two relevant management plan areas.

The Chair thanked Matt for the presentation. Staff responded to member inquiries about the plans, the popularity of the areas and relationships with private landowners in the areas. Matt shared that Conservation Authority stewardship programs are available to assist private landowners with management of their lands. Outreach has assisted with conveying the intent of the management plans to private landowners.

CA1922

MOVED BY: Wayne Terryberry

SECONDED BY: Duke O'Sullivan

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

THAT the “Borer’s Falls-Rock Chapel Management Plan” and “Cootes Paradise Management Plan” be endorsed, and further;

THAT Hamilton Conservation staff be directed to work with the Cootes to Escarpment EcoPark System partners to implement the objectives of these plans.

CARRIED

10.2. Valens Master Plan Update Memorandum

Matt Hall introduced Devon Kleinjan, a Landscape Architecture student from the University of Guelph who has been assisting Matt and Kathy Smith with the Valens Master Plan and surrounding area management plans management plans that are currently underway. Devon delivered a presentation outlining the project and details of the project schedule. Devon also highlighted methods for public consultation that are currently being implemented, indicating that staff are also seeking input from CAB members. Members will be invited to the upcoming Public Information Centres (PIC's) and were encouraged to complete the survey online. Draft plans will be circulated to CAB for comments.

Maria thanked Devon and Matt for their presentation, indicating it is helpful to understand the process and that she is looking forward to the opportunities for the members to participate.

John Barkovic inquired about status of the proposed cabins at Valens. Matt advised that the latest submission for the building permit is with the City. Staff anticipate the approvals will be received very shortly. Staff have received approvals for some aspects of the project, however are waiting for all approvals at the same time. Matt added that the weather over the past few months would have also delayed construction so the project has not been affected by the delays. The work will be completed using staff resources.

**CA1923 MOVED BY: Cheryl Larocque
 SECONDED BY: Wayne Terryberry**

THAT the memorandum entitled Valens Lake Conservation Area Master Plan and Management Plans Public Consultation Overview be received as information.

CARRIED

10.3. Smoking and Vaping Restrictions in Conservation Areas

Bruce Harschnitz presented the report and answered members' questions. The report included an overview of recent legislative changes related to smoking which led to a review of practices at HCA facilities. Staff reviewed and compared policies of similar agencies. There are generally not issues with smoking in Conservation Areas, however this policy helps to define areas where people can and cannot smoke. The policy is a measured approach that is intended to be reasonable for compliance. Staff will continue to observe other Conservation Authorities' practices. The members and staff discussed challenges associated with enforcement of smoking policies, including that no outside agency would be able to assist.

**CA1924 MOVED BY: John Barkovic
 SECONDED BY: Jo Anne Di Maio**

THAT the memorandum entitled Smoking and Vaping Restrictions in Conservation Areas be received as information.

CARRIED

10.4. HCA Volunteer Program

Joel Konik presented a summary of the memorandum, including general information around volunteering and how this knowledge is informing volunteerism with HCA.

In the Fall, HCA began developing a volunteer program, including the development of an internal committee on the subject. Joel has been assigned as the coordinator of the program. He is the point of contact for volunteers, manages a database of contacts, and assists with engaging volunteers for HCA events. Since the start of the coordinated approach to managing volunteers and volunteer opportunities, the number of volunteers and events has continued to grow. The goal for this year is to increase our community engagement and collect relevant statistics to guide subsequent years.

Jeff Stock, from the Hamilton Watershed Stewardship Program, provided examples of events held since the program began, including corporate group activities, tree plantings, turtle nesting bed creation and 'Eco-cise' events that highlighted the benefits of exercising in nature while assisting with invasive species removal.

Lisa Burnside added that HCA is excited about expanding our opportunities to engage volunteers and the community. This program aligns with many parts of the organization's strategic plan. The intent is to start small with a view to future growth. Lisa also shared that HCA provides its staff with one paid volunteer day, an acknowledgment of the importance of volunteers to organizations. For example, Lisa highlighted the importance of volunteers to the success of Westfield Heritage Village.

Staff answered members' questions regarding learning from other volunteer groups or HCA business areas. Joel indicated the committee has staff representation from a number of different areas of the organization who are sharing their knowledge. Joel also noted that linkages to other volunteer groups and HCA business units have also been identified. Maria inquired about partnership opportunities with organizations with similar goals and offered to share some resources. Staff were appreciative of the assistance. The members also inquired about insurance requirements for volunteers. Staff advised that volunteers sign waivers for incidents and photos, and that volunteers are covered by HCA's general liability insurance.

Maria thanked staff for the presentation and indicated the members look forward to hearing more as the program develops.

CA1925

MOVED BY: Jo Anne Di Maio

SECONDED BY: Duke O'Sullivan

THAT the memorandum entitled Update on Volunteer Activities at HCA be received as information.

CARRIED

10.5. Upcoming Events

Gord Costie presented the report, advising that all areas are open and gearing up for the summer season. He also highlighted that membership pass sales are almost on pace with 2018 which was an all time high. Gord referenced the many upcoming events at HCA's facilities, including those for Father's Day weekend, at Westfield Heritage Village, and at Wild Waterworks.

The members expressed pleasure with the membership pass sales, however also inquired about the day use audience based on the public consultation information outlined during the earlier Valens master plan presentation. Staff noted that statistics resulting from the master plan consultation are very preliminary. Staff will continue to review the statistics to ensure a relevant sample. The members also inquired about sharing of information with member pass holders. Staff advised members receive regular updates from marketing and are circulated for public consultation initiatives, such as for master plans and strategic plans.

Referencing the new volunteer engagement program, members also noted the potential opportunities to recruit volunteers at events and through the membership program. Staff expressed appreciation for the suggestions.

**CA1926 MOVED BY: John Barkovic
 SECONDED BY: Cheryl Larocque**

**THAT the verbal update on Upcoming 2019 HCA & Partner
Events be received as information.**

CARRIED

11. New Business

John Barkovic advised he had met with a member of the Greensville community who is also associated with the volunteer firefighters for the area. He relayed challenges in finding people in need of rescue on trails and requested consideration for installation of trail markers at regular intervals. Lisa Burnside thanked John for relaying the request. She advised there are some grid marking systems for the Dundas Valley but not Spencer Gorge. Staff have taken note of the request.

12. Next Meeting – Thursday, August 8, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

The next meeting of the CAB is scheduled for Thursday, August 8, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. Maria advised the intent is to hold the next meeting off-site if the agenda is suitable.

13. Adjournment

On motion, the meeting was adjourned.

Memorandum

TO: Conservation Advisory Board

FROM: Lisa Burnside, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)

**RECOMMENDED &
PREPARED BY:** T. Scott Peck, MCIP, RPP, Deputy CAO/Director,
Watershed Planning & Engineering

DATE: July 16, 2019

RE: Saltfleet Conservation Area Wetland Restoration -
Project Update

BACKGROUND

The Saltfleet Conservation Area Wetland Restoration Program is an exciting project that the HCA has been working on over the past 5 years. The goal of the project is:

- To create a new conservation area in the east end of the City of Hamilton, specifically the Upper Stoney Creek and Upper Battlefield Creek watersheds above the Niagara Escarpment to provide natural hazard attenuation, natural heritage enhancements and recreation opportunities.

The primary objectives of the project are:

- To utilize the floodplain areas of Upper Battlefield and Upper Stoney Creeks to retain water to provide flood attenuation both above and below the Niagara Escarpment within these watershed areas.
- To enhance and enlarge existing wetland areas and to create new wetland areas to provide enhanced wetland hydrologic function to reduce the impacts of high water events and provide water to area watercourses during low flow periods.
- To restore the natural features and functions of the watercourses in the area.

- To restore, enhance and enlarge the natural heritage features associated with the floodplains, wetlands and watercourses of the area.
- To provide linkages within and between conservation area lands by utilizing the DoFasco Trail
- To enhance and create passive recreational opportunities along the DoFasco Trail.

As noted, staff have been working on this project over the past five years. The purpose of this memorandum is to highlight work completed to date, highlight next steps including funding requirements.

STAFF COMMENT

The following information is provided as it relates to the status of the various aspects of this project.

Project Land Acquisition Funding

The Saltfleet Conservation Area Wetland Restoration Project land acquisition funding is comprised as follows:

	<u>(\$' Millions)</u>
Heritage Green Community Trust Donation	\$ 2.0
City of Hamilton Donation	2.0
HCA Land Acquisition Fund	0.5
Hamilton Conservation Foundation Donation	<u>0.25</u>
	<u>\$ 4.75</u>

Land Acquisition

To date, five properties have been purchased as part of the Saltfleet Conservation Area Wetland Restoration Project and these lands are shown on attached Figure 1. The total area of the Saltfleet Conservation Area is now 108.1 hectares (267.12 acres).

1. 41.27 hectares (102 acres) "Sargold" property
2. 30.9 hectare (76.4 acres) "Napev property.
3. 16.67 hectare (41.2 acre) "Chiarelli" property.
4. 10.18 hectare (25.16 acre) "Bozzo" property.
5. 9.05 hectare (22.36 acre) "Da Costa Felix" property.

To date, \$ 2.7 Million has been spent on these land acquisitions.

Staff continue to engage with landowners for the lands identified as potential acquisitions in the completed EA. This is an ongoing undertaking and staff will

continually advise the Board of Directors as negotiations and purchase agreements are finalized.

Saltfleet Conservation Area Environmental Assessment

This environmental assessment was completed in February 2018. This EA is critical to the project as it includes information relating to the floodplain, associated hydrology, flood storage and erosion risk assessment. This document provides the location and assessment of the information relating to the selection of the four preferred wetland locations and lists them as the preferred option to address downstream flooding and erosion. Staff utilize this document to identify lands to be acquired for the project and it is also utilized to assist in the design of the wetlands. This EA cost \$222,142 to complete and it was funded through the Green Municipal Fund through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and the City of Hamilton.

Wetland – Detailed Design

With the completion of the above noted EA, the next step is to undertake and complete the detailed design of the proposed wetlands and to obtain the required permits from agencies such as the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. At this design stage, information from the EA is utilized, along with detailed field investigations, to complete the design of the wetlands and provide tender documents to engage contractors to construct the wetlands as designed. In this regard, the firm Water's Edge has been engaged to complete the wetland design work for the Sargold/Napev lands (\$129,985 plus HST) and the Da Costa Felix lands (\$90,940 plus HST). This work is scheduled to be complete by March 2020. Funding for this work is provided through the National Disaster Mitigation Fund and the Royal Bank of Canada.

Conservation Area Master Plan

A master plan for all of the conservation area lands is proposed to be completed in 2021. This plan will consider the development and management of the conservation area with consideration for trail development, parking facilities, interpretation and management of the area's natural features.

Funding

There is money available in the acquisition fund. However, to acquire all the lands identified in the EA will require additional funding. Further, future design and construction of the wetland will require funding as well as the implementation of the proposed master plan. The EA noted the capital costs for the project were in the \$15 million range. Staff will continue to work to secure funding for this project and note that this project will take time to fully implement.

STRATEGIC PLAN LINKAGE

The initiative refers directly to the HCA Strategic Plan 2019 - 2023:

- **Strategic Priority Area – Organizational Excellence**
 - Initiative – Communicate both internally and externally about what HCA does and why
- **Strategic Priority Area – Natural Heritage Conservation**
 - Initiative – Invest in land acquisition on priorities identified within the Land Securement Strategy
 - Implement the Salfleet Conservation Area Wetland Restoration Program and have the first wetland designed and constructed by 2021

AGENCY COMMENTS

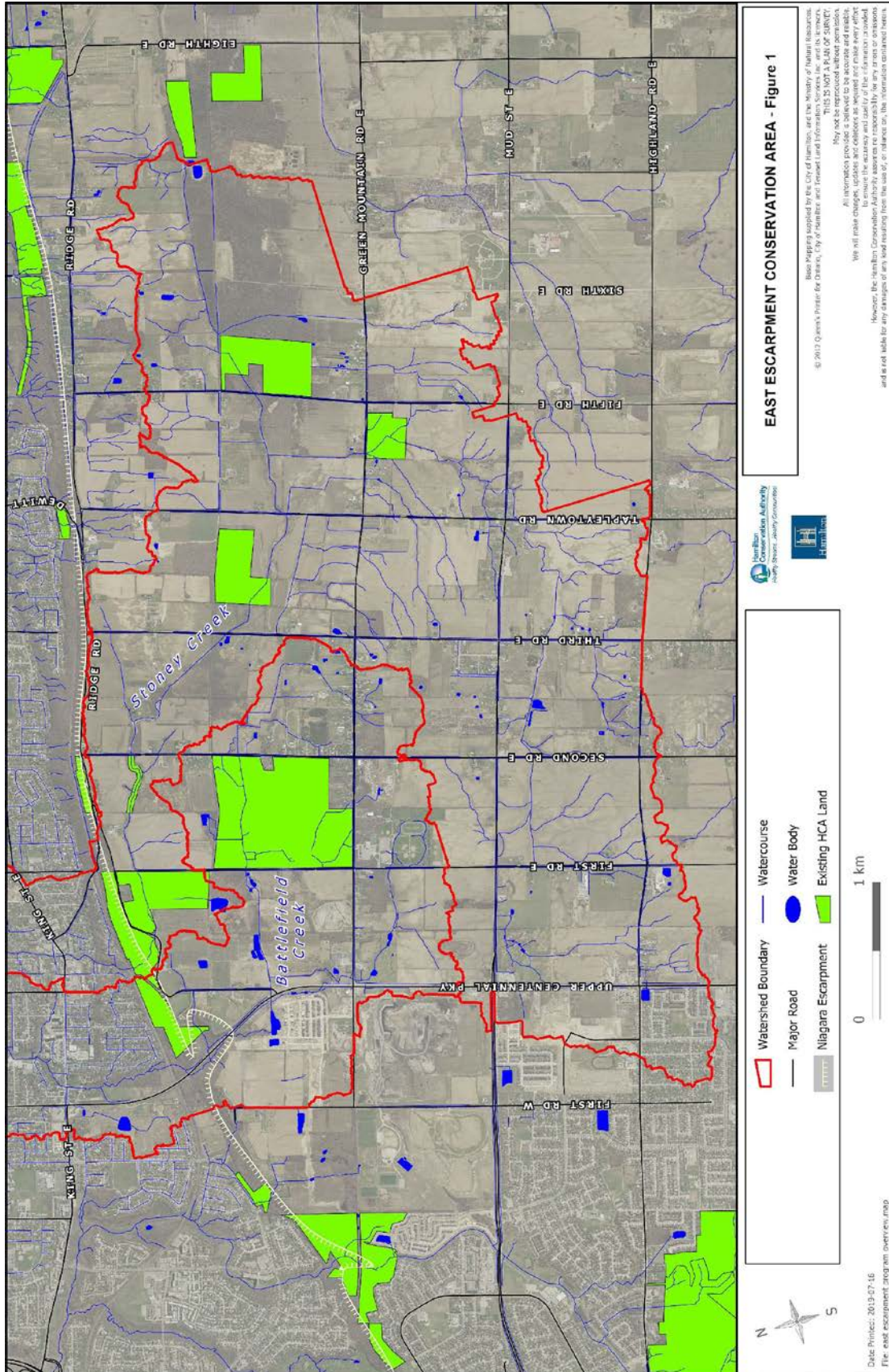
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LEGAL/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

CONCLUSIONS

Staff have provided this report for background information and to provide as an update for this project. Staff will continue to work towards further land acquisition, design of future wetlands, development of the master plan for this area and construction of the wetlands. Funding will continue to be required for land acquisition, wetland design, construction and development of the conservation area.



Report

TO: Conservation Advisory Board

FROM: Lisa Burnside, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)

RECOMMENDED BY: Gord Costie, Director, Conservation Area Services

PREPARED BY: Rondalyn Brown, Manager, Westfield Heritage Village Conservation Area

DATE: July 31, 2019

RE: Limited Ticket Purchase for Westfield Special Events

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

THAT HCA staff recommends to the Conservation Advisory Board:

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

THAT a system for limited, date-specific tickets be implemented for special events at Westfield Heritage Village Conservation Area for events that can potentially exceed parking or event capacity.

BACKGROUND

Westfield Heritage Village Conservation Area's (WHVCA) growing success on popular days provides amazing opportunities. However, sometimes it can also cause capacity, safety and logistical issues and less positive visitor experiences.

Westfield's increased popularity for signature events becomes an issue when there are too many visitors. When parking on site is full, visitors park on the road. This is a recognized operational and safety concern especially for evening programs. In these situations, often the attendance then becomes too much for the event and leads to overcrowded buildings and activities. Long line-ups and overcrowding compromises the visitors experience. Like other public venues, WHVCA has limited parking and event capacity.

STAFF COMMENT

It is recommended that popular events such as Maple Syrup, Halloween and Christmas use a limited number and specific date ticketing system. The new system would be introduced for Halloween in 2020 and then thereafter be applied to all major events. If approved, there would be a need for a marketing and communications plan to ensure accurate information is conveyed in a positive manner to staff, visitors and HCA membership pass holders.

The proposed system would reduce the noted concerns regarding parking; provide greater positive visitor experiences; enhanced weather proofing; and provide additional opportunities for expanding programs. Tickets would be for specific dates and be non-refundable. There would be a limited number of tickets sold based on parking and event capacity.

STRATEGIC PLAN LINKAGE

The initiative refers directly to the HCA Strategic Plan 2019 - 2023:

- **Strategic Priority Area – Conservation Area Experience**
 - Initiatives – Develop visitor and parking management strategies to support conservation areas for sustainable recreation, education and tourism

AGENCY COMMENTS

Not applicable

LEGAL/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Initially the revenue from these events may decrease due to limited tickets being sold. Limited visitors may also reduce the revenue from other on site sales such as from gift and food purchases. Investment in a new ticketing system to accommodate the proposed admissions sales system may also be required.

CONCLUSIONS

This report identifies HCA's commitment to providing a safe environment for both staff and visitors by developing visitor and parking management strategies that also help to improve the visitor experience.



Upcoming 2019 HCA & Partner Events

August Long Weekend Campout

August 2-5 2018

Valens Lake Conservation Area

1691 Regional Road 97 (R.R.#6), Flamborough, Ontario 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

2000's Music Day

August 2, 11:00am to 8:00pm

Wild Waterworks

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

Wasssssup!! 2000'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.

Round the Reservoir Family Race

August 3

Valens Lake Conservation Area

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

Compete with your family in this around the reservoir challenge filled with puzzles and clues that must be completed to win. You decide which route to take and what mode of transportation (run, hike, bike or boat) to get the best finishing time!! Prizes for the top 3 families for the fastest times. Runs from 9 AM to 3 PM For more information call 905-525-2183 or email valens@conservationhamilton.ca .

Ice Cream Carnival

August 4 & August 5 10:00 – 4:00 pm

Westfield Heritage Village

1049 Kirkwall Road, Rockton, ON L0R 1X0

Celebrate summer with Edwardian carnival games, foods, amusements and music. Hand cranked real ice cream making demonstrations and samples throughout the day. Don't miss this delicious and festive family outing! For more information visit www.westfieldheritage.ca

Sports Day

August 9, 11:00am to 8:00pm

Wild Waterworks

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

Children aged 3 to 10* wear your minor sports jersey or favourite team shirt and get in for free with one regular adult admission purchased at gate, not applicable for sundown rates or with any other discounts. **Children must be accompanied into Wild Waterworks by an adult 16 years of age or older.* For more information, visit www.wild-waterworks.com , phone 905-547-6141 or email wildww@conservationhamilton.ca.

Equestrian Campout

August 9-11

Dundas Valley Conservation Area

650 Governors Road, Dundas, Ontario L9H 5E3

Camp overnight with your horse in the magnificent Dundas Valley and enjoy a weekend of trail riding and fun all in support of a great cause. Hosted by the Hamilton Conservation Foundation and the Hamilton Conservation Authority, the fundraising event offers guided trail rides, a poker run, silent auction, BBQ dinner and live entertainment. All monies raised go towards the Dundas Valley trail system including trail restorations and the installation of horse-friendly bridges. For more information, please visit www.hamiltonconservationfoundation.ca/equestrian

Season Pass Appreciation Day

August 10, 11:00am to 8:00pm

Wild Waterworks

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

To show our appreciation for our Season pass holders we will be hosting a BBQ for the first 300 season pass holders from 12:00- 2:00pm. First 300 season pass holders will receive a hot dog, canned pop and a chance to enter for some great giveaways! For more information, visit www.wild-waterworks.com , phone 905-547-6141 or email wildww@conservationhamilton.ca

2020 Pass Sale

August 10, 11:00am to 8:00pm

Wild Waterworks

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

Enjoy the remainder of the 2018 season with a purchase of a 2019 Season Pass. For more information, visit www.wild-waterworks.com , phone 905-547-6141 or email wildww@conservationhamilton.ca.

Western Day

August 16, 11:00am to 8:00pm

Wild Waterworks

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

Howdy!! Western Day at Wild Waterworks will have you enjoying the best country songs as you splash around and enjoy a day filled with fun in the sun! Wear your western wear

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.

Textiles Day

August 18, 12:30 – 4:00 pm

Westfield Heritage Village

1049 Kirkwall Road, Rockton, ON L0R 1X0

Come to the village and enjoy learning how different types of textile fibres are produced and used. Watch the labour-intensive process that transforms the coarse flax plant into a material that can be used to make lovely linen fabric. Discover the interesting process of spinning and dyeing wool and see what the weaver has on the loom today. For more information visit www.westfieldheritage.ca

Superhero Day

August 23, 11:00am to 7:00pm

Wild Waterworks

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

It's a bird, it's a plane...no! It's Superhero Day at Wild Waterworks! Splash around and enjoy a day filled with fun in the sun! Wear your favourite superhero shirt and receive \$3.00 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.

Labour Day Camping

August 30- September 2

Valens Lake Conservation Area

1691 Regional Road 97 (R.R.#6), Flamborough, Ontario 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

Rock n' Roll Day

August 30, 11:00am to 7:00pm

Wild Waterworks

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

Wear a rock band t-shirt get \$ 3.00 off regular admission price 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.

Labour Day

September 2, 11:00 – 5:00pm

Wild Waterworks

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

Enjoy the last day of summer at Wild Waterworks! Sun down admission rates all day long! For more information, visit www.wild-waterworks.com , phone 905-547-6141 or email wildww@conservationhamilton.ca.

BRIGHT Run

September 7, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Dundas Valley Conservation Area

650 Governor's Road, Dundas, Ontario

BRIGHT Run is an annual family friendly 1km/5km walk or run for members of our local breast cancer community to come together to support each other, share stories, celebrate success and remember. Each year, more than 1,000 participants of all ages come together to support local breast cancer research at the Juravinski Cancer Centre.

Christie Antique & Vintage Show

September 7, 8:00am - 5:00pm

Christie Lake Conservation Area

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

Canada's favourite antique & vintage show with hundreds of dealers and almost 10 acres of treasures to be discovered. Here you'll find china, jewellery, golf items, tins, scientific instruments, folk art, postcards, native artifacts, Canadiana, fine art, nostalgia items, furniture and much, MUCH more! Food vendors on site for a snack or meal. Rain or shine. Admission fee applies. For more information visit www.christieshow.ca

Tough Mudder

September 14 & 15, 8:00am-5:00pm

Christie Lake Conservation Area

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

Tougher Mudder takes our signature Tough Mudder course and adds a competitive, timed twist. This first start wave of Saturday of event weekend allows Mudders to push themselves to a new level on the classic course, while still maintaining our core values of teamwork and camaraderie. Visit www.toughmudder.com for more information.

Telling Tales: A Family Festival of Stories

September 15, 10:00 to 4:00 pm

Westfield Heritage Village

1049 Kirkwall Road, Rockton, ON L0R 1X0

Designated one of the province's "Top 100" by Festivals and Events Ontario, this is a free event celebrating Canada's leading children's writers and illustrators. Meet authors, artists and musicians. Take part in the popular Book Swap and Shop. Free parking at Rockton Fairgrounds with complimentary shuttle service to Westfield. (There is no public parking at Westfield.) For more information visit www.westfieldheritage.ca or www.tellingtales.org.

A Taste of Warm Bread

October 6, 12:30 – 4:00 pm

Westfield Heritage Village

1049 Kirkwall Road, Rockton, ON L0R 1X0

Come and taste a little history! Warm, soft, crusty – bread is the theme of this day. Learn how different types of breads are made in hearths, woodstoves and the bake oven. Free samples! For more information visit www.westfieldheritage.ca

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