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**MINUTES OF M847/08-2025  
NIAGARA ESCARPMENT COMMISSION  
VIRTUAL  
(Microsoft Teams)  
August 21, 2025**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

J. Chevalier, L. Golden, L. Kiernan, G. Krantz, G. Little, D. McKinlay, D. Measures, D. Nielsen, L. Price, R. Vacca (Chair), J. Vida, A. Witteveen.

**REGRETS**

M. Francis.

**STAFF PRESENT**

S. Carey, J. Isaac, S. Robinson, J. Sperling, L. Wang, K. Nainala, A. Bochenek, J. Olah, B. Fatima.

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER 9:30 a.m.**

Chair Rocco (Rocky) Vacca presided.

**INTRODUCTIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chair welcomed participants to the meeting. He noted that there are four vacant Public-at-large commissioner positions that are to be filled. He also advised that the formal commencement of the Coordinated Plan Review should be forthcoming.

## LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair read the land acknowledgment.

## DIRECTOR'S REMARKS

The Director provided a staffing update, advising that long-standing Senior Planner, Brandon Henderson, has accepted a position with the Grand Valley Conservation Authority, and will be deeply missed. He also noted that Intern, Rebecca Van Massenhoven, has accepted a position with Ontario Parks and that the summer students will complete their contracts at the end of August. He advised that there will be limited staffing capacity over the next three months while the hiring process proceeds for three vacant senior planner positions. He reminded all meeting participants of the accessibility options, code of conduct, and technical support available during the meeting.

## BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

No business arising.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### **M847R1/08-2025**

Moved By: Vida

Seconded By: McKinlay

*"That the Commission approve the July 17, 2025, Commission Minutes M846-07-2025, as written."*

### **Motion Carried**

## CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts were declared.

## MOTION FOR DELEGATES

### **M847R2/08-2025**

Moved By: Krantz

Seconded By: Little

*"That the persons representing the matters listed on the agenda be invited to address the Commission."*

### **Motion Carried**

## CLOSED SESSION

### **M847R3/08-2025**

Moved By: Measures

Seconded By: Witteveen

*“That the Commission enter into closed session.”*

### **Motion Carried**

### **M847R4/08-2025**

Moved By: Measures

Seconded By: Krantz

*“That the Commission reopen the meeting to the public.”*

### **Motion Carried**

## CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

### Information only Items

**G1** Director Approvals and Dashboards for July 2025

**G2** Appeals and Hearings update as of July 31, 2025

**G3** Plan Amendments Status update as of July 30, 2025

**H1** Memo dated August 15, 2025, from Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, regarding the Niagara Escarpment Crossing EA File 24013 RE: Terms of Reference Approved

### **M847R5/08-2025**

Moved By: Little

Seconded By: Price

*“That the Commission accept the Consent Agenda items.”*

### **Motion Carried**

## NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

## ADJOURNMENT

### **M847R6/08-2025**

Moved By: McKinlay  
Seconded By: Measures

*"That this meeting be adjourned."*

### **Motion Carried**

**Time of Adjournment:** 12:25 p.m.



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Rocco (Rocky) Vacca  
Chair