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**FINAL MINUTES OF M852/02-2026  
NIAGARA ESCARPMENT COMMISSION  
HYBRID  
(Georgetown office and Microsoft Teams)  
February 19, 2026**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**REGRETS**

J. Chevalier, M. Francis, L. Golden, D. Measures.

**STAFF PRESENT**

S. Carey, J. Isaac, D. Thompson, J. Sperling, S. Robinson, P. Hofstetter, R. Burns, L. Wang,  
A. Bochenek, J. Olah.

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

Chair Rocco (Rocky) Vacca presided.

## INTRODUCTIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair welcomed the participants to the meeting. He advised that he had his first mandatory quarterly meeting with the Minister, and it went well. The Chair advised that the 2025-2028 Business Plan has been approved by the Minister, and that the Commission's letter regarding the need for the coordinated plan review to commence was well received by the Minister and the Minister at Municipal Affairs and Housing. The Chair welcomed Commissioner Vida back and congratulated her on her 3-year reappointment and advised that two additional appointments are expected in the coming month and should be available for the April meeting. This leaves one public-at-large vacancy.

## LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair read the Land Acknowledgment.

## DIRECTOR'S REMARKS

The Director also congratulated Commissioner Vida on her reappointment and welcomed her back. He advised that he met with the Deputy Minister and the information on the staffing and workload challenges were conveyed and well received. He also advised that information on charging application fees is being collected for sharing with the Minister and the Commission. He noted that staff continue to be involved in discussions on potential regulatory changes. He reminded the meeting participants of the accessibility options, code of conduct, and technical support available.

## BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

No business arising.

## APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

### **M852R1/02-2026**

Moved By: Witteveen

Seconded By: Palmer

*"That the Commission approve the January 21, 2026, Commission Minutes M851-01-2026, as written."*

### **Motion Carried**

## CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

None declared.

### **M852R2/O2-2026**

Moved By: Vida

Seconded By: Krantz

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

### **Motion Carried**

## **A1**

### **SUMMARY STAFF REPORT**

### **PROPOSED NIAGARA ESCARPMENT PLAN AMENDMENT PG 227 23**

#### **Rocklyn Quarry**

825725 Grey Road 40, Part Lot 28, Concession 7

Municipality of Grey Highlands (former Township of Euphrasia), Grey County

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### PROPOSAL

To amend Part 1.9.3.15 of the NEP as a special policy specific to the Mineral Resource Extraction Area designation on the subject property. The landowner-initiated amendment proposes to lower the entire quarry floor extraction depth to an elevation of 402.0 masl, except where an area of 401.8 masl is currently approved in the north-west corner of the property under an existing aggregate extraction licence.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Commission advise the Minister of Natural Resources that Niagara Escarpment Plan Part 1.9.3.15 be revised to:

"The Mineral Resource Extraction Area on Part of the South Half of Lot 28, Concession 7, Municipality of Grey Highlands (formerly the Township of Euphrasia), County of Grey, may be extracted to a maximum depth of 402.0 metres above mean sea level across the entire quarry floor, except in the north-west corner where extraction has already reached 401.8 metres above mean sea level."

## SPEAKERS

- Janet Sperling, Senior Strategic Advisor, reviewed the staff report and answered questions.
- Blake Arnill and Paul Arnill, Owners, and Matt Bertram, Skelton and Brumwell, Agent, were present and available to answer questions.

### **M852R3/O2-2026**

Moved By: Vida

Seconded By: McKinlay

*"That the Commission advise the Minister of Natural Resources that Niagara Escarpment Plan Part 1.9.3.15 be revised to:*

*"The Mineral Resource Extraction Area on Part of the South Half of Lot 28, Concession 7, Municipality of Grey Highlands (formerly the Township of Euphrasia), County of Grey, may be extracted to a maximum depth of 402.0 metres above mean sea level across the entire quarry floor, except in the north-west corner where extraction has already reached 401.8 metres above mean sea level."*

#### **For the motion:**

Kiernan, Krantz, Little, McKinlay, Nielsen, Palmer, Price, Vida, Witteveen.

#### **Against the motion:**

None.

#### **Motion Unanimously Carried**

## **A2**

### **INFORMATION REPORT**

#### **TOWN OF CALEDON PRESENTATION**

Amendment to Regulation 826/90 (Inglewood)

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#### **BACKGROUND**

Per the delegation request approved at the January 2026 commission meeting, the Town of Caledon made a presentation to the commission seeking endorsement of their request

to the Minister to remove the lands subject to UA 54 from the regulated Development Control.

NEC Staff previously recommended support of UA 54 to include the subject lands in the Inglewood MUC, as it was viewed as a minor rounding out of an existing built area and directly adjacent to the existing MUC boundary and Staff had no concerns or objections regarding the Town's recent official plan amendment and zoning by-law policies.

Further, the remainder of the lands within the Inglewood MUC are already excluded from Development Control should the Minister remove these lands from Development Control, the policies of the NEP, and the PPS would continue to apply to *Planning Act* decisions made by the Town regarding development on these lands.

#### SPEAKERS

- Brandon Eidner, Intermediate Planner Policy, Planning and Development, Town of Caledon, presented and answered questions.
- Suzanne Robinson, Senior Strategic Advisor, and Payton Hofstetter, Senior Planner, were available to answer questions.

#### **M852R4/02-2026**

Moved By: Kiernan

Seconded By: Price

*"That the Commission endorse the Town of Caledon's upcoming request to the Minister to remove the lands subject to Urban Amendment 54 from the Area of Development Control."*

#### **For the motion:**

Kiernan, Krantz, Little, McKinlay, Nielsen, Palmer, Price, Vida, Witteveen.

#### **Against the motion:**

None.

#### **Motion Unanimously Carried**

## CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

### Information only Items

- G1 Director Approvals and Dashboards for month of January 2026
- G2 Appeals and Hearings update as of January 31, 2026
- G3 Plan Amendments Status update as of January 31, 2026

### **M852R5/02-2026**

Moved By: Nielsen  
Seconded By: Palmer

*"That the Commission accept Consent Agenda items G1, G2, and G3."*

### **Motion Carried**

### **A4**

#### **DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION G/A/2023-2024/002**

#### **Richard Frisby**

587053 Sideroad 10D

Municipality of Grey Highlands, County of Grey

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### PROPOSAL

To conduct the following works on a 2 ha. (4.95 ac) lot:

- To convert an existing one-storey ± 101.5 m<sup>2</sup> (1,092 ft<sup>2</sup>) agricultural structure with a maximum height of ± 7 m (22 ft) to an agricultural dwelling
- To construct a loft within the agricultural dwelling and increase the total floor area to ± 129 m<sup>2</sup> (1,386 ft<sup>2</sup>) and install a new private sewage disposal system to service the dwelling
- To construct a ± 31 m<sup>2</sup> (336 ft<sup>2</sup>) covered porch attached to the dwelling.

### STATUS UPDATE

The Director advised that the application has been withdrawn and a new application with a new proposal will be submitted.

**Break:** 11:00 a.m.

**Reconvened:** 11:15 a.m.

## **A3**

### **STAFF REPORT**

#### **DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION 2025-00152**

#### **Bob Rumball Canadian Centre of Excellence for the Deaf**

10097 Regional Road 25

Part Lot 11, Concession 3

Town of Halton Hills, Region of Halton

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### PROPOSAL

On an existing 8.8 ac (3.6 ha) lot, to demolish the existing structures (single dwelling, agricultural building and six (6)-unit apartment building), and to construct three (3) group homes, a parking area, and accessory uses.

### BACKGROUND

NEC Staff were seeking a policy interpretation from the Commission as to whether the proposal can meet Existing Use policies under Part 2.3 of the NEP. Staff are of the opinion that it can not be considered a change to a similar or a more compatible use and the expansion of the existing use is not minor. Staff are not currently seeking a decision on this Development Permit Application, but rather a policy interpretation prior to proceeding with the application. The application is still in the initial review stage and will requires further analysis, additional information from the applicant, and engagement with partner agencies before NEC Staff are able to make a final recommendation.

### SPEAKERS

- Payton Hofstetter, Senior Planner, reviewed the staff report and answered questions.
- Marko Maric, Agent, presented and answered questions.
- Monty Hardy, Bob Rumball Canadian Centre of Excellence for the Deaf, Owner, was present and answered questions.

**M852R6/O2-2026**

Moved By: Krantz

Seconded By: Vida

*"That the Commission interprets that the proposed use may be considered a similar or more compatible use and the expansion could be considered minor in size and scale."*

**For the motion:**

Kiernan, Krantz, Little, McKinlay, Palmer, Price, Vida, Witteveen.

**Against the motion:**

Nielsen.

**Motion Carried**

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

ADJOURNMENT

**M852R7/O2-2026**

Moved By: McKinlay

Seconded By: Vida

*"That this meeting be adjourned."*

**Motion Carried**

**Time of Adjournment:** 12:30 p.m.



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Rocco (Rocky) Vacca

Chair