To Region councillors concerning statements by the Chair of the NPCA and the Board's request

Bylsma is quoted he has no plans of using a court ruling as a bargaining chip during negotiations with Hamilton and Haldimand on the future composition of the organization's governance. He does not even recognize it as valid

Councillors please realize that the Chair of the NPCA nor its board or any other Conservation Authority has anything to do with negotiations with other municipalities. They are not mentioned in the conservation authorities act. The statement has no weight. He is not involved in negotiating.

And the ruling by Judge Ramsay also states. (whether Bylsma recognizes the ruling or not)

that he would leave it to the <u>three regions that the NPCA serves in the Niagara</u> <u>watershed – Niagara, Hamilton and Haldimand – to agree on actual board</u> <u>numbers</u>

The regions not the Board of the NPCA

Ignoring this and including the board ignores the law and a court ruling

www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90c27

Section 4

Membership and Governance Members of authority

14 (1) <u>Members of an authority shall be appointed by the respective councils of the participating municipalities in the numbers set out in subsection 2 (2) for the appointment of representatives. 2017, c. 23, Sched. 4, s. 12 (1). Changes in number of members</u>

(2) The total number of members of the authority and the number of members that each participating municipality may appoint shall be adjusted as required to ensure compliance with subsection (1) if the municipalities that are participating municipalities

change or the population of a participating municipality changes. 2001, c. 9, Sched. K, s. 1 (6).

Agreement on number of members

(2.1) Despite subsections (1), (2) and (5), <u>the total number of members of the authority</u> and the number of members that each participating municipality may appoint may be determined by an agreement that is confirmed by resolutions passed by the councils of all of the participating municipalities. 2001, c. 9, Sched. K, s. 1 (6).

Municipalities are mentioned in deciding how many Board members there should be.

Not the Chair and board of the NPCA

There should be no extension of their rule. They should be disbanded, and a new board appointed. Obviously, some current board members may be appointed again. But an extension serves no interest in terms of negotiations. That is between Municipalities. Having the Chair and board participate is a conflict of interest.

They should have no say as their opinions may be biased.

Bylsma according newspaper quotes wants to stay on, using the Municipal negotiations to extend his stay as Chair. But as he has and should not have input into those. That is a false premise.

Besides the board's letter 1 to the Region recognizes any or all the current 12 board members can be replaced

Therefore, be it resolved that the NPCA request to the Niagara Region that the 12 temporary members' (<u>or their replacements</u>) terms be extended until such times as the appeal by the city of Hamilton is complete and the agreement between the 3 municipalities is finalized.

This does not ask for any specific board member's term to be extended as it includes a possible 12 replacements.

Replacing the board in whole or in part would be what was originally intended. A board made up of Civilians and Councillors. They would be the new board that citizens and councillors have been wanting.

The Region and municipalities are the legal bodies to decide.

If for some crazy reason they current members be extended by council. A court challenge to the extension will negate it, as this extension is meaningless. If a better Niagara whom I have no association with does not choose to file a legal complaint I will do it myself and as usual in these cases win. Our family has the means.

Keeping the current board

The Interim board should be disbanded by July 7 at the latest and a new board appointed. Some of the same people could be and some should be reappointed.

Making the term expire then will allow time for any cities to find civilian appointees should they choose There will be no confusion when a new proper board meets.

For the NPCA and all Conservation Authorities. Climate Change is an accepted fact.

I am concerned if Bylsma continues to be chair because of his views on Climate Change. I may have no reason, but appearances also matter

As he is President of the CHP a small federal party, he subscribes to their views

www.chp.ca/about/team

www.chp.ca/platform/category/environment

In their environmental platform it states

Canadians are legitimately concerned about the environment, but their concern for protection of the environment has been seriously <u>distorted by propaganda</u> campaigns, such as the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and Al Gore's Oscar-winning "documentary" An Inconvenient Truth.

CHP Canada urges you not to vote for any party that continues to perpetuate this **phoney crisis**

The Liberal government—like the Conservatives, NDP and Green Party—has been **duped by anti-industrial "global warming" propaganda**

CHP's better solution is to use the resources that would be spent fighting

"climate change"

As he thinks climate change is a hoax, his presence casts a cloud over the work the NPCA does. Whether or not he intends to.

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