

**NVCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING #07-07
MINUTES**

Date: Friday, 24 August, 2007
Location: Tiffin Centre for conservation – John L. Jose Environmental Learning Centre

<u>PRESENT:</u>	
Chair: Fred Nix	Town of Mono
Vice Chair: Walter Benotto	Town of Shelburne
Members:	
Sandy Agnew	Township of Oro-Medonte
Rick Archdekin	Town of Wasaga Beach
Mary Brett	Township of Adjala-Tosorontio
Reg Cowan	Township of Springwater (arrived at 9:30 a.m.)
Dennis Egan	Town of New Tecumseth
Tom Elliott	Township of Springwater
Sandy Foley	Town of Collingwood
Dave Labelle	Town of Collingwood
Richard Lloyd	City of Barrie
John McKean	The Town of The Blue Mountains
Brian Mullin	Municipality of Grey Highlands
Gord Montgomery	Township of Mulmur
Ron Simpson	Town of Bradford/West Gwillimbury
Joan Sutherland	Town of New Tecumseth
Bill Van Berkel	Town of Innisfil
Robert Walker	Township of Clearview
Barry Ward	City of Barrie
Percy Way	Township of Amaranth
<u>REGRETS:</u>	
Orville Brown	Township of Clearview
John Crawford	Township of Oro-Medonte
Ron Henderson	Township of Essa
Sandie Macdonald	Township of Essa
Gary Matthews	Township of Melancthon
Cal Patterson	Town of Wasaga Beach

STAFF PRESENT:

CAO/Secretary-Treasurer Mgr. Administration & Human Resources Director of Land & Water Stewardship Services Director of Planning Director of Engineering and Technical Services Watershed Manager, Watershed Monitoring	Wayne Wilson Susan Richards Byron Wesson Marilyn Eger Glenn Switzer Brian Smith Dave Featherstone
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RECORDER: Laurie Barron

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. MOTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

RES #1 MOVED BY: Sandy Agnew SECONDED BY: Gord Montgomery
RESOLVED THAT: The Agenda for Board of Directors meeting 07/07, dated 24 August, 2007, be adopted.

Carried;

3. PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARATION

None declared

4. MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting 06/07, dated 8 June 2007.

RES #2 MOVED BY: Sandy Agnew SECONDED BY: Gord Montgomery
RESOLVED THAT: The Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting 06/07 dated 8 June 2007 be approved.

Carried;

4.2 Draft Minutes of the Executive Meeting 06/07 dated 22 June 2007.

RES #3 MOVED BY: Gord Montgomery SECONDED BY: Sandy Agnew
RESOLVED THAT: The Draft Minutes of the Executive Meeting 06-07 dated 22 June 2007 be received.

Carried;

4.3 Draft Minutes of the E-Business (via email) Executive Meeting 07/07, 8 August 2007.

RES #4 MOVED BY: Reg Cowan SECONDED BY: Bill Van Berkel
RESOLVED THAT: The Draft E-Business Minutes of the Executive Meeting 07/07 dated 8 August 2007 be received.

Carried;

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None noted.

6. PRESENTATION - Low Water Protocol, Current Flow Conditions, permit to take water and the local Conservation Authority's role.

Engineering staff made a presentation to the Board of Directors regarding low flow conditions in Innisfil Creek which are negatively impacting aquatic habitat. Upstream of the Beeton/Bailey confluence (in the vicinity of 15th Sideroad), dissolved oxygen concentrations do not meet Provincial Water Quality Objectives for warmwater and coldwater biota.

The following recommendations were approved by the Water Response Team:

- That the Low Water Response Team be advised that a Level III Drought Condition be recommended to the Ontario Water Directors Committee in the Innisfil Creek sub-watershed;
- That the Province work with the Water Response Team, the NVCA, other appropriate agencies and user groups to develop a low water subwatershed plan using a critical threshold flow approach to water management within the Innisfil Creek subwatershed to ensure the sustainable use of its surface water resources; and,
- That the Ministry of Natural Resources provide sufficient funding to the Water Response Team to properly carry out the functions (characterization report, social economic report, additional stream gauges and monitoring, environmental evaluation) required by the Province.

7. STAFF REPORTS

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNICAL SERVICES

7.1 Low Water Protocol, Current Flow Conditions, permit to take water and the local Conservation Authority's role.

Chair Fred Nix complimented staff on an excellent report. The Director of Engineering and Technical Services advised that the following Resolution has been endorsed by the Low Water Response Team.

RES #5 MOVED BY: Sandy Agnew SECONDED BY: Reg Cowan

WHEREAS: The Innisfil Creek flows have been in a Level 3 condition since July 1, 2007; and,

WHEREAS: Staff have prepared an Innisfil Creek Low Water Characterization Report for the Low Water Response Team; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority endorse the Innisfil Creek Low Water Characterization report and associated recommendations dated August 14, 2007.

Unanimously Carried;

8. INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF MEMBERS

Chair Fred Nix and the Directors of Engineering and Planning introduced the following two new staff members to the Board of Directors:

The NVCA Engineering section is pleased to announce that Darcia Fraser has accepted the position of Water Resource Engineer. Darcia has been a valued member of our team for the last eight months and an asset to the Engineering section.

The NVCA Planning section is pleased to welcome Chris Hibberd to the team. Chris has accepted the position of Senior Planner and has over 14 years experience as a Planner working for Conservation Authorities. Chris is no stranger to our Authority, as he worked with the NVCA in the Planning Department from 1991 to 1999.

9. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF LAND AND WATER STEWARDSHIP SERVICES

9.1 Historic Fort Willow/9 Mile Portage Event September 21 & 22, 2007.

RES #6 MOVED BY: Richard Lloyd SECONDED BY: Joan Sutherland
RESOLVED THAT: The report of the Director of Land and Water Stewardship Services dated 24 August, 2007 be received.

Carried;

10. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING

10.1 Permits for Ratification

RES #7 MOVED BY: Richard Lloyd SECONDED BY: Joan Sutherland
RESOLVED THAT: That the Permits/Approvals issued by staff for the period May 28 through August 9, 2007 be approved.

Carried;

10.2 Procedure for reporting potential Conservation Authority Act violations

RES #8 MOVED BY: Richard Lloyd SECONDED BY: Sandy Agnew
RESOLVED THAT: The NVCA Board Member procedure for reporting potential Conservation Authority Act violations be received.

Carried;

The Board of Directors Recessed at 10:45 a.m.

The Board of Directors Resumed at 10:50 a.m.

11. REPORT OF THE MANAGER OF ADMINISTRATION AND HUMAN RESOURCES

11.1 Information Report - Insurance

RES #9 MOVED BY: Robert Walker SECONDED BY: Tom Elliott
RESOLVED THAT: The insurance information report of the Manager of Administration and Human Resources be received.

Carried;

12. REPORT OF THE CAO/SECRETARY TREASURER

12.1 Pesticide Statement/Policy

RES #10 MOVED BY: Sandy Agnew SECONDED BY: Robert Walker
WHEREAS: Quinte Conservation have requested support of a motion to develop a Pesticide Statement or Policy for all Conservation Authorities; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Land and Water and the Engineering Advisory Committees review the request and report back with recommendations to the Board of Directors.

Carried;

12.2 June Budget Review Update

RES #11 MOVED BY: Brian Mullin SECONDED BY: Robert Walker
RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Directors receive the Operational Budget Review, as presented to the June 22, 2007 Executive; and,

FURTHERMORE THAT: Staff and the Executive will carryout a September Budget Review; and,

THAT: Staff and the Executive will report back to the Board of Directors with the results of the September Budget Review.

Carried;

12.3 Conservation Authority Liaison Committee – Procedure for Plan Review and Permitting Activities – draft not yet available.

12.4 Watershed Report Card Evaluation (Watershed Report Card Survey please complete prior to the meeting)

RES #12 MOVED BY: Robert Walker SECONDED BY: Brian Mullin
RESOLVED THAT: The members leave with staff, the completed Watershed Report Card Survey as circulated.

Carried;

13. CLEAN WATER ACT UPDATE

13.1 Source Protection Authority Agreement

RES #13 MOVED BY: Barry Ward SECONDED BY: Sandy Agnew
RESOLVED THAT: The NVCA Board receive the draft source protection agreement dated August 16, 2007 for information; and,

THAT: The agreement be presented to the NVCA Source Protection Authority for direction.

Carried;

13.2 Source Protection Striking Committee update. (May /July 2007 Minutes)

RES #14 MOVED BY: Barry Ward SECONDED BY: Ron Simpson
RESOLVED THAT: The Source Protection Striking Committee minutes dated May 17/07 and July 19/07 be received.

Carried;

13.3 Message from Chair Nix re: Clean Water Act Regulations update

Regulations for the Clean Water Act came into force on July 3, 2007. The NVCA is one of four areas in what is known as the South Georgian Bay-Lake Simcoe Source Protection Region with the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority designated as the “lead” Source Protection Authority.

The NVCA territory under the regulations is the same as it is under the Conservation Authorities Act with the exception that it now includes a small portion of the Region of Peel and that part of Oro-Medonte lying within the Severn Sound Source Protection Area is excluded.

On September 14/07 an information meeting, starting at 1:00 pm., following the NVCA Board meeting will be held to inform our watershed area municipalities about the watershed plan development process including the selection of 2 local municipal representatives for the local source protection committee.

RES #15 MOVED BY: Barry Ward SECONDED BY: Bill Van Berkel
RESOLVED THAT: The Clean Water Act Regulation update provided by Chair Nix be received.

Carried;

14. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Councillor Dennis Egan, Town of New Tecumseth dated May 15/07 re: Resolution regarding NVCA Budget for 2008-2009.

Note: Dennis Egan provided clarification to the Board of Directors noting that the 3.5% budget increase was in addition to the assessment increase/growth. Chair Nix confirmed this direction.

- (b) The Town of Innisfil dated May 4/07 re: Delegation to Committee of the Whole, Watershed Report Card.
- (c) AG Care press release dated June 5/07 re: New study shows Ontario’s farmers are environmental leaders.
- (d) Ministry of the Environment received June 28/07 re: Province’s Amethyst Award Ceremony.
- (e) Copy of reply letter from W. Wilson., CAO/Secretary-Treasurer to MOE re: IGAP Staff Recognition.
- (f) Ministry of Natural Resources dated June 11/07 re: Interpretation of Clause 2(1)(d) and Clause 2(1)(e) Great Lakes Shorelines in the Conservation Authorities Act.
- (g) Association of Municipalities of Ontario member communication dated June 13/07 re: Province Announces \$20M Municipal Eco-Challenge Fund.

- (h) Councillor, Town of Wasaga Beach email dated June 16/07 re: questions regarding the watershed report card presentation. Email response from W. Wilson, CAO/Secretary Treasurer.
- (i) Source Water Protection Communication, Conservation Ontario dated June 20/07 re: Article in the Globe and Mail, "Protecting Ontario's Water"
- (j) Correspondence sent to the Township of Oro-Medonte Mayor and Council dated June 25/07 from W. Wilson, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer re: 2006-2007 NVCA Program Service Summary.
- (k) Township of Oro-Medonte dated June 29/07 re: request for NVCA to review operating and capital budget structure. Response from Wayne Wilson, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer dated July 17/07.
- (l) Minesing Wetlands Given Special Designation. Articles from various local papers. Information regarding the designation from Nature Conservancy of Canada
- (m) Ministry of the Environment memorandum to CA Source Protection Project Manager re: dated July 4/07 re: Clean Water Act, 2006 Phase 1 Regulations have been enacted.
- (n) Barrie Examiner July 6/07 re: Lookout Work Begins – Huronia Lookout on George Johnston Road near Minesing.
- (o) Township of Essa dated July 9/07 re: Utopia Conservation Area. Response from NVCA Chair Fred Nix dated July 20/07
- (p) Correspondence sent to the City of Barrie Mayor and Council dated July 13/07 from M. Eger, Director of Planning re: Pratt Development, East Side of Ferndale Drive Extension.
- (q) Correspondence from Waterous Holden Amey Hitchon, L.L.P to Conservation Ontario dated June 25/07 re: Relationship between Conservation Authorities and Source Water Protection Authorities.
- (r) Letter to I. Smith, Director, Drinking Water Program Manangement Branch from V. Hackson, Chair LSRCA re: submission for Source Protection Committee Chair candidates., dated August 3/07
- (s) Correspondence from the Town of Innisfil dated July 24/07 re: Multi-year Capital and Operating Budget Forecast. Response from W. Wilson, CAO/Secretary Treasurer dated August 9/07.
- (t) Municipal World article, August 2007 re: "Climate Roadmap Must Feature Local Governments".

- (u) Email from D. Hibma, Conservation Ontario dated July 9/07 re: H2O Ontario
- (v) Article appearing in the Essa Times, August 6/07 re: "Low Water Conditions Continue in the Nottawasaga Valley Watershed"
- (w) Media Release from Trees Ontario Foundation, dated August 13/07 re: Major increase in long-term tree planting in Ontario now possible. Ontario government sets target of 50 million new trees by 2020.
- (x) Ministry of Natural Resources, Backgrounder dated August 13/07 re: Addressing Climate Change, Planting 50 Million Trees in Southern Ontario.

RES #16 MOVED BY: Barry Ward SECONDED BY: Tom Elliott

RESOLVED THAT: The correspondence not specifically dealt with be placed on file.

Carried;

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

Mr. Charles Wilson, NVCA Founding Member spoke to the Board of Directors reminiscing on his early years with the NVCA Board. Mr. Wilson is an active member of the Barrie Rotary Club and has contributed many hours of volunteer work to the community. Mr. Wilson also urged the Board Members to continue acquiring lands of historic and natural heritage value in the Minesing Wetland and Fort Willow area.

STAFF RECOGNITION AND SUMMER BBQ.

NVCA staff members with 5, 10 or 15 years of service were recognized by the Board. In total these staff have over 110 years of NVCA work experience. The CAO/Secretary Treasurer and the Chair acknowledge and thanked staff for their dedication and years of service.

15 Years: Fred Dobbs, Tim Salkeld, Byron Wesson, Wayne Wilson

10 Years: Rick Grillmayer

5 Years: Greg Bray, Bob Law, Henry Pelley, Barbara Perreault, Susan Richards,
Glenn Switzer, Susan Whitters, Kimberly Winder

The formal meeting was followed by a BBQ for Board Members and all Staff, providing an opportunity for Staff and Board Member information sharing. In addition, the new Low Ropes Course at Tiffin was demonstrated by Steve Green.

FUTURE MEETINGS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS – September 14, 2007

BUS TOUR - September 21, 2007 (request confirmation)

Board members are invited to the NVCA Bus Tour taking place on September 21/07. The Route will include the Township of Clearview and the Towns of Wasaga Beach, Collingwood, The Blue Mountains and the Municipality of Grey-Highlands. Board members are welcome to bring one guest and were asked to contact Laurie Barron @ lbarron@nvca.on.ca or 705-424-1479 ext 227 by Wednesday September 5/07 to advise if they will/will not be attending with the name of their guest.

EXECUTIVE – September 28, 2007

ADJOURNMENT

RES#17 MOVED BY: Sandy Agnew SECONDED BY: Barry Ward
RESOVLED THAT: This meeting adjourn at 12:00 a.m. to meet again at the call of the Chair.