



**NOTTAWASAGA VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING #10-07  
Friday, 23 November, 2007  
MINUTES**

Location: Tiffin Centre for Conservation – John L. Jose Environmental Learning Centre

<b><u>PRESENT:</u></b>		
<b>Chair:</b>	Fred Nix	Town of Mono
<b>Vice Chair:</b>	Walter Benotto	Town of Shelburne (left at 11:55)
<b>Members:</b>		
	Rick Archdekin	Town of Wasaga Beach
	Mary Brett	Township of Adjala-Tosorontio
	Reg Cowan	Township of Springwater
	John Crawford	Township of Oro-Medonte
	Terry Dowdall	Township of Essa
	Dennis Egan	Town of New Tecumseth
	Tom Elliott	Township of Springwater
	Sonny Foley	Town of Collingwood
	Richard Lloyd	City of Barrie
	Gary Matthews	Township of Melancthon
	Gord Montgomery	Township of Mulmur
	Brian Mullin	Municipality of Grey Highlands (left at 11:05 a.m.)
	Cal Patterson	Town of Wasaga Beach
	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
<b><u>REGRETS:</u></b>		
	Sandy Agnew	Township of Oro-Medonte
	Orville Brown	Township of Clearview
	Dave Labelle	Town of Collingwood
	Sandie Macdonald	Township of Essa
	John McKean	The Town of The Blue Mountains
	Percy Way	Township of Amaranth

**STAFF PRESENT:**

CAO/Secretary-Treasurer	Wayne Wilson
Mgr. Administration & Human Resources	Susan Richards
Communications Public Relations Assistant	Kim Garraway
Director of Land & Water Stewardship Services	Byron Wesson
Manager Stewardship Services	Fred Dobbs
Director of Planning	Marilyn Eger
Environmental Officer	Karen Dykxhoorn
Director of Engineering and Technical Services	Glenn Switzer

**RECORDER:**

Executive Assistant	Laurie Barron
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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**RECOGNITION**

Karen Dykxhoorn, NVCA Environmental Officer, recently graduated from the Young Conservation Professionals Program. Karen briefed the Board of Directors on the program and the benefits she gained from attending.

**2. MOTION TO ADOPT AGENDA**

Amendments to the agenda  
Item 6.1 2007 Stewardship Project Overview  
Res#15 Ontario Low Water Protocol  
Item # 12 Simcoe County Growth Plan

**RES #1** MOVED BY: Joan Sutherland SECONDED BY: John Crawford

**RESOLVED THAT:** The Agenda for Board of Directors meeting 10/07, dated 23 November, 2007 be adopted as amended.

**Carried;**

**3. PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARATION**

None Declared

**4. MINUTES**

**4.1 Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting 09/07, dated 12 October, 2007.**

**RES #2** MOVED BY: John Crawford SECONDED BY: Joan Sutherland

**RESOLVED THAT:** The Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting 09/07 dated 12 October, 2007, be approved.

**Carried;**

**4.2 Minutes of the Executive Meeting 11/07 dated 26 October, 2007**

**RES #3** MOVED BY: Joan Sutherland SECONDED BY: John Crawford

**RESOLVED THAT:** The Minutes of the Executive Meeting 11/07 dated 26 October, 2007, be received.

**Carried;**

**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

- Item #10.1 of the BOD Minutes 09/07  
Gary Matthews, member representing the Township of Melancthon inquired if the Municipalities will be notified of any permit to take water applications made in their boundaries. The Director of Engineering, Glenn Switzer, advised that the notification to the municipalities has been included as part of the protocol.

- Item #8.1 of the BOD Minutes 09/07  
Dennis Egan, member representing the Town of New Tecumseth inquired if correspondence has been received from the Privacy Commissioner regarding Permits for Ratification. Susan Richards, Manager of Administration and Human Resources advised that correspondence has not yet been received.
- Item #14 of the Executive Minutes 11/07  
Mary Brett, member representing Adjala-Tosorontio inquired what impact the Salary Survey would have on the budget. Susan Richards, Manager of Administration and Human Resources, advised that the salary survey would have no impact on the 2008 budget. It has been received by the Executive for information and consideration in the 2009 budget.

## STAFF REPORTS

### 6. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF LAND AND WATER STEWARDSHIP SERVICES

- **NVCA Pesticide Policy**

**RES #4** MOVED BY: John Crawford SECONDED BY: Joan Sutherland  
**WHEREAS:** Staff have developed a policy on pesticide use within NVCA programs; and,

**WHEREAS:** The policy has been presented to the Board of Directors for review and approved in principle; therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Staff develop a formal Pesticide Use Policy & Procedure to be presented to the Board of Directors for approval.

**Carried;**

#### **PRESENTATION:**

Fred Dobbs, Manager of Stewardship Services, presented a 2007 Stewardship program overview. NVCA Stewardship Services works in partnership with the community to implement local projects that protect and restore the environment and help ensure the future of healthy water. Forestry programs provide professional tree planting and a managed forest program. In 2007, 68,000 tree seedlings were planted on 19 sites within the NVCA watershed. Healthy Waters Programs provide community river restoration, fisheries habitat management, outreach and education utilizing grant incentives. In 2007, a total of 27 water quality improvement projects (22 landowners) were approved for incentive grants.

Strategic direction for 2008 will include; stewardship staff participating in the Source Water Protection Program, initiating a new Lower Nottawasaga River Stewardship Program funded by Environment Canada, implementation of shoreline habitat demonstration project at Bass Lake, completion of the Oak Ridges Moraine Stewardship, Town of New Tecumseth stream restoration and Mervart Pprojects, initiate Black Ash Creek Floodway stewardship project and, working with partner groups to develop Trillium Fund applications for restoration in the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio and the Town of Innsifil.

**7. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING****7.1 Planning Fee Amendments**

**RES #5** MOVED BY: Bill VanBerkel SECONDED BY: Ron Simpson

**WHEREAS:** The Preliminary Planning Fee Amendments were presented and supported by the Executive at the October 26/07 meeting; therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Board of Directors approve the Planning Fee Amendments and Schedule dated November 23/08; and,

**FURTHERMORE:** That the Director of Planning be authorized to implement the new Planning Fee Schedule as of November 24/07.

**Carried;**

**8. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING**

An opportunity to go In-Camera was presented to the Board to review specific permits. The question was asked, does any member have a specific permit requiring review. None were noted. No In-Camera session was held.

**8.1** Approvals under the Conservation Authorities Act for the Period September 1, 2007 to September 30, 2007

**RES #6** MOVED BY: Ron Simpson SECONDED BY: Bill VanBerkel

**RESOLVED THAT:** The Permits issued by staff for the period September 1, 2007, through to September 30, 2007, be approved.

**Carried;**

**8.2** Approvals under the Conservation Authorities Act for the Period October 1, 2007, to November 6, 2007.

**RES #7** MOVED BY: Bill VanBerkel SECONDED BY: Ron Simpson

**RESOLVED THAT:** The Permits issued by staff for the period October 1, 2007, to November 6, 2007, be approved.

**Carried;**

**9. REPORT OF THE CAO/SECRETARY TREASURER AND THE MANAGER OF FINANCE**

- Statement of Operations for the period ending September 30, 2007 and the Statement of Operations for the period ending October 30, 2007 (presented on table)

Wayne Wilson, CAO/Secretary –Treasurer, reported that due to subdivision revenue shortfall, a 2007 operations deficit is forecast. It was also noted that the Planning Reserve would be required to be utilized to offset the planning deficit. With the utilization of the Planning Reserve and the anticipated program area surpluses, the overall deficit should be addressed.

**RES #8** MOVED BY: Cal Patterson SECONDED BY: Rick Archdekin

**RESOLVED THAT:** The Statement of Operations for the period ending October 30, 2007 be received.

**Carried;**

**10. REPORT OF THE CAO/SECRETARY TREASURER****10.1 2008 Draft Budget**

Discussion ensued regarding the budget approval process and the total 2008 levy.

**RES#9**            MOVED BY: Gord Montgomery            SECONDED BY: Reg Cowan

**WHEREAS:** The annual draft budget is circulated to the member municipalities who must pay the levy, for comment and possible changes; and,

**WHEREAS:** After the commenting period, there is not a clear mechanism to make changes and address the municipality's concerns, the ratification of the budget becomes a yes or no vote; therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Full Authority hold a "budget workshop" to address the concerns of our member municipalities and come up with possible compromises to the budget.

**Defeated;**

*The Board of Directors recessed at 11:00 a.m.*

*The Board of Directors reconvened at 11:05 a.m.*

**Brain Mullin, Municipality of Grey Highlands, left the meeting at 11:05 a.m.**

The Directors presented their program area budget for 2008. Wayne Wilson, CAO/Secretary Treasurer, provided an overview of the proposed 2008 budget.

**RES #10**            MOVED BY: Reg Cowan            SECONDED BY: Cal Patterson

**WHEREAS:** Staff and the Executive have developed a Draft 2008 Budget, dated November 23/07 incorporating Advisory Committee Direction; therefore,

**BE IT RESOVLED:** That the Board of Directors direct staff to circulate the Draft 2008 Budget as amended to the NVCA watershed municipalities for review.

**ORAL AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION**

MOVED BY: Dennis Egan    SECONDED BY: Gary Matthews  
THAT: \$60,000. be removed from the levy

**Carried;**

**AMENDED MOTION**

**WHEREAS:** Staff and the Executive have developed a Draft 2008 Budget, dated November 23/07 incorporating Advisory Committee Direction; therefore,

**BE IT RESOVLED:** That the Board of Directors direct staff to circulate the Draft 2008 Budget with \$60,000. removed from the levy, to the NVCA watershed municipalities for review.

**Carried;**

**10.2 Board of Directors Communications target****RES #11** MOVED BY: Rick Archdekin

SECONDED BY: Reg Cowan

**RESOLVED THAT:** The Board of Directors communication target is 75% or greater Board Member support for all major NVCA initiatives (including: budget, policy, business plan).**Deferred;****10.3 Amendments to current targets****RES #12** MOVED BY: Mary Brett

SECONDED BY: Cal Patterson

**RESOLVED THAT:** The following targets be amended to recognize the target as the desired minimal level;

- Meet or exceed Provincial water quality objectives
- Greater than or equal to 10% wetland cover
- Greater than or equal to 30% forest cover
- Greater than or equal to 75% streamside vegetation
- Provide a minimum of 8,000 environmental education opportunities, including stewardship extension.

**Deferred;****10.4 Watershed Report Card****RES #13** MOVED BY: Mary Brett

SECONDED BY: Richard Lloyd

**THAT:** The watershed report card, continue to be promoted as the key method of communication for watershed target achievement.**Deferred;****11. REPORT OF THE CHAIR****11.1 OLWR – Submission to the MOE****RES #14** MOVED BY: Mary Brett SECONDED BY: Rick Archdekin**WHEREAS:** The drought in the summer of 2007 meant that much of the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) watershed experienced severe low water conditions; and,**WHEREAS:** NVCA staff worked diligently with our Water Response Team within the terms of the Ontario Low Water Response Plan (“OLWR plan”) in response to these drought conditions; and,**WHEREAS:** The implementation of the OLWR plan did not result in any improvements to the low water conditions; and,**WHEREAS:** The Ontario Water Directors’ Committee – Low Water Committee (MNR, MOE, OMAF and MMAH) did not declare a Level III low water condition; and,**WHEREAS:** These drought conditions under the anticipated effects of climate change will continue to have serious environmental consequences (fish habitat, etc); therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED:** That the NVCA Board of Directors requests the Office of the Environmental Commissioner of Ontario, under Section 21 of the Environmental Bill of Rights, to conduct a review of the OLWR plan implementation process.

**Motion Tabled;**

Chair Fred Nix explained the subsequent communications with the Ministry of Natural Resources have suggested a commitment on the part of MNR to improve the OLWR plan prior to the next drought season.

**ORAL MOTION**

MOVED BY: Gord Montgomery

SECONDED BY: Dennis Egan

**THAT:** The motion to request a review of the OLWR plan be tabled.

**Carried;**

**RES#15** MOVED BY: Mary Brett SECONDED BY: Rick Archdekin

**WHEREAS:** During the drought of 2007 grave concerns have been raised with the ineffectiveness of the Ontario Low Water Protocol/Plan in reducing drought impact; therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED:** That staff be directed to work with; Conservation Ontario, other affected Conservation Authorities and the Province of Ontario, to address the identified concerns and report back to the NVCA Board of Directors with recommendations.

**Carried Unanimously;**

**11.2 Notes from the Conservation Ontario Meeting – October 22/07**

The notes were provided for the information of the Board of Directors

**11.3 Latornell Conference Nov 14-16/07 – Verbal update**

Tom Elliott, Executive member representing the Township of Springwater commented on the valuable information gained at the conference and encouraged members to promote their municipalities to attend in the future.

**11.4 Update Source Protection Committee**

Chair Fred Nix advised the Source Water Protection Striking Committee has essentially finished its work and most members of the Source Protection Committee have now been appointed. The inaugural meeting of the Source Protection Committee will be on December 17<sup>th</sup> in Barrie.

**12. CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) NVCA and LSRCA Presentation to the County of Simcoe Growth Management Committee, Oct 27/07.
- (b) Conservation Ontario Council meeting, Oct 11/07 re: Integrated Watershed Management Model.
- (c) Conservation Ontario 2006 Conservation Authority Statistical Survey Summary of Results – Oct 12/07.
- (d) Maitland Valley Conservation Authority letter to Conservation Ontario dated Sept 24/07 re: Request for Conservation Ontario to Endorse the Alternative Land Use Services Policy Concept.

- (e) Letter sent to the County of Simcoe from LSRCA dated Nov 5, 2007 re: Natural Heritage System for the Lake Simcoe Watershed Phase 1: Components and Policy Templates.
- (f) Resolution from the Township of Centre Wellington dated Oct 19/07 re: support of the geological study of the Orangeville Moraine.
- (g) Letter sent to NVCA member municipalities Mayors & Council, dated Oct 26/07 re: Conservation Authority Funding Shortfall and Service Delivery Resolution from the Municipality of Brockton. (copy of the Brockton resolution and correspondence from Saugeen Conservation attached)
- (h) Correspondence from Conservation Ontario sent to the Council of Canadian Academies, dated Nov 2/07 re: Groundwater: A key Canadian Resource – public call for evidence.
- (i) Ministry of Natural Resources dated Oct 16/07 re: Relationship between the Conservation Authority and the Source Protection Authority.
- (j) Blue Mountain Watershed Trust Foundation dated Nov 6/07 re: NVCA Environmental Watershed Steward Award.
- (k) Media Release dated Nov 9/07 from Conservation Ontario re: Latornell Symposium Strives to set a “Green” Example.
- (l) Media Release dated Nov 6/07 from Conservation Ontario re: Justin Trudeau to address delegates at increasingly popular Conservation Symposium.
- (m) Ministry of Natural Resources memorandum dated Oct 31/07 re: Revised Transfer Payment Directive.
- (n) Memorandum dated Nov 23/07 re: SWP Stewardship Funding.
- (o) The Township of Scugog dated Aug 29/07 re: endorsement of the Town of Erin’s resolution regarding the Management of Water Resources.
- (p) Article published in the Innisfil Scope – Oct 24/07 re: Support for NVCA on Essa Township’s endangered list

**RES#16** MOVED BY: Gord Montgomery SECONDED BY: Robert Walker  
**RESOLVED THAT:** Correspondence not specifically dealt with be placed on file.

**Carried;**

#### **12.1 Simcoe County Growth Management Plan**

**RES#17** MOVED BY: Robert Walker SECONDED BY: Gord Montgomery

**WHEREAS:** Simcoe County is undertaking the preparation of a Growth Management Plan by June 2008; therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Board of Directors of the NVCA urges Simcoe County to:

- Ensure that the current growth management process gives full and due consideration to the impacts of different growth scenarios on natural areas, water resources, and the economic benefits that currently accrue from those resources,
- Propose growth levels that are consistent with recommendations of the Assimilative Capacity Study for the watersheds, and to
- Consider the technical work currently available through the Source Water Protection exercise; and,

**FURTHER THAT:** The NVCA, in cooperation with the LSRCA, and other partner ministries, agencies and associations actively work with the Simcoe County Growth Management Committee, to ensure environmentally sound growth within Simcoe County.

**Carried Unanimously;**

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS – December 7/07**

**NVCA Christmas Dinner and Dance (Georgian College) – December 14/07**

**EXECUTIVE – December 14/07**

**ADJOURN**

**RES#18**

MOVED BY: Robert Walker

SECONDED BY: Gord Montgomery

**RESOLVED THAT:** This meeting adjourn at 12:50 p.m. to meet again at the call of the Chair.

**Carried;**

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Fred Nix, N.V.C.A. Chair

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Wayne R. Wilson, CAO/Secretary Treasurer

Dated this 11 day of January, 2008