

## N.V.C.A. FULL AUTHORITY ANNUAL MEETING #02/06

**Date:** Friday, 10 February 2006  
**Location:** Tiffin Centre for Conservation – John L. Jose Environmental Learning Centre

### MINUTES

**PRESENT:**

**Chair** Fred Nix  
**Vice Chair:** Walter Benotto  
**Members:** Mary Brett  
Orville Brown  
Chris Carrier (arrived at 9:11 a.m.)  
Robert Currie  
Lynn Dollin  
Terry Dowdall  
Tom Elliott  
Wayman Fairweather  
Ruth Fountain  
Ron Henderson  
Ralph Hough  
Gary Matthews  
Mike McWilliam  
Ross Money  
Gord Montgomery  
Brian Mullin  
George Sheffer  
Ron Simpson  
Joan Sutherland  
Robert Walker  
Barry Ward (arrived at 9:10 a.m.)

**REGRETS:**

Kathy Jeffrey  
Bob Marrs

**STAFF PRESENT:**

CAO/Secretary-Treasurer	Wayne Wilson
Manager of Administration & Human Resources	Susan Richards
Manager of Finance	Susan Whitters
Director of Land & Water Stewardship Services	Byron Wesson
Healthy Waters Program Coordinator	Aileen Barclay
Manager of Stewardship Services	Fred Dobbs
Director of Engineering & Technical Serv.	Glenn Switzer
Manager, Watershed Monitoring Program	David Featherstone
GIS Analyst	Tina DeRoches
Water Resource Engineer	Amy Mayes
Water Resource Technologist	Brian Smith
Director of Planning	Charles Burgess
Senior Planner	Bev Booth

**RECORDER:**

Administrative Assistant Laurie Barron

**1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Fred Nix, Chair called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CHAIR NIX**

- NVCA has received Provincial approval to rename the Minesing Swamp to Minesing Wetlands.  
Byron Wesson, Director of Land and Water Stewardship Services said:  
*"A World Class natural landform known for its positive contribution to water quality, flood protection and providing habitat to a diverse array of flora and fauna is getting a name change. Commonly referred to as Minesing Swamp for decades this internationally recognized wetland now has Provincial approval for a name change to Minesing Wetlands".*
- Land and Water Stewardship Services Final Report 2005. Byron Wesson, Director of Land and Water Stewardship Services provided an update of the work completed by Land and Water Stewardship Services in 2005
- Mayor Garry Mathews was congratulated on the recent article which appeared in the Orangeville Citizen naming him Newsmaker of the Year. Garry was recognized for his involvement in bringing wind turbines to Melancthon. The wind farm industry is a pilot project which is looking at alternative methods of electrical energy.
- Aileen Barclay, Healthy Waters Program Co-ordinator was recognized for her hard work and commitment to the NVCA over the past year. Aileen will be leaving the NVCA to further her career. All of the members and staff wish her much success.
- Electronic access to the meeting agendas was discussed. Eight members indicated that they had attempted to access the agenda as per instructions sent. Two members were successful. The NVCA IT staff are working diligently to solve this problem and will advise the Full Authority when the system is fully functional.

**2. MOTION TO ADOPT AGENDA**

**RES#1**            MOVED BY: Joan Sutherland            SECONDED BY: Gord Montgomery

**RESOLVED THAT:** The Agenda for Full Authority Meeting #02/06, dated 10 February 2006, be adopted.

**Carried;**

**3. PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARATION**

**None**

**4. MINUTES**

4.1 Minutes of Full Authority Meeting 11-05, dated 13 January, 2006.

**RES#2**            MOVED BY: Ron Simpson            SECONDED BY: Joan Sutherland

**RESOLVED THAT:** The Minutes of Full Authority Meeting 11-05, dated 13 January 2006, be approved.

**Carried;**

4.2 Minutes of Full Authority Meeting 01-06, dated 13 January, 2006.

**RES#3**            MOVED BY: Ruth Fountain            SECONDED BY: Ron Simpson

**RESOLVED THAT:** The Minutes of Full Authority Meeting 01-06, dated 13 January 2006, be approved.

**Carried;**

**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

None noted

**6. STAFF REPORTS:****6.1 2006 NVCA BUDGET****▪ Approval of Matching Levy**

**RES#4**            MOVED BY: Ron Simpson            SECONDED BY: Gord Montgomery

**WHEREAS:** The Matching Levy for the proposed and duly circulated 2006 Budget is \$182,225.37; and

**WHEREAS:** A quorum of members is present and each member present represents one vote; therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED:** That The Matching Levy for the N.V.C.A. 2006 Budget be approved at \$182,225.37

**Carried unanimously;**

▪ **Approval of Non-Matching Levy Basic Budget:**

**RES#5**

MOVED BY: Ron Simpson

SECONDED BY: Gord Montgomery

**WHEREAS:** The Non-Matching Levy for the proposed and duly circulated 2006 Budget is \$1,316,761.86; and

**WHEREAS:** A quorum of members is present, and each member's vote is weighted according to the individual municipal share of the N.V.C.A. Current Value Assessment; therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The Non-Matching Levy for the N.V.C.A. 2006 Budget be approved at \$1,316,761.86

***Note: The following members were given total voting rights for their municipalities as their second representative was absent from the meeting. Barry Ward, City of Barrie, Chris Carrier, Township of Collingwood and Joan Sutherland, Township of New Tecumseth***

**Recorded Vote**

**In Favour**

Walter Benotto  
Orville Brown  
Chris Carrier  
Lynn Dollin  
Tom Elliott  
Wayman Fairweather  
Ruth Fountain  
Mike McWilliam  
Gord Montgomery  
Brian Mullin  
Fred Nix  
George Sheffer  
Ron Simpson  
Joan Sutherland  
Robert Walker  
Barry Ward

**Against**

Mary Brett  
Robert Currie  
Terry Dowdall  
Ron Henderson  
Ralph Hough  
Garry Matthews  
Ross Money

**Carried;**

▪ **Approval of General Budget:**

**RES#6**      MOVED BY: George Sheffer      SECONDED BY: Ross Money

**WHEREAS:** The proposed 2006 N.V.C.A. combined capital and operations budget expenditure of \$2,824,830.90 has been circulated as required to member municipalities for the minimum 30 day period; and

**WHEREAS:** The associated Matching and Non-Matching Levies have been duly approved by the N.V.C.A.; therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED:** That the 2006 Budget for the N.V.C.A. be approved and that staff and the Executive Committee be directed to implement this Budget and report on a quarterly basis to the Full Authority regarding Budget implementation.

**Carried;**

7. **REPORT FROM THE MANAGER OF ADMINISTRATION AND HUMAN RESOURCES**

• **2006 Salary Adjustment**

Discussion ensued. The Manager of Administration and Human Resources was directed to bring back, to a future meeting, an example of how the salary increase will be determined.

**RES#7**      MOVED BY: Ruth Fountain      SECONDED BY: Gord Montgomery

**WHEREAS:** Staff have completed a salary market/comparison survey for 2006; and,

**WHEREAS:** The Executive recommends a 0-3% achievable salary adjustment for staff based on performance;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The Full Authority approves the 2005/06 salary adjustment of 0-3%, as presented.

**Carried;**

**RES#8**      MOVED BY: Ron Henderson      SECONDED BY: Mary Brett

**RESOLVED THAT:** The report of the Manager of Administration and Human Resources dated 10 February, 2006 be received.

**Carried;**

**8. ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

**RES#9**            MOVED BY: Ross Money      SECONDED BY: George Sheffer

**RESOLVED THAT:** The NVCA Full Authority supports the recommendation of the Executive Committee regarding the 2006 Advisory Committee membership as attached.

**Carried;**

**9. REVISED SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS – FULL AUTHORITY & EXECUTIVE**

**RES#10**            MOVED BY: Orville Brown      SECONDED BY: Robert Walker

**RESOLVED THAT:** The Full Authority receives the Revised Schedule of Full Authority and Executive Meetings for 2006.

**Carried;**

**10. CORRESPONDENCE:**

- (a) Conservation Ontario Proposed 2006 meeting schedule
- (b) Conservation Ontario Council – Committee of the Whole dated December 2/05 re: 2005 A.D. Latornell Conservation Symposium Report
- (c) Conservation Ontario – Committee of the Whole work plan – December 2005
- (d) Acknowledgement from the Executive Director of the Coalition on the Niagara Escarpment regarding a donation made by the NVCA in memory of Ian Lang.
- (e) Correspondence copied from Conservation Ontario to the Great Lakes Internal Joint Commission, dated November 30, 2005 re: Canada-U.S. Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement Review.
- (f) Notice of public open house to be held on February 16/06 from Springwater Township regarding the passing of a by-law to prohibit motor vehicles on common right of ways in the Township.
- (g) Resolution from Clearview Township dated January 23, 2006 regarding a region grant proposal to complete aquifer vulnerability mapping.
- (h) Press Release dated January 30/06 re: Minesing Wet Lands.
- (i) Town of Innisfil, copy of correspondence sent to the Ministry of the Environment and LSRCA, dated Jan 20/06 re: Completion and edge-matching of aquifer vulnerability mapping across the watershed region.
- (j) Town of Innisfil, copy of correspondence sent to the Ministry of the Environment and LSRCA, dated Jan 20/06 re: Surface Water Intake Project.
- (k) Letter from the Township of Melancthon dated Jan 23/06 re: 2006 Draft Budget.
- (l) Letter from the Town of Mono dated Jan 24.06 re: Draft 2006 NVCA Budget.
- (m) Copy of correspondence sent from the Town of Mono to Credit Valley Conservation dated Jan 26/06 re: CVC's 2006 Budget and Levy Notice.
- (n) Letter sent to the Town of Mono from Credit Valley CA dated Jan 5/06 re: 2006 Budget and Levy Notice.

- (o) Letter from the Utopia Gristmill Committee dated Jan 25/06 re: Utopia Conservation Area Property.
- (p) Response from W. Wilson, CAO/Secretary Treasurer to the Utopia Gristmill Committee dated Jan 30/06 re: Utopia Conservation Area Property, letter received Jan 25/06.
- (q) Press Release dated Jan 31/06 re: Conservation Authority Endorses The Principles Of The Provincial Government's New Legislation To Protect Drinking Water Sources
- (r) Press Release dated Feb 1/06 re: 45<sup>TH</sup> Annual Meeting of the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority Chair, Vice-Chair and Executive Elected
- (s) NVCA – Clean Water Act –EBR response dated Feb 2/06
- (t) Township of Essa letter dated Feb 2/06 re: Resolution regarding the Composition of NVCA Board.

**RES#11**      MOVED BY: Orville Brown      SECONDED BY: Robert Walker

**RESOLVED THAT:** Correspondence not specifically dealt with be placed on file.

**Carried;**

**11. STAFF PRESENTATIONS:**

Wayne Wilson, CAO/Secretary Treasurer

▪ **Review of the NVCA Communication Strategy**

Wayne Wilson, CAO/Secretary reviewed the strategy with the Board and requested that they determine, through their advisory committees, the Audience, Message, Feedback, Identification and Ranking, to ensure the appropriate audiences have been covered.

Bob Law, Watershed Planner

▪ **Update regarding the Watershed Plan (identifying Advisory Committee priorities)**

Bob Law, Watershed Planner provided an update on the Watershed Plan and requested the Full Board to review, with their Advisory Committees, any key questions and municipal expectations they would like to see addressed in the plan. The Watershed Plan will be presented to the Full Authority at the April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**12. ADJOURN TO ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

**RES#12**      MOVED BY: Robert Currie      SECONDED BY: Ralph Hough

**RESOLVED THAT:** This meeting of the Full Authority break into Advisory Committees at 10:03 a.m., to reconvene to Full Authority at 11:40 a.m.

**Carried;**

**13. PRESENTATION – CLIMATE CHANGE**

Dr. Don MacIver, Director, Adaptation and Impacts Research Group (AIRG), Meteorological Service of Canada, Environment Canada

Dr. MacIver gave a presentation on work currently being done by the Adaptation and Impacts Research Group. The Group is developing scientific knowledge information, data, models, maps and policy strategies in dealing with the changes in climate. Dr. MacIver reviewed the global costs of natural disasters and the community vulnerability with increasing population and urbanization, coupled with an aging deteriorating infrastructure and the continued increasing dependence on electricity, electronics and communication.

A review of flooding events from 2000 to 2005 revealed the importance of the work being done. Dr. MacIver concluded that adaptation to strengthen human health and safety by improving our prediction, prevention, design and operational capacities and a continued effort to reduce Green House Gas emissions are essential in slowing the rate of Climate Change.

Questions ensued from the Board Members. Chair Nix thanked Dr. MacIver for his informative presentation.

**RES#13**      MOVED BY: Joan Sutherland      SECONDED BY: Orville Brown

**WHEREAS:** Current scientific evidence recognizes that climate change is occurring, which will result in changes to historic precipitation patterns; therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED:** That staff be directed to request Conservation Ontario to review this matter, on behalf of all Conservation Authorities; and,

**FURTHER:** That Conservation Ontario be requested to establish a working group to work with Environment Canada, Ministry of Natural Resources, Ministry of the Environment and any other appropriate agency to review these issues and provide recommendations relevant to the Water Management Role and Responsibilities of Conservation Authorities, within one year.

**Carried;**

14. **Future Meetings/Events:**  
February 24/06 – Executive  
March 10/06 – Full Authority  
April 1 & 2/06 – Spring Tonic  
May 6/06 – Arbour Day  
April 22-29/06 – Pitch-In Week  
Sept 21/06 - NVCA Member and Guest Bus Tour (details to follow)

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

**RES#14**      MOVED BY: Ralph Hough      SECONDED BY: Garry Matthews

**RESOLVED THAT:** This meeting adjourn at 12:10 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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W. Wilson, C.A.O./Secretary-Treasurer

Dated on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2006