

**N.V.C.A. FULL AUTHORITY MEETING #05/06
MINUTES**

Date: Friday, 12 May 2006

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

PRESENT:

Chair:	Fred Nix	Town of Mono
Acting Vice Chair	Bob Marrs	Town of New Tecumseth
Members:		
Mary Brett		Township of Adjala-Tosorontio
Orville Brown		Town of Clearview
Chris Carrier		Town of Collingwood
Sandra Cooper		Town of Collingwood (arrived at 9:10)
Lynn Dollin		Town of Innisfil
Terry Dowdall		Township of Essa
Tom Elliott		Township of Springwater
Wayman Fairweather		Town of the Blue Mountains
Ruth Fountain		Township of Oro-Medonte
Ron Henderson		Township of Essa
Ralph Hough		Township of Oro-Medonte
Mike McWilliam		Town of Wasaga Beach
Garry Matthews		Township of Melancthon
Ross Money		Township of Springwater
Gord Montgomery		Township of Mulmur
Brian Mullin		Municipality of Grey Highlands
Gerald Poisson		City of Barrie
Ron Simpson		Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury
Joan Sutherland		Town of New Tecumseth
Robert Walker		Township of Clearview
Barry Ward		City of Barrie (arrived at 9:15)

REGRETS:

Vice Chair: Walter Benotto	Town of Shelburne
George Sheffer	Town of Wasaga Beach
Bob Currie	Township of Amaranth

GUESTS

Mike Laycock, Auditor, B.D.O. Dunwoody

STAFF PRESENT:

CAO/Secretary-Treasurer	Wayne R. Wilson
Director of Engineering & Tech Services	Glenn Switzer
Director of Land & Water Stewardship Services	Byron Wesson
Manager, Stewardship Services	Fred Dobbs
Healthy Waters Program Coordinator	Shannon Stephens
Director of Planning	Charles Burgess
Watershed Planner	Bob Law
Manager of Finance	Susan Whitters
Manager Policy and Planning Regulations	Bev Booth

RECORDER: Laurie Barron, Administrative Assistant

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Fred Nix, Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

The Chair advised that Bob Marrs would be acting as Vice Chair in Walter Benotto's absence.

2. MOTION TO ADOPT AGENDA**Note additions:**

Item 11.1 - Conservation Ontario meeting update

Item 11.2 - Source Water Protection meeting update (April 21st)

RES#1 MOVED BY: Robert Walker SECONDED BY: Orville Brown

RESOLVED THAT: The Agenda for Full Authority Meeting #05-06, dated 12 May 2006, be adopted as amended.

Carried;

3. PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARATION

None noted

4. MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of Full Authority Meeting 04-06, dated 13 April, 2006.

RES#2 MOVED BY: Robert Walker SECONDED BY: Orville Brown

RESOLVED THAT: The Minutes of Full Authority Meeting 04-06, dated 13 April, 2006 be approved.

Carried;

4.2 Draft Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting 05-06, dated 28 April, 2006.

RES#3 MOVED BY: Chris Carrier SECONDED BY: Wayman Fairweather

RESOLVED THAT: The Draft Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting 05-06, dated 28 April, 2006, be received.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None noted

ANNOUNCEMENT:

The Chair introduced and welcomed Sandra Cooper, Deputy Mayor for the Town of Collingwood. Sandra will be replacing Kathy Jeffery representing the Town of Collingwood on the Full Authority Board.

6. AUDITORS REPORT (Mike Laycock, B.D.O. Dunwoody of Barrie)

Mr. Laycock reviewed the 2005 Audited Financial Statements with the Full Board. Mr. Laycock advised that there was no evidence of misstatement that would have a material affect on the financial statement and accordingly, has issued an unqualified audit report.

RES#4

MOVED BY: Chris Carrier

SECONDED BY: Wayman Fairweather

RESOLVED THAT: The 2005 Audited Financial Statements presented by Mike Laycock, of B.D.O. Dunwoody of Barrie, be received by the Full Authority.

Carried;**STAFF REPORTS****7. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND THE WATERSHED PLANNER****7.1 Innisfil Creek Subwatershed Plan**

Bob Law, NVCA Watershed Planner made a PowerPoint presentation to the Full Board outlining the Innisfil Creek Subwatershed Plan. Three subwatershed plans have been completed; Black Ash Creek, Willow Creek and the Innisfil Creek. The development of the Innisfil plan involved several partners: Adjala-Tosorontio, Bradford West Gwillimbury, Essa, Innisfil, New Tecumseth, MNR, MOE, OMAF and Greenland & JTB Consultants.

Subwatershed Planning examines in some detail, an entire ecosystem (subwatershed). It provides residents with a means of voicing expectations and is a mechanism to collect and distribute information and baseline data. Subwatershed planning is a tool to resolve issues and help ensure sustainability of water resources over the long-term.

During the planning process the residents were asked what their expectations were. Several issues were addressed:

- Protect their stream, wetlands and woodlands (natural areas).
- Restore degraded natural areas where possible.
- Fix the water quality and protect their well water.
- Keep the stream flowing in dry summers; and
- Protect them from floods.

In order to meet the residents' expectations the following strategic direction was established:

- Subwatershed Goal, Objectives, Measurable Targets, Natural Heritage, Aquatic Ecosystem and Water Management Strategies including 21 recommendations.

Preliminary subwatershed and preliminary Assimilative Capacity Study (ACS) phosphorous targets were established. The next step will be to determine the main source of impairment in Innisfil Creek and the Nottawasaga River. Additional monitoring will be required to refine the results of the ACS study.

The Subwatershed Plan was a pilot for the ACS water quality model (CANWET). The ACS study results will directly impact the science of water management. The Implementation of

this plan was questioned by board members. It is estimated that it could cost up to \$28 million to implement water quality improvement (Best Management Practices/recommendations). A process and methodology needs to be established through the province and municipalities to best implement these recommendations. The question was also raised as to whether the County should be the planning authority looking to the developers to contribute to the costs of water quality improvement.

The CAO/Secretary Treasurer noted that the province is responsible for nutrient management and this plan recommends nutrient management on a subwatershed basis which will require the province to change its current approach.

A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available to the members on request.

RES#5 MOVED BY: Wayman Fairweather SECONDED BY: Chris Carrier

RESOLVED THAT: The Planning Staff Report titled "Innisfil Creek Subwatershed Plan be received and that the Innisfil Creek Subwatershed Plan be adopted; and

THAT: The Innisfil Creek Subwatershed Plan be released following MOE's acceptance of the Assimilative Capacity Study Technical Report on Pollutant Target Loads.

Carried;

7.2 Watershed Plan Update Status

Bob Law, Watershed Planner provided an update and explained why a decision had been made to move the completion date up to the fall of 2006.

RES#6 MOVED BY: Tom Elliott SECONDED BY: Gord Montgomery

RESOLVED THAT: The Watershed Plan Update Status report dated May 12/06 be received.

Carried;

The Full Authority Recessed at 10:20 a.m.

The Full Authority Resumed at 10:30 p.m.

RES# 7 MOVED BY: Gord Montgomery SECONDED BY: Robert Walker

RESOLVED THAT: The report of the Director of Planning and the Watershed Planner dated 12 May, 2006 be received.

Carried;

8. **REPORT OF THE CAO/SECRETARY-TREASURER AND THE MANAGER OF ADMINISTRATION AND HUMAN RESOURCES**

8.1 **Board Member Communication Survey**

RES#8 MOVED BY: Gord Montgomery SECONDED BY: Mary Brett

RESOLVED THAT: The Board Members complete the Member Communication Survey as circulated and forward the completed surveys to staff by 9 June, 2006.

Carried;

RES#9 MOVED BY: Ron Simpson SECONDED BY: Ruth Fountain

RESOLVED THAT: The report of the CAO/Secretary Treasurer and the Manager of Administration and Human Resources be received.

Carried;

9. **REPORT OF THE CAO/SECRETARY-TREASURER**

9.1 **2006-2008 Business Plan**

RES#10 MOVED BY: Ruth Fountain SECONDED BY: Ron Simpson

RESOLVED THAT: The Full Authority approves the 2006-2008 Business Plan as a strategic guidance document providing specific direction for the implementation of the approved 2006 budget; and further,

THAT: The strategic direction, targets and associated Financial Forecast for the 2007 and 2008 year within the plan be received as general guidance, which is non-binding on subsequent year budget development and approval.

Carried unanimously;

The Chair directed staff to provide a copy of the Business Plan to each CAO of the NVCA member municipalities.

9.2 **Statement of Operations Summary for the Period ending March 31, 2006.**

RES#11 MOVED BY: Tom Elliott SECONDED BY: Mike McWilliam

RESOLVED THAT: The Statement of Operations Summary for the Period ending March 31, 2006 be received.

Carried;

9.3 Assimilative Capacity Study (ACS) update

The CAO/Secretary Treasurer advised that a tentative schedule has been prepared to make presentations to our member municipalities regarding the ACS. The Conservation Authorities are awaiting a response from the Province for further direction regarding the study.

RES#12 MOVED BY: Tom Elliott SECONDED BY: Gord Montgomery

RESOLVED THAT: The Assimilative Capacity Study update presented by the CAO/Secretary-Treasurer be received.

Carried;

RES#13 MOVED BY: Tom Elliott SECONDED BY: Mike McWilliam

RESOLVED THAT: The report of the CAO/Secretary Treasurer dated 12 May, 2006 be received.

Carried;

10. ADVISORY COMMITTEE NOTES**10.1 Notes of the Land & Water Stewardship Advisory Committee Mtg. #02/06 dated 13 April, 2006.**

RES#14 MOVED BY: Ruth Fountain SECONDED BY: Ron Simpson

RESOLVED THAT: The recommendations of the Land & Water Stewardship Advisory Committee Mtg. #02/06 dated 13 April, 2006 be endorsed by the Full Authority.

Carried;

10.2 Notes of the Engineering and Technical Services Advisory Committee Mtg. #02/06 dated 13 April, 2006.

The Chair noted that the presentation made at the Engineering Advisory Committee on April 13th re: "Watershed Characterization Report" provided valuable information. Verbal direction from the Chair, that the report be placed on the NVCA web site, and presented at a future meeting of the Full Authority.

RES#15 MOVED BY: Brian Mullin SECONDED BY: Tom Elliott

RESOLVED THAT: The recommendations of the Engineering Advisory Committee Mtg. #02/06 dated 13 April, 2006 be endorsed by the Full Authority.

Carried;

10.3 Notes of the Planning Advisory Committee Mtg. #02/06 dated 13 April, 2006.

RES#16 MOVED BY: Robert Walker SECONDED BY: Tom Elliott

RESOLVED THAT: The recommendations of the Planning Advisory Committee Mtg. #02/06 dated 13 April, 2006 be endorsed by the Full Authority.

Carried;

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 The CAO/Secretary Treasurer highlighted items addressed at the Conservation Ontario meeting held on April 24/06:

- Liability Insurance costs for all Conservation Authorities are being reviewed with the goal of placing all CA's under an additional \$4 million general liability umbrella to help reduce the premium increases.
- A new Chair has been elected for Conservation Ontario, Dick Hibma, Chair of the Grey Sauble CA.
- The storm water management concerns due to global warming was referred by resolution to the joint MNR/CO Flood Forecasting and Warning working Group to address current standards.
- The second reading for the Clean Water Act occurred on April 12/06. It is anticipated that a standing committee will hold meetings to receive input. The regulations should be passed early in 2007.
- Conservation Ontario feels that there is a need for an integrated approach on all water management issues in the province. The role and responsibility of the Conservation Authorities needs to be clarified under the Clean Water Act. The current bill relies 100% on regulation. There are other devices such as incentives and education that could be used. Funding for implementation needs to be addressed; the bill is currently silent on that. The Clean Water Act does not address private wells or a land owner incentive component.

11.2 The Source Water Protection Study for Dufferin County was discussed. Cross Boundary issues will need to be addressed in the plans. Staff have received a copy of the draft terms of reference which will be reviewed and discussed with the NVCA Executive. Garry Matthews advised that Melancthon has received confirmation that they will receive additional monies to finance the study, over and above the current funding.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Letter from MHBC Planning to Charles Burgess, Director of Planning dated March 28/06 re: IGAP Event, Formal Request to use the Tiffin Centre.
- (b) News Release from the Ministry of the Environment dated April 21/06 re: Ontario Helps Communities Protect Drinking Water Sources.
- (c) Bill 106, "An Act to establish a natural heritage system and watershed protection area for Lake Simcoe and the Nottawasaga River, 1st reading, April 25/06.
- (d) Source Water Protection News Release dated April 26/06 re: Province partners with local agencies to protect drinking water sources.

RES#17 MOVED BY: Ruth Fountain SECONDED BY: Ron Simpson

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

Carried;

13. STAFF PRESENTATIONS**NVCA Stewardship Services**

Fred Dobbs, Manager of Stewardship Services and Shannon Stephens, Healthy Waters Coordinator gave a PowerPoint presentation to the Full Board outlining the work that has been completed, and projects planned for Stewardship Services.

The Healthy Waters Grant Incentive, Community River Restoration, Outreach and Education and Fisheries Habitat Management programs are providing a valuable tool to help ensure the future of our healthy water through stewardship programs.

The Forestry Program provides tree planting/reforestation, an Arbour Day Sale where residents can purchase trees at a reasonable cost, and the Managed Forest Program, all of which ensure the continued health of our forests.

These programs work in partnership with the community to implement local projects that protect and restore our environment.

14. FUTURE MEETINGS/EVENTS:

- Arbour Day – May 6/06
- Executive Meeting – May 26/06
- Native Plant Sale – June 3/06
- Full Authority Meeting – June 9/06
- Ian Lang Memorial Trail Dedication– June 23/06
(Nottawasaga Bluffs, 3 p.m.)

15. ADJOURNMENT

RES#18 MOVED BY: Tom Elliott SECONDED BY: Brian Mullin

RESOVLED THAT: This meeting adjourn at 11:32 a.m. to meeting again at the call of the Chair.

Carried;

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

W. Wilson, C.A.O./Secretary-Treasurer

Dated on the 9TH day of June, 2006