



**NOTTAWASAGA VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 02/08
Friday, 8 February, 2008
MINUTES**

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
	Mary Brett	Township of Adjala-Tosorontio
	Orville Brown	Township of Clearview
	Chris Carrier	Town of Collingwood
	Reg Cowan	Township of Springwater
	John Crawford	Township of Oro-Medonte
	Dennis Egan	Town of New Tecumseth
	Tom Elliott	Township of Springwater
	Sonny Foley	Town of Collingwood
	Peter Kmet	Town of Innisfil
	Richard Lloyd	City of Barrie
	Gary Matthews	Township of Melancthon
	John McKean	The Town of The Blue Mountains
	Gord Montgomery	Township of Mulmur
	Brian Mullin	Municipality of Grey Highlands
	Cal Patterson	Town of Wasaga Beach
	Ron Simpson	Town of Bradford/West Gwillimbury
	Joan Sutherland	Town of New Tecumseth
	Robert Walker	Township of Clearview
	Percy Way	Township of Amaranth
<u>REGRETS:</u>		
	Rick Archdekin	Town of Wasaga Beach
	Terry Dowdall	Township of Essa
	Ron Henderson	Township of Essa
	Bill Van Berkel	Town of Innisfil
	Barry Ward	City of Barrie

<u>STAFF PRESENT:</u>	CAO/Secretary-Treasurer Mgr. Administration & Human Resources Communications Public Relations Assistant Manager of Finance Director of Land & Water Stewardship Services Director of Engineering and Technical Services Director of Planning	Wayne Wilson Susan Richards Kim Garraway Susan Whitters Byron Wesson Glenn Switzer Marilyn Eger
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<u>RECORDER:</u>	Executive Assistant	Laurie Barron
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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **MOTION TO ADOPT AGENDA**

RES. # 1 MOVED BY: Joan Sutherland SECONDED BY: Ron Simpson
RESOLVED THAT: The Agenda for Board of Directors Meeting #02/08, dated 8 February, 2008, be adopted.

Carried;

3. **PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARATION**

None Declared

4. **MINUTES**

4.1 Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting 11-07, dated 11 January, 2008.

RES. # 2 MOVED BY: Ron Simpson SECONDED BY: Joan Sutherland
RESOLVED THAT: The Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting 11-07, dated 11 January, 2008 be approved.

Carried;

4.2 Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting 01-08, dated 11 January, 2008.

RES. # 3 MOVED BY: Joan Sutherland SECONDED BY: Ron Simpson
RESOLVED THAT: The Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting 01-08, dated 11 January, 2008 be approved.

Carried;

4.3 Draft Minutes of the Nottawasaga Valley Source Protection Authority 01-08, dated 11 January, 2008.

RES. # 4 MOVED BY: Joan Sutherland SECONDED BY: Ron Simpson
RESOLVED THAT: The Draft Minutes of the Nottawasaga Valley Source Protection Authority 01-08, dated 11 January, 2008 be received.

Carried;

4.4 Draft Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting 01-08, dated 25 January, 2008.

RES. # 5 MOVED BY: Richard Lloyd SECONDED BY: Joan Sutherland
RESOLVED THAT: The Draft Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting 01-08, dated 25 January, 2008 be received.

Carried;

5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

None noted

STAFF REPORTS

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

**6.1 Notes from the Land and Water Stewardship Advisory Committee
E-Business Meeting, dated 25 January, 2008.**

RES. # 6 MOVED BY: Richard Lloyd SECONDED BY: Joan Sutherland
WHEREAS: The Lands and Waters Advisory Committee approved the proposed changes to the 2008 Healthy Waters Grant Program; and,

WHEREAS: The Executive Committee support the changes; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED: The Board of Directors approves the January 25, 2008 grant schedule changes to the 2008 Healthy Waters Grant Program.

Carried;

6.2 Minesing Wetlands

RES. # 7 MOVED BY: Richard Lloyd SECONDED BY: Joan Sutherland
WHEREAS: The NVCA has received a request for access to Minesing Wetlands for irrigation purposes; and,

WHEREAS: The Executive recommend that the request be denied due to the impact on the wetland and possible damage to wildlife; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors rejects this application to access the Minesing Wetlands for irrigation purposes.

Unanimously Carried;

7. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING

7.1 Permits for Ratification

RES. # 8 MOVED BY: Joan Sutherland SECONDED BY: Richard Lloyd
RESOVLED THAT: The Permits/Approvals issued by staff for the period January 1, 2008 through January 28, 2008 be approved.

Tabled;

7. REPORT OF THE MANAGER OF ADMINISTRATION AND HUMAN RESOURCES

7.1 Board of Directors 2008 Per Diem Rate Increase

RES. # 9 MOVED BY: Tom Elliott SECONDED BY: Brian Mullin
RESOLVED THAT: Staff be directed to seek approval of the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB), pursuant to Section 37 of the *Conservation Authorities Act*, to apply a cost of living increase to NVCA members per diems of 1.7% which represents the Ontario Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation rate from December 2006 to November 2007; and

THAT: The increase be effective as of January 1, 2008.

Carried;

7.2 Communications Report January 2008

The communications report was reviewed and well received by the Board of Directors.

8. REPORT OF THE CAO/SECRETARY TREASURER

8.1 2008 NVCA BUDGET - Approval of Matching Levy:

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

WHEREAS: The Matching Levy for the proposed and duly circulated 2008 Budget is \$185,434.80 ; 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. 2008 Budget be approved at \$185,434.80.

Unanimously Carried;

8.2 Approval of Non-Matching Levy:

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

WHEREAS: THE Non-Matching Levy for the proposed and duly circulated 2008 Budget is \$1,528,111.57 ; 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: The Non-Matching Levy for the N.V.C.A. 2008 Budget be approved at \$1,528,111.57 .

(RECORDED VOTE)

IN FAVOUR

Chair:	Fred Nix	Sonny Foley
Vice Chair:	Walter Benotto	Peter Kmet
Members:	Sandy Agnew	Richard Lloyd
	Mary Brett	John McKean
	Orville Brown	Brian Mullin
	Chris Carrier	Cal Patterson
	Reg Cowan	Ron Simpson
	John Crawford	Joan Sutherland
	Dennis Egan	Robert Walker
	Tom Elliott	Percy Way

OPPOSED

Members:	Garry Matthews
	Gord Montgomery

Carried;

8.3 General Budget Approval

RES. #12 MOVED BY: John McKean SECONDED BY: Dennis Egan

WHEREAS: The proposed 2008 N.V.C.A. combined capital and operations budget expenditure of \$3,899,200.73 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. Board of Directors; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED: That the 2008 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 Board of Directors regarding Budget implementation.

Carried;

John Crawford, member from the Township of Oro-Medonte put forward a amendment to the motion to have Oro-Medonte's levy reduced by the amount paid to the Severn Sound Environmental Association. In addition, John noted that Council for Oro-Medonte would like to request the NVCA to develop a discretionary budget allowing for projects to be chosen by the Township. Chris Carrier, member from the Town of Collingwood noted that the NVCA provides general benefiting programs for all of the 18 member municipalities which collectively support Conservation in the watershed.

Discussion ensued. The members determined that the motion was not procedurally correct as it was contrary to the previous motions already approved. There was no seconder for the motion.

9. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

- **Permit to take water: Fernbrook Springs Bottled Water Co., Township of Amaranth**

Discussion ensued regarding complaints of well interference submitted to Fernbrook Bottled Water Co. The Director of Engineering advised that a Consulting Hydrogeologists firm has been retained by Fernbrook to investigate these complaints. At this time the NVCA has no jurisdiction over permit to take water applications. The Ministry of the Environment are the issuing agency. Conservation Ontario and the Province of Ontario are currently developing a Conservation Authority/Ministry of the Environment Permit to Take Water Protocol. It is anticipated that the NVCA will become a commenting agency for Permit to Take Water Applications.

RES. #13 MOVED BY: John Crawford SECONDED BY: Gord Montgomery
BE IT RESOLVED: That the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority received correspondence related to the permit to take water for Fernbrook Springs Bottled Water Company Ltd.; and,

FURTHER: That the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority continue to work with Conservation Ontario to finalize the Conservation Authority commenting procedures for permits to take water applications; and,

FURTHER: That the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation continue to work with the Ministry of the Environment to improve the science required to prepare an application for groundwater takings such as been developed through source water protection.

Carried;

11. NEW BUSINESS

Dennis Egan, member from the Town of New Tecumseth brought forward a suggestion that a committee be established to review new sources of revenue and capital for the 2009 budget. Chair Nix advised that this would be discussed at the next meeting of the Executive.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Ministry of Natural Resources dated Dec 31/07 re: Approval of Multi-year land securement strategy.
- (b) Trees Ontario dated January 8/08 re: Tree Planting Program to mitigate the effects of climate change.
- (c) Geranium Corporation dated Jan 9/08 re: thank you letter.
- (d) Township of Amaranth dated Jan 11/08 re: approval of the NVCA 2008 Budget.
- (e) The Ministry of Northern Development and Mines dated Jan 11/08 re: Ontario Geological Survey project planning proposed submission.
- (f) Nottawasaga Futures recognition of the New Tecumseth Stream Restoration Program (Dec 18/08) and response from W. Wilson, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer (Jan 15/08).
- (g) Correspondence sent to Solomon Inc. from NVCA Environmental Officer, dated Jan 21/08 re: cancellation of hearing March 14/08.
- (h) Town of Innisfil dated Jan 21/08 re: Township of Essa Resolution regarding duplication of planning fees.
- (i) Township of Amaranth dated Jan 24/08 re: resolution from the Town of Mulmur regarding the NVCA new fee schedule.

- (j) Response to the Township of Mulmur dated Jan 25/08 from W. Wilson, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer regarding the Jan 9/08 letter sent to all member municipalities from Mulmur Township re: NVCA programs.

On Table Correspondence

A questionnaire was provided on table regarding the distribution of future NVCA agenda packages. The Board of Directors were asked to complete the questionnaire and submit it to the Executive Assistant. Of the 20 questionnaires returned, 11 members indicated they support accessing the agenda via e-copy and 9 requested that a paper copy continue to be provided. The remaining 6 members will be canvassed at the next meeting of the Board of Directors.

RES.#14 MOVED BY: Garry Matthews SECONDED BY: John McKean
RESOLVED THAT: Correspondence not specifically dealt with be placed on file.

Carried;

13. **FUTURE MEETINGS**
EXECUTIVE MEETING – February 22/08
BOARD OF THE DIRECTORS – March 14/08

ADJOURN TO ADVISORY COMMITTEES

RES.#15 MOVED BY: John McKean SECONDED BY: Percy Way
RESOLVED THAT: This meeting adjourn at 10:31a.m. to meet again at the call of the Chair.

Carried;

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

Wayne R. Wilson, CAO/Secretary Treasurer

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2008