



**NOTTAWASAGA VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 05/08
Friday May 9, 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
<u>Members:</u>		
	Sandy Agnew	Township of Oro-Medonte
	Rick Archdekin	Town of Wasaga Beach
	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
	Tom Elliott	Township of Springwater
	Sonny Foley	Town of Collingwood
	Ron Henderson	Township of Essa
	Garry Matthews	Township of Melancthon
	John McKean	The Town of The Blue Mountains
	Rick Milne	Town of New Tecumseth
	Gord Montgomery	Township of Mulmur
	Brian Mullin	Municipality of Grey Highlands
	Cal Patterson	Town of Wasaga Beach
	Joan Sutherland	Town of New Tecumseth
	Bill Van Berkel	Town of Innisfil
	Robert Walker	Township of Clearview
	Percy Way	Township of Amaranth
	Barry Ward	City of Barrie (arrived at 10:40 a.m.)
<u>REGRETS:</u>		
	Terry Dowdall	Township of Essa
	Richard Lloyd	City of Barrie

STAFF PRESENT:

CAO/Secretary-Treasurer	Wayne Wilson
Mgr. Administration & Human Resources	Susan Richards
Manger of Finance	Susan Whitters
Communications Public Relations Assistant	Kim Garraway
Director of Land & Water Stewardship Services	Byron Wesson
Director of Engineering and Technical Services	Glenn Switzer
Acting Director of Planning	Chris Hibberd

RECORDER: Executive Assistant Laurie Barron

GUESTS: Michael Laycock, Auditor BDO Dunwoody Barrie

Christine Zimmer, Senior Water Resources Engineer
Credit Valley Conservation Authority

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. MOTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

RES.#1 MOVED BY: Bill Van Berkel SECONDED BY: Ron Simpson
RESOLVED THAT: The Agenda for Board of Directors Meeting #05/08, dated 11 April, 2008, as amended be adopted.

Carried;

3. PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARATION

Item 10.1 - Wayne Wilson, CAO/Secretary Treasurer

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Nix welcomed Deputy Mayor Rick Milne from the Town of New Tecumseth. Deputy Mayor Milne is a new member of the NVCA Board of Directors representing New Tecumseth.

Chair Nix noted the significant work the Barrie Rotary Club has done for the NVCA. The Rotary plans to build a Gazebo at Momma Bear Pond at the Tiffin Centre in the coming weeks.

The Royal Bank (RBC) will be hosting a Community Day on Sunday June 8, 2008. RBC will provide free admission to all participating Conservation Areas to create awareness of the many CA lands available for recreational use.

Introduction of New Staff Members

Chair Nix and members of the Board of Directors welcomed the following new staff to the NVCA.

Abdullah Hossain has accepted the position of Water Resource Engineer, Ian Ockenden has accepted the position of Watershed Monitoring Specialist, Debbie Swindels has accepted the position of Accounts Receivable Clerk, and Christine May has accepted the position of Accounts Payable Clerk.

Certificate of Appreciation From The New Tecumseth Streams Committee

Joan Sutherland, member representing the Town of New Tecumseth, presented Chair Nix with a Certificate of Appreciation for the NVCA's contribution to the New Tecumseth Stream Restoration Program.

5. MINUTES**5.1 Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting 04/08, dated 11 April, 2008.**

RES.#2 MOVED BY: Bill Van Berkel SECONDED BY: Ron Simpson
RESOLVED THAT: The Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting 04/08 dated 11 April, 2008 be approved.

Carried;

5.2 Draft Minutes of the Executive Meeting 05/08 dated 25 April, 2008.**RES.#3** MOVED BY: Sandy Agnew SECONDED BY: Ron Simpson**RESOLVED THAT:** The Draft Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting 05/08 dated 25 April, 2008, be received.**Carried;****6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES****6.1 NVCA Funding Committee update****RES.#4** MOVED BY: Ron Simpson SECONDED BY: Sandy Agnew**WHEREAS:** Dennis Egan, the Board member proposing the establishment of a committee to examine funding opportunities has resigned from the Board; therefore,**BE IT RESOLVED:** That the committee established at Board meeting #04/08 be disbanded.**Carried;****7. PRESENTATIONS:****7.1 NVCA 2007 Audited Statements presented by Mr. Michael Laycock, Auditor, BDO Dunwoody Barrie****RES.#5** MOVED BY: John Crawford SECONDED BY: Rick Archdekin**RESOLVED THAT:** The 2007 Audited Financial Statements presented and circulated by Michael Laycock of BDO Dunwoody Barrie, be received.**Carried;****7.2 Implementation of a Strategy for a Sustainable Credit River Watershed.**

Christine Zimmer, Senior Water Resources Engineer with Credit Valley Conservation Authority presented the Strategy for a Sustainable Credit River Watershed. The strategy addresses issues with the current storm water development standards, particularly in light of climate change. The presentation included many examples of solutions including future planning actions to promote watershed health.

STAFF REPORTS**8. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING****8.1 Permits for Ratification****RES.#6** MOVED BY: Rick Archdekin SECONDED BY: John Crawford**RESOLVED THAT:** The Permits/Approvals issued by staff for the period 1 April, 2008 through to 28 April, 2008 be approved.**Carried;**

9. REPORT OF THE MANAGER OF ADMINISTRATION AND HUMAN RESOURCES AND THE COMMUNICATIONS/PR ASSISTANT

9.1 Communications Report – April 2008

RES.#7 MOVED BY: Mary Brett SECONDED BY: Rick Archdekin

RESOLVED THAT: The Communications report for the month of April, 2008 be received.

Carried;

10. REPORT OF THE CAO/SECRETARY-TREASURER AND THE DIRECTOR OF LAND AND WATER STEWARDSHIP SERVICES

Note: Wayne Wilson, CAO/Secretary Treasurer declared a pecuniary interest on item 10.1 due to his spouse being the Chair of the Simcoe County District School Board. He did not participate in any discussions regarding this matter.

10.1 Tiffin Education Program

RES.#8 MOVED BY: Rick Archdekin SECONDED BY: Mary Brett

WHEREAS: The NVCA has received notice that our Environmental Education Program provider named Beyond the Horizon Outdoor Adventures will not renew the Environmental Education contract in September 2008; and,

WHEREAS: Staff are preparing a Tiffin Educational/Outreach Business Plan for presentation at the June 13/08 Board of Directors meeting; and,

WHEREAS: The Simcoe County Board of Education has requested that for planning and booking purposes the NVCA guarantee the delivery of a curriculum based Environmental Education program for the 2008/09 school year and that our proposed curriculum based programs be available for review on or before May 30/08; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED: That staff be directed to meet the May 30/08 deadline for curriculum programming and that the NVCA enter into a one year extension of the existing contract agreement between the NVCA and Simcoe County School Board to deliver curriculum based programming for the 2008/09 school year consistent with the draft Environmental Education Program proposal of May 9/2008.

Carried;

11. REPORT OF THE CAO/SECRETARY TREASURER

11.1 Financial Report - Statement of Operations Summary for the Period ending 31 March, 2008 be received.

RES.#9 MOVED BY: Orville Brown SECONDED BY: Robert Walker

RESOLVED THAT: The Statement of Operations Summary for the Period ending 31 March, 2008 be received.

Carried;

11.2 2008-2010 Business Plan

The 2008-2010 NVCA Business Plan can be found on the NVCA website. Board members requiring a hard copy were asked to contact Laurie Barron, 424-1479 ext 227 or lbarron@nvca.on.ca

The Board of Directors Recessed at 10:20 a.m.

The Board of Directors Reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

11.3 2008 NVCA Constraint Plan

RES.#10 MOVED BY: Robert Walker SECONDED BY: Tom Elliott

WHEREAS: Planning fee revenues for 2008 are not at the levels anticipated in the 2008 budget; and,

WHEREAS: Staff and the Executive believe it would be prudent to implement a plan to prepare for lower 2008 revenues than originally anticipated; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED: That the NVCA Board of Directors receive the constraints report dated May 9, 2008 and agrees to the conditional freeze on spending of \$112,000 in operating expenditures and \$83,000 in capital expenditures.

Carried;

11.4 Request from the Grand River Conservation Authority to support the recommendations contained in the 2006/2007 Annual Report of the Environmental Commissioner.

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

RESOLVED THAT: The NVCA Board of Directors supports Grand River Conservation Authority's request to endorse the recommendations contained in the 2006/2007 Annual Report of the Environmental Commissioner; and,

FURTHER THAT: A letter of support will be forwarded to the appropriate parties including the Environmental Commissioner.

Carried;

12. REPORT OF THE CHAIR**12.1 Conservation Ontario Meeting Notes – April 28/08**

The Conservation Ontario meeting notes were provided for the information of the Board of Directors.

12.2 Planning Services

RES.#12 MOVED BY: Robert Walker SECONDED BY: Orville Brown

WHEREAS: There is interest in ensuring the most efficient planning services for our municipal partners; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED: That the NVCA is prepared to sit on a steering committee at the request of Simcoe County to review current planning services, subject to the Terms of Reference of the Committee and direction of the NVCA Board of Directors.

Carried;

13. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) NVCA letter dated Apr. 10/08 re: NVCA Planning Department Staffing Transition.
- (b) The Township of Adjala-Tosorontio dated Apr 10/08 re: Resolution requesting an amendment to the Conservation Authorities Act to reflect the 4 year appointed term of municipal council.
- (c) Fisheries and Oceans Canada dated April 22/08 re: Ontario-Great Lakes Area Status Report.
- (d) NVCA 19th Annual Arbour Day Tree Sale – Saturday May 10/08
- (e) NVCA Native Plant Sale – Saturday June 7/08
- (f) Land Information Ontario, Quarterly Newsletter dated April 2008.

RES.#13 MOVED BY: Garry Matthews SECONDED BY: Percy Way
RESOLVED THAT: Correspondence not specifically dealt with be placed on file.

Carried;

FUTURE MEETINGS

ARBOUR DAY – May 10, 2008
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – May 23, 2008
NATIVE PLANT DAY – June 7, 2008
BOARD OF DIRECTORS – June 13, 2008

ADJOURN

RES.#14 MOVED BY: John McKean SECONDED BY: Gord Montgomery
RESOLVED THAT: This meeting adjourn at 10:58 a.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