

**N.V.C.A. FULL AUTHORITY ANNUAL MEETING #01/07
M I N U T E S**

Date: Friday, 12 January 2007
Location: Tiffin Centre for Conservation – John L. Jose Environmental Learning Centre

RESENT:

Chair Fred Nix, Town of Mono
Vice Chair: Walter Benotto, Town of Shelburne
Members: Sandy Agnew, Township of Oro-Medonte
Rick Archdekin, Town of Wasaga Beach
Mary Brett, Township of Adjala-Tosorontio (left 2:40 p.m.)
Orville Brown, Township of Clearview
Reg Cowan, Township of Springwater (left 1:20 p.m.)
John Crawford, Township of Oro-Medonte
Tom Elliott, Township of Springwater
David Guergis, Township of Essa (left 1:20 p.m.)
Richard Lloyd, City of Barrie
Sandie Macdonald, Township of Essa (left 1:20 p.m.)
Bob Marrs, Town of New Tecumseth
Gary Matthews, Township of Melancthon
John McKean, The Town of The Blue Mountains
Gord Montgomery, Township of Mulmur
Brian Mullin, Municipality of Grey Highlands
Ron Simpson, Town of Bradford/West Gwillimbury
Joan Sutherland, Town of New Tecumseth (left 2:30 p.m.)
Robert Walker, Township of Clearview (left 2:40 p.m.)
Barry Ward, City of Barrie (left 3:00 p.m.)
Percy Way, Township of Amaranth
Bill Van Berkel, Town of Innisfil

REGRETS:

Sonny Foley, Town of Collingwood
Dave Labelle, Town of Collingwood
Cal Patterson, Town of Wasaga Beach

STAFF PRESENT:

CAO/Secretary-Treasurer	Wayne Wilson
Mgr. Administration & Human Resources	Susan Richards
Director of Land & Water Stewardship Services	Byron Wesson
Director of Engineering & Technical Services	Glenn Switzer
Director of Planning	Charles Burgess
Manager of Planning Policy & Regulations	Bev Booth
Manager of Stewardship Services	Fred Dobbs
Manager of Watershed Monitoring Program	Dave Featherstone

RECORDER:

Susan Richards

GUESTS:

Don Pearson, General Manager, Conservation Ontario
Harold Parker, Former NVCA Chair
Ken Hill, Solicitor, Hill Hunter Losell Law Firm

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Wayne R. Wilson, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer, called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

RES. # 1 MOVED BY: Fred Nix SECONDED BY: Walter Benotto
RESOLVED THAT: The Agenda for Board of Directors Meeting #1/07, dated 12 January 2007, be adopted.

Carried;

PECUNIARY INTEREST

None were noted.

APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION CONDUCTOR

Wayne R. Wilson, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer introduced Don Pearson, General Manager, Conservation Ontario. Mr. Pearson reviewed the election procedures.

RES. #2 MOVED BY: Bob Marrs SECONDED BY: Fred Nix
RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Directors accept the services of Don Pearson, for the position of Election Conductor for the Chair & Vice-Chair of the NVCA 2007 elections.

Carried;

APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS

RES. # 3 MOVED BY: Joan Sutherland SECONDED BY: Ron Simpson
RESOLVED THAT: Charles Burgess and Byron Wesson be appointed as Scrutineers for the duration of the N.V.C.A. 2007 elections.

Carried;

Mr. Pearson, Election Conductor, Chaired the meeting.

ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**NOMINATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF CHAIR:**

RES. # 4 MOVED BY: Joan Sutherland SECONDED BY: Garry Matthews
RESOLVED THAT: Fred Nix be nominated for the position of Chair of the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority for 2007.

Fred Nix confirmed his acceptance for the nomination. Don Pearson asked three times for further nominations. Being none, Fred Nix was declared Chair by acclamation.

RES. # 5 MOVED BY: Ron Simpson SECONDED BY: Joan Sutherland
RESOLVED THAT: The nomination for the position of Chair of the N.V.C.A. be closed.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF VICE-CHAIR:

RES. #6 MOVED BY: Ron Simpson SECONDED BY: Joan Sutherland
RESOLVED THAT: Walter Benotto be nominated for the position of Vice-Chair of the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority for 2007.

Walter Benotto confirmed his acceptance for the nomination. Don Pearson asked three times for further nominations. Being none, Walter Benotto was declared Vice-Chair by acclamation.

RES. #7 MOVED BY: Barry Ward SECONDED BY: Sandie Macdonald
RESOLVED THAT: The nomination for the position of Vice-Chair of the N.V.C.A. be closed.

Fred Nix assumed the Chair and called for nominations for the five positions of the Executive Committee.

ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Nominations for Position of Executive Committee Members:

RES. #8 MOVED BY: Walter Benotto SECONDED BY: Bob Marrs
RESOLVED THAT: Barry Ward be nominated for the position of Executive member of the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority for 2007.

Chair Nix asked Mr. Ward if he accepted the nomination. Mr. Ward affirmed acceptance.

RES. #9 MOVED BY: Orville Brown SECONDED BY: John McKean
RESOLVED THAT: Brian Mullin be nominated for the position of Executive member of the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority for 2007.

Chair Nix asked Mr. Mullin if he accepted the nomination. Mr. Mullin affirmed acceptance.

RES. #10 MOVED BY: Ron Simpson SECONDED BY: Walter Benotto
RESOLVED THAT: Joan Sutherland be nominated for the position of Executive member of the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority for 2007.

Chair Nix asked Ms. Sutherland if she accepted the nomination. Ms. Sutherland affirmed acceptance.

RES. #11 MOVED BY: Joan Sutherland SECONDED BY: Gord Montgomery
RESOLVED THAT: Ron Simpson be nominated for the position of Executive member of the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority for 2007.

Chair Nix asked Mr. Simpson if he accepted the nomination. Mr. Simpson declined due to time commitments.

RES. #12 MOVED BY: Garry Matthews SECONDED BY: Robert Walker
RESOLVED THAT: Tom Elliott be nominated for the position of Executive member of the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority for 2007.

Chair Nix asked Mr. Elliott if he accepted the nomination. Mr. Elliott affirmed acceptance.

RES. #13 MOVED BY: Bill Van Berkel SECONDED BY: Ron Simpson
RESOLVED THAT: Gord Montgomery be nominated for the position of Executive member of the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority for 2007.

Chair Nix asked Mr. Montgomery if he accepted the nomination. Mr. Montgomery affirmed acceptance.

The Chair asked three times for further nominations. Being none, the Executive Committee of the N.V.C.A. was declared by acclamation.

RES. #14 MOVED BY: Sandie Macdonald SECONDED BY: Barry Ward

RESOLVED THAT: The nomination for the five (5) positions of the Executive Committee of the N.V.C.A. be closed.

Carried;

RES. #15 MOVED BY: Brian Mullin SECONDED BY: John McKean

RESOLVED THAT: the Executive Committee of the N.V.C.A. as elected and appointed be confirmed for the year of 2007, as follows:

Authority Chair:	Fred Nix
Authority Vice-Chair:	Walter Benotto
Five Executive Committee Members:	Barry Ward
	Brian Mullin
	Joan Sutherland
	Tom Elliott
	Gord Montgomery

Carried;

Chair Nix, thanked the members for re-electing him as Chair and congratulated the members of the Executive. He also thanked Mr. Pearson for attending the annual meeting and acknowledged the support that Conservation Ontario gives to all Conservation Authorities. He invited him to say a few words on behalf of Conservation Ontario.

REMARKS FROM DON PEARSON, GENERAL MANAGER, CONSERVATION ONTARIO

Mr. Pearson thanked the Chair for the opportunity to attend. He spoke of the importance of the Board of Directors of the Authority managing significant natural capital, while recognizing competing interests. The Board also has an important role in helping with the balance of economic growth, quality of life and enhancing/protecting the environment. Conservation Authorities have a reputation of providing significant leverage for the funding received from municipalities. In 2006 Conservation Ontario developed new strategic planning to position Conservation Authorities, by the year 2010, as the most recognized authorities regarding the environment in Ontario. Conservation Authorities have a pool of approximately 2000 staff, which makes Conservation Authorities bigger than the Ministry of Natural Resources in Southern Ontario. Mr. Pearson concluded by saying that we have an exciting year ahead with new legislation such as the development of generic regulations, and particularly the *Clean Water Act*, in which Conservation Authorities have an extremely important role. He thanked members for the opportunity to speak.

2007 BORROWING RESOLUTION:

RES. #16 MOVED BY: Tom Elliott SECONDED BY: Garry Matthews
RESOLVED THAT: For fiscal year 2007, the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority borrow, as required on credit, up to \$450,000 for its purposes until payment to the Authority of grants from the Province of Ontario, and levies from its member municipalities are received.

Carried;

APPOINTMENT OF 2007 AUTHORITY SOLICITORS:

RES. #17 MOVED BY: Garry Matthews SECONDED BY: John McKean
RESOLVED THAT: The firms of Stiver Vale Barristers, Solicitors, Notaries, and Hill Hunter Losell Law Firm, be appointed to conduct the legal business of the Authority for 2007.

Carried;

APPOINTMENT OF 2007 AUTHORITY AUDITOR:

RES. #18 MOVED BY: David Guergis SECONDED BY: Sandie Macdonald
RESOLVED THAT: The firm of BDO Dunwoody be appointed to conduct the auditing functions of the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority for 2007.

Carried;

2007 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO CONSERVATION ONTARIO COUNCIL:

RES. #19 MOVED BY: Bob Marrs SECONDED BY: Walter Benotto
RESOLVED THAT: The Chair be appointed as the N.V.C.A. voting delegate on the Conservation Ontario Council for the year 2007; and,

THAT: Vice-Chair and Wayne R. Wilson, B.Sc., Chief Administrative Officer/Secretary-Treasurer, be appointed as alternates.

Carried;

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PRIVACY ACT

Appointment of Head of the NVCA For purposes of the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection Act*.

RES.#20 MOVED BY: David Guergis SECONDED BY: Walter Benotto
WHEREAS: Members of the Board of the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority may designate an individual to act as Head of the Authority for purposes of the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.56, s. 3(1); 2002 C. 17, Schedule F, Table; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Susan Richards, Manager of Administration and Human Resources be designated as Head of the Authority for purposes of the Act.

Carried;

NVCA 2007 Board of Directors permission to release information

RES.#21 MOVED BY: Ron Simpson SECONDED BY: Joan Sutherland
RESOLVED THAT: The N.V.C.A. members must provide written permission to authorize the public release of their names, addresses and telephone/fax numbers/email address, in accordance with the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Carried;

2007 NVCA SCHEDULE OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

RES.#22 MOVED BY: Joan Sutherland SECONDED BY: Ron Simpson
RESOLVED THAT: The 2007 NVCA Schedule of Board of Directors and Executive Committee Meetings be received.

Carried;

CONSERVATION ONTARIO DECEMBER MEETING UPDATE

Chair Nix advised that he summarizes Conservation Ontario meetings for the information of the Board of Directors. Mary Brett asked for more information on the levy increase to Conservation Ontario. Chair Nix explained that it was due to an inequity in the formula to determine what each Conservation Authority pays.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Essex Region Conservation Authority dated Oct 31/06 re: Ontario Trillium Foundation Grant Eligibility.
- b) Friends of Foley Mountain dated Nov 13/06 re: Ontario Trillium Foundation Grant Eligibility.
- c) Conservation Ontario Council – Committee of the Whole meeting Nov 29/06 re: Ontario Trillium Foundation Grant Eligibility Guidelines.
- d) Environment Canada, received Jan 2/07 re: Environment Canada Courts Awards Project (ECCAP)

RES.#23 MOVED BY: Bill Van Berkel SECONDED BY: Gord Montgomery
RESOLVED THAT: Correspondence not specifically dealt with be placed on file.

Carried;

HEARING UNDER SECTION 28, CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES ACT

Ken Hill, NVCA Solicitor, (Hill Hunter Losell Law Firm), explained the hearing procedures to the Board of Directors. He advised that Sec. 28 empowers Conservation Authorities prohibiting, regulating or requiring permission of an Authority for development if the control of flooding, erosion, conservation of land would be affected or interfering in any way with a watercourse, interfering with a wetland and further, that if the Authority does not issue a permit for the works, the applicant is entitled to a hearing.

He advised that the Board must make a decision based on the evidence and arguments presented. He advised that members of the Board should maintain neutrality, hear all evidence, keep an open mind and make a decision based on evidence. If a member has a conflict of interest it must be declared and that member will not participate in the hearing. The hearing should be orderly and dignified. Members may ask questions during the hearing, through the Chair.

Board recessed at 11:10 a.m.

Board met as HEARING BOARD at 11:15 a.m.

Board reconvened as BOARD OF DIRECTORS at 3:41 p.m.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- Executive Meeting, January 26, 2007
- Board of Directors Orientation, February 2, 2007 (9am—1 pm)
- Board of Directors Meeting, February 9, 2007 (*2007 budget meeting*)

OTHER BUSINESS

DRAFT 2007 BUDGET

Percy Way advised that his Council would like a presentation on the draft 2007 Budget as it is over 3%.

ADJOURNMENT

RES. #24 MOVED BY: John Crawford SECONDED BY: Gord Montgomery
RESOLVED THAT: This meeting adjourn at 3:41 p.m. to meet again at the call of the Chair.

Fred Nix, Chair

Wayne R. Wilson, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer

Dated on the day of , 2007