



NOTTAWASAGA VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING #03-07
Friday, 9 March, 2007
MINUTES

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

PRESENT:

Chair:	Fred Nix	Town of Mono
Acting Vice Chair:	Tom Elliott	Township of Springwater
Members:		
	Sandy Agnew	Township of Oro-Medonte
	Mary Brett	Township of Adjala-Tosorontio
	Orville Brown	Township of Clearview
	Reg Cowan	Township of Springwater
	John Crawford	Township of Oro-Medonte
	Dennis Egan	Town of New Tecumseth
	Dave Labelle	Town of Collingwood
	Richard Lloyd	City of Barrie
	Gary Matthews	Township of Melancthon
	Gord Montgomery	Township of Mulmur
	Brian Mullin	Municipality of Grey Highlands
	Cal Patterson	Town of Wasaga Beach (arrived at 9:15 a.m.)
	Ron Simpson	Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury
	Joan Sutherland	Town of New Tecumseth
	Bill Van Berkel	Town of Innisfil
	Barry Ward	City of Barrie
	Percy Way	Township of Amaranth
	Robert Walker	Township of Clearview

REGRETS:

Rick Archdekin	Town of Wasaga Beach
Walter Benotto	Town of Shelburne
Sonny Foley	Town of Collingwood
David Guergis	Township of Essa
Sandie Macdonald	Township of Essa
John McKean	The Town of The Blue Mountains

STAFF PRESENT:

CAO/Secretary-Treasurer	Wayne Wilson
Mgr. Administration & Human Resources	Susan Richards
Director of Land & Water Stewardship Services	Byron Wesson
Director of Engineering	Glenn Switzer
Hydrogeologist	Ryan Post
Director of Planning	Charles Burgess
Manager of Planning Policy & Regulations	Bev Booth
Watershed Planner	Bob Law

RECORDER:

Laurie Barron

GUEST:

Susan Antler, Utopia Grist Mill Committee



1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Fred Nix called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair, Fred Nix introduced Susan Antler, representative for the Utopia Grist Mill Committee.

3. MOTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

Item 10.5 – Source Water Protection Striking Committee was added to the agenda.

RES. # 1 MOVED BY: Dave Labelle SECONDED BY: Orville Brown

RESOLVED THAT: The Agenda for Board of Directors Meeting #03-07 dated 9 March, 2007 be adopted as amended.

Carried;

4. PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARATION

None declared

5. MINUTES

5.1 Minutes of Full Authority Meeting 02/07, dated 9 February, 2007.

RES. # 2 MOVED BY: Dave Labelle SECONDED BY: Robert Walker

RESOLVED THAT: The Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting 02/07, dated 9 February, 2007, be approved.

Carried;

5.2 Draft Minutes of the Executive Meeting 02/07 dated 23 February, 2007.

RES. # 3 MOVED BY: Percy Way SECONDED BY: Garry Matthews

RESOLVED THAT: The Draft Minutes of the Executive Meeting 02-07 dated 23 February, 2007 be received.

Carried;

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Wayne Wilson, CAO/Secretary Treasurer and Chair Fred Nix noted that the NVCA will be presenting the Watershed Report Card initiative to each of our member municipalities this spring.



STAFF REPORTS

7. REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF LAND AND WATER STEWARDSHIP SERVICES

- **Utopia Conservation Area Lease**

RES. # 4 MOVED BY: Garry Matthews SECONDED BY: Percy Way

WHEREAS: Staff were directed by the Board of Directors to enter into negotiations with the Utopia Grist Mill Committee for purposes of creating a short term lease for the Utopia Conservation Area; and,

WHEREAS: A short term lease has been developed by the NVCA solicitor; and,

WHEREAS: The Lease has been approved in principle by the NVCA Executive and the Utopia Grist Mill Committee; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED: That the NVCA Board of Directors support the Short Term Lease of 5 years between the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority and the Utopia Grist Mill Committee for the period of 9 March, 2007 to 9 March, 2012, with the addition of (a) a clause on the NVCA's right to transfer the lease, and (b) the right of both parties to terminate the lease, all subject to NVCA Solicitor approval.

Carried Unanimously.

8. REPORT OF THE HYDROGEOLOGIST/SOURCE WATER PROTECTION COORDINATOR

- **Municipal Source Water Protection Grant Studies**

RES.#5 MOVED BY: R. Lloyd SECONDED BY: Sandy Agnew

RESOLVED THAT: The report of the Hydrogeologist/Source Water Protection Coordinator, dated 9 March, 2007 be received.

Carried;

9. REPORT OF THE MANAGER OF PLANNING POLICY & REGULATIONS

Appeal of NVCA Hearing Board Decision in the Matter of an Application of Jacqueline Dean Part Lot 8 and 9, Concession 5; Town of Innisfil.

RES.#6 MOVED BY: R. Lloyd SECONDED BY: Sandy Agnew

RESOLVED THAT: The report of the Manager of Planning Policy & Regulations dated 9 March, 2007 be received.

Carried;



10. CAO/SECRETARY TREASURER AND CHAIR FRED NIX

10.1 NVCA 2006 Communications Summary report

The 2006 Communications Summary report was reviewed.

10.2 Discussion re: NVCA Communication Needs and Priorities

Discussion regarding NVCA communication needs, identified the following suggested initiatives.

- A series of ten minute PowerPoint presentations to be taken throughout the year to the area municipalities to educate the elected officials.
- Watershed Report Card initiative is excellent and should be provided to the member municipalities;
- An executive summary of the Board of Directors meetings to be made available to the members to take back to their respective council;
- The Business Plan to be distributed to the municipalities when it has been approved by the Board of Directors. This document shows how NVCA dollars are spent;
- Calendar of Events should be added to the Watershed News.

The above noted initiatives will be taken under consideration and reported back to the Board of Directors at a future meeting.

10.3 Bus Tour, timing and member support, general direction

The Board members support a separate date for the bus tour. September 21/07 will remain the scheduled date.

10.4 Conservation Ontario

Chair, Fred Nix provided notes of the March 9/07 meeting of Conservation Ontario. Discussion ensued regarding the role of Conservation Authorities in Planning. It was noted that staff are currently working with Simcoe County staff to address this matter. It was also noted that this subject is anticipated to be on the South Simcoe Mayors agenda for March 8/07.

Chair, Fred Nix vacated the chair.

Acting Vice Chair, Tom Elliott chaired this portion of the meeting.



10.5 Source Water Protection (SWP) Striking Committee

Chair, Fred Nix updated the Board of Directors on the process of establishing a Source Water Protection Striking Committee. Discussion ensued regarding NVCA Board Member involvement on the SWP Striking Committee. The following resolution was presented.

RES.#6(a) MOVED BY: Gary Matthews SECONDED BY: Percy Way
WHEREAS: There are, as yet, no regulations under the Clean Water Act specifying the relationship between the NVCA Board and The Source Protection Committee; and,

WHEREAS: The Discussion Paper prepared by the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) and posted on the EBR does not clarify the relationship between this Board and the Source Protection Committee; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED: That this Board will not, at this time, participate in any committees working to select members to the Source Protection Committee.

Defeated;

The Board directed that this matter be discussed at the March 23/07 meeting of the Executive, and that the CAO/Secretary-Treasurer and a member of the Board of Directors be appointed to the Source Water Protection Striking Committee.

11. RESIGNATION

Chair Fred Nix and members of the Board of Directors expressed their thanks to Charles Burgess, Director of Planning for his dedicated 15 years of service to the NVCA. Charles will be joining the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority as Manager of Planning. Staff and Members of the Board wished Charles well in his new endeavours.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Blue Mountain Watershed Trust letter to the Hon. John Gerretsen, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, dated Jan 3/07 re: the Last Remaining Coastal Wetland on Southern Georgian Bay.
- (b) The Township of Essa, dated Jan 4/07 re: Policy to Charge Fees for Planning and Development Services.
- (c) Letter sent in response to item (b) from the CAO/Secretary Treasurer dated Feb 7/07 re: NVCA Fees Policy – Planning and Development Under the Conservation Authorities Act (attachment of letter sent in June 2005 from the Director of Planning, regarding the same issue)
- (d) Healthy Waters Workshop Services Schedule – 2007



- (e) Ministry of Natural Resources dated Feb 8/07 re: Conservation Authority Liaison Committee.
- (f) Letter sent to Mayor and Council of NVCA Member Municipalities and MPP's from the Chair and CAO/Secretary Treasurer, dated Feb 16/07 re: Provincial/Municipal – Conservation Authority Funding Shortfall. (attached submission from Conservation Ontario to the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs)
- (g) Conservation Ontario dated Feb 16/07 to all CAOs/GMs, of Conservation Authorities re: CA Review of Proposed Conservation Authority Guidelines for Wetlands and Adjacent Lands.
- (h) Announcement – Launch of the South Georgian Bay-Lake Simcoe Watershed Region's dedicated source water protection website.
- (i) Conservation Ontario re: EBR Posting PA06E0013 Discussion Paper on Source Protection Committees under the Clean Water Act, 2006.
- (j) Source Water Protection News Release re: South Georgian Bay-Lake Simcoe Watershed Region receives \$629,152.00 from the McGuinty Government for SWP technical studies.
- (k) Source Water Protection News Release re: Technical Studies Grant Proposals.
- (l) Credit Valley Conservation News Release re: CVC and Global Warming.
- (m) Letter sent to the CAO, Township of Clearview from NVCA CAO/Secretary Treasurer, dated Feb 19/07 re: 2007 NVCA Budget.
- (n) Correspondence dated Feb 23/07 from the CAO/Secretary Treasurer re: NVCA Planning Department Staffing Transition
- (o) Spring Tonic Flyer
- (p) Correspondence sent to member municipalities from the CAO/Secretary Treasurer, dated March 1/07 re: NVCA 2007 Budget Invoice

RES.#7 MOVED BY: Bill Van Berkel SECONDED BY: Ron Simpson

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

Carried;



13. FUTURE MEETINGS

- EXECUTIVE MEETING – March 23/07
- SPRING TONIC – March 31 – April 1/07
- BOARD OF DIRECTORS – April 13/07
- REGULATION HEARING – April 13/07 (11:00 p.m.)

14. ADJOURNMENT TO ADVISORY COMMITTEES

RES.#8 MOVED BY: Ron Simpson SECONDED BY: Bill Van Berkel
RESOLVED THAT: This meeting adjourn at 11:04 a.m. to meet again at the call of the Chair.

Fred Nix, Chair

Wayne R. Wilson, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer

Dated on the 13th day of April, 2007