



NOTTAWASAGA VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING #05-07

May 11, 2007

MINUTES

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

PRESENT:

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
Orville Brown		Township of Clearview
Reg Cowan		Township of Springwater
John Crawford		Township of Oro-Medonte
Dennis Egan		Town of New Tecumseth (left at 10:49)
Tom Elliott		Township of Spring Water
Terry Dowdall		Township of Essa
Sonny Foley		Town of Collingwood
Richard Lloyd		City of Barrie
Gary Matthews		Township of Melancthon
John McKean		The Town of The Blue Mountains
Gord Montgomery		Township of Mulmur
Cal Patterson		Town of Wasaga Beach
Brian Mullin		Municipality of Grey Highlands
Ron Simpson		Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury
Joan Sutherland		Town of New Tecumseth
Bill Van Berkel		Town of Innisfil
Barry Ward		City of Barrie (arrived at 9:05 a.m.)
Robert Walker		Township of Clearview
Percy Way		Township of Amaranth

REGRETS:

Dave Labelle	Town of Collingwood
Sandie Macdonald	Township of Essa

STAFF PRESENT:

CAO/Secretary-Treasurer	Wayne Wilson
Mgr. Administration & Human Resources	Susan Richards
Manager of Finance	Susan Whitters
Director of Land & Water Stewardship Services	Byron Wesson
Manager of Stewardship Services	Fred Dobbs
Lands and Water	Steve Green
Lands and Water Lands Tech Student	Lorriane Atterly
Lands and Water Lands Tech Student	Jacob Scott
GIS Analyst	Tina DeRochers
Director of Planning	Marilyn Eger
Manager of Planning Policy & Regulations	Bev Booth
Director of Engineering	Glenn Switzer

RECORDER:

Laurie Barron, Administrative Assistant, Corporate Services

GUESTS:

Michael Laycock, Auditor BDO Dunwoody
Mayor David Guergis, Township of Essa – arrived at 9:30 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tina DesRoches, GIS Analyst and Festival Coordinator announced the Minesing Unplugged Wetland Festival Event taking place on June 16 & 17, 2007 at the Tiffin Centre for Conservation. The Festival will include: Featured Musical Performances, Guided Nature Tours, Artisans, Camping and much more. All of the proceeds from the event will go to the Minesing Wetland Fund. Tina advised that tickets are available on-line at (www.minesingunplugged.ca)

A. MOTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

Item 5.1 was added under New Business – Clean Water Act 5.1

Item (n) added under Correspondence

Item 2.1 a correction in the list of permits for ratification re: Collingwood Township should read the Town of Collingwood (page 25 of the agenda)

RES. #1 MOVED BY: Garry Matthews

SECONDED BY: Tom Elliott

RESOLVED THAT: The Agenda for Board of Directors Meeting #05/07 dated 11 May, 2007 be adopted.

B. PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARATION

None Noted

C. INTRODUCTION OF MARILYN EGER, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING

Wayne Wilson, CAO/Secretary Treasurer introduced a new staff member to the Board Directors. Marilyn Eger has joined the NVCA as Director of Planning. Marilyn brings over 30 years of progressive management experience in the planning profession within the public sector. She has a vast knowledge of environmental, urban and rural planning, land and infrastructure development, as well as a thorough understanding of relevant provincial legislation. The NVCA is proud to have Marilyn join the team.

INTRODUCTION OF LAND AND WATER STEWARDSHIP SERVICES STAFF MEMBERS

Byron Wesson, Director of Land and Water Stewardship Services introduced three new staff members to the Board of Directors. Steve Green has joined on a permanent full-time basis as Land & Reforestation Assistant. Steve has been a familiar face around the NVCA and we are pleased to have him join on a permanent basis.

Jacob Scott and Lorraine Adderley have joined the Lands and Water team as Lands Resource Technical Assistants, both Jacob and Lorraine are Environmental Science students and will be joining the NVCA for the summer months.

D. MINUTES

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting 04/07, dated 13 April 2007.

RES. #2 MOVED BY: Ron Simpson SECONDED BY: Gary Matthews

RESOLVED THAT: The Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting 04/07, dated 13 April 2007, be approved.

Carried;

Draft Minutes of the Executive Meeting 04/07 dated 27 April, 2007.

RES. #3 MOVED BY: Ron Simpson SECONDED BY: Gary Mathews

RESOLVED THAT: The Draft Minutes of the Executive Meeting 04-07 dated 27 April, 2007 be received.

Carried;

Board Hearing, under Section 28 of the Conservation Authorities Act, #04-07 dated 27 April, 2007.

RES. #4 MOVED BY: Gary Mathews SECONDED BY: Ron Simpson

RESOLVED THAT: The Minutes of the Board Hearing, under Section 28 of the Conservation Authorities Act, #04-07, dated 27 April, 2007 be approved, as amended.

Carried;

E. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Garry Matthews, member representing the Township of Melancthon questioned item #7 of the Draft Executive Committee Minutes and whether the lease agreement for Riverdale Park would be brought forward to the Board of Directors for approval. The CAO/Secretary Treasurer advised that once completed and reviewed by the Executive, the Lease agreement will be brought to the Board of Directors for approval.

F. DETERMINATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

The Board of Directors identified item(s) # 2.1, and #3.1, through to #8 for discussion.

G. ADOPTION OF ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

RES. #5 MOVED BY: Tom Elliott SECONDED BY: Orville Brown

RESOLVED THAT: The following **item # 2.2** and associated resolutions respecting the matters listed as "Items Not Requiring Separate Discussion" be approved as submitted to the Board of Directors and Staff be authorized to take all necessary action required to give effect to same.

Carried;

1. DEPUTATIONS**NVCA 2006 Preliminary Audited Statements presented by Mr. Michael Laycock, Auditor, BDO Dunwoody Barrie**

Mr. Laycock reviewed the 2006 Audited Financial Statements with the Board of Directors. 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.

Dennis Egan, member representing the Town of New Tecumseth requested clarification regarding the reporting of Source Water Protection program costs and suggested that the costs be broken out and made available as part of the budget going forward next year. Chair Fred Nix advised that the suggestion would be taken into consideration in the review of the budget process next year.

2. REPORT OF THE MANAGER OF PLANNING POLICY AND REGULATIONS**2.1 Permits for Ratification**

RES.# 6 MOVED BY: Tom Elliott SECONDED BY: Orville Brown

RESOLVED THAT: The Permits/Approvals issued by staff for the period March 30, 2007 to April 30, 2007 be approved.

Carried;

2.2 Appointment of Officer under the Conservation Authorities Act

RESOLVED THAT: Karen Dykxhoorn be appointed as an Officer under Section 28(1)(d) of the Conservation Authorities Act subject to completion of the recommended criteria as outlined by the Ministry of Natural Resources.

Carried by consent agenda RES #5;

3. REPORT OF CAO/SECRETARY TREASURER**3.1 Financial Report - Statement of Operations Summary for the Period ending March 31, 2007**

Discussion ensued regarding Planning Revenues. The CAO/Secretary Treasurer advised that the Planning Revenues are consistent with the projection in the 2007 budget for the first quarter.

RES. #8 MOVED BY: R. Lloyd SECONDED BY: Percy Way

RESOLVED THAT: The Statement of Operations Summary for the Period ending 31 March, 2007 be received.

Carried;

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

- Conservation Ontario Notes
Chair Fred Nix provided a summary of the April 30/07 meeting of Conservation Ontario to the Board Members.

5. NEW BUSINESS**5.1 Clean Water Act**

Chair Fred Nix provided an update on the Clean Water Act. Consolidated comments of the member parties within the South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Region have been submitted to the Ministry of the Environment. Noted in the comments submitted was the concern with short timelines to establish the Source Protection Committee. Given the complexity of the South Georgian Bay-Lake Simcoe Source Protection region it was requested that the Province and the Ministry of the Environment review the proposed timelines and allow additional time to fulfill regulatory commitments.

The Chair encouraged the Board Members to advise their municipalities of the Source Water Protection meeting, being held on Thursday, June 7th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Highwayman Inn & Conference Centre, 201 Woodside Drive, Orillia. This meeting is one of a series of meetings being held to introduce stakeholder groups to the various Source Water Protection concepts, outline legislative responsibilities, share proposed formation strategies to establish the Source Protection Committee, and to seek input and feedback.

- 5.2** Garry Matthews, member representing the Township of Melancthon advised the members of an information session being held at the Shelburne Regional High School on May 26th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. regarding Clean Energy and Global Warming.

6. IN-CAMERA**RES#9**

MOVED BY: Reg Cowan

SECONDED BY: Tom Elliott

RESOLVED THAT: This meeting of the Board of Directors No. 05-07 go "In-Camera" at 9:52 a.m. to address matters pertaining to: a proposed or pending acquisition/disposition/leasing of land for Authority purposes; and,

THAT: The following staff be in attendance: Wayne R. Wilson, B.Sc., Chief Administrative Officer/Secretary-Treasurer, Byron Wesson, Director of Land and Water Stewardship Services, Fred Dobbs, Manager, Stewardship Services, Glenn Switzer, Director of Engineering and Technical Services, Marilyn Eger, Director of Planning, Bev Booth, Manager, Planning Policy & Regulations, Mayor David Guergis, Township of Essa and Laurie Barron, Administrative Assistant/Recording Secretary.

Carried;

7. OUT OF IN-CAMERA

RES#10 MOVED BY: Tom Elliott SECONDED BY: Reg Cowan

RESOLVED THAT: This meeting of the Executive Committee No. 05-07 come out of "In-Camera at 10:37 p.m.

Carried;

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Email received by Beverley Booth, Manager, Planning Policy and Regulations from the President of the Bass Lake Ratepayers Association, dated Apr 13/07 re: NVCA Hearing held on April 13/07.

Tom Elliott, member representing the Township of Springwater questioned why the above noted material (a) was not provided at the time of the hearing held on April 13/07. The CAO/Secretary Treasurer advised that the material was received after the deadline and could not be included.

- (b) Letter from NVCA to applicant re: Notice of decision, Hearing held Apr 13/07, dated April 17/07 re: Development Proposal, Part Lot 1, Concession 14, 26 Bass Line.
- (c) The Town of Wasaga Beach memorandum dated Apr 24/07 re: Council Mission Statement, Vision Statement and Priorities for 2007-2010.
- (d) Media release dated Apr 24/07 re: Conservation Ontario Supports ECO Call for Increased Investment For The Natural Environment
- (e) Email from NVCA Director of Engineering and Technical Services to the Director of Technical Services/Deputy CAO, Town of New Tecumseth dated Apr 26/07 re: Waste Water Treatment Plant.
- (f) Correspondence from the Township of Oro-Medonte received Apr 26/07 re: Township's Request to the NVCA - Structure of Operating and Capital Operations. Response from NVCA CAO/Secretary Treasurer dated May 2/07.
- (g) Correspondence from the Township of Oro-Medonte received Apr 26/07 re: Request for NVCA 2006 project list and 2007 proposed project list. Response from NVCA CAO/Secretary Treasurer dated May 2/07.

Discussion ensued regarding correspondence item (f) and (g). John Crawford, member representing Oro-Medonte further clarified the intent of the request for an outline of the structure of NVCA Operating and Capital Operations. Wayne Wilson, CAO/Secretary Treasurer explained that most of the business carried out by the NVCA is operational. It would be very difficult to maintain watershed programs if the programs were deemed special benefiting, as each municipality could opt out of funding. The programs carried out by the NVCA are for the most part general benefiting. In the case of special benefiting programs, the NVCA bills the municipality directly.

It was agreed that item (g), requesting a list of projects completed in 2006 and 2007 by municipality would be of benefit to the municipal members. A summary of services will be provided in the 2006 Annual Report.

- (h) News Release dated Apr 3/07 re: McGuinty Government takes action to Protect Province's Water.
- (i) News Release dated Apr 22/07 re: Premier McGuinty Celebrates Earth Day with Tree Planting.
- (j) Nomination of the Conservation Pioneer Award at the 2007 Latornell Conservation Symposium – nominations to be received no later than June 29/07.

Discussion ensued regarding nominations for the Conservation Pioneer Award. To date there has not been a nomination put forward.

- (k) News Release dated Apr 24/07 – Environmental Commissioner of Ontario re: MOE, MNR starved of funding for core functions.

Mary Brett, member representing Adjala-Tosorontio questioned the need for the NVCA to request support of the municipalities regarding funding for core functions. The Chair advised that Conservation Ontario has responded to this letter on behalf of all Conservation Authorities.

- (l) Press Release sent Apr 16/07 re: NVCA Watershed Report Cards – A Summary of Watershed Health.
- (m) Letter to Mayor Geurgis from Chair Nix dated April 13th re: Deputation to May 11th Board of Directors.
- (n) On table correspondence – Chair Fred Nix provided a copy of the his presentation made at April 28/07 Mono-Mulmur Citizen's Coalition. He described the activities of the NVCA and its mandate under 12 different provincial and federal Acts. The Chair finished the discussion with what he saw as three major issues facing the NVCA over the next few years. The three issues noted were: Funding, Duplication in Planning Services, and the Clean Water Act.

RES. #11

MOVED BY: Richard Lloyd

SECONDED BY: Percy Way

RESOLVED THAT: Correspondence not specifically dealt with be placed on file.**Carried;**

PRESENTATION

- **Minesing Wetland Inventory**

Byron Wesson, Director of Land and Water Stewardship Services and David Featherstone, Manager, Watershed Monitoring Program presented an overview of the completed Minesing Wetland Inventory.

The Minesing Wetlands Flora and Fauna Biological Inventory was completed for the Friends of Minesing Wetlands (FOMW) and Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) as part of the Minesing Wetlands Management Plan. Funding support for the project was provided by the FOMW, the NVCA and the following organizations: Brereton Field Naturalists Friends of the Environment Foundation, Helen McCrae Peacock Foundation, Rotary Club of Barrie, Shell Environmental Fund

The first biological inventory of Minesing Wetlands (formerly Minesing Swamp) was undertaken in the mid 1970's by Bobbette and Maycock (1975). The area has gone through some significant changes over the past 30 years. Recognizing these changes, an updated biological inventory was deemed necessary by conservation partners to assess current ecological conditions and pressures and aid in the creation of future management strategies, recommendations and projects.

The Minesing Wetlands has been designated as an internationally significant natural area under the RAMSAR convention and is a Provincially Significant Wetland and Life Science Area of Natural and Scientific Interest. It is generally protected from land-use change through provincial, municipal and Conservation Authority planning policies and regulations.

The report has been placed on the NVCA web site www.nvca.on.ca

FUTURE MEETINGS

EXECUTIVE MEETING – May 25/07

NATIVE PLANT SALE – June 2/07

BOARD OF DIRECTORS – June 8/07

ADJOURN TO ADVISORY COMMITTEES**RES. #12**

MOVED BY: Richard Lloyd

SECONDED BY: Percy Way

RESOLVED THAT: This meeting adjourn at 11:20 a.m. to meet again at the call of the Chair.

Fred Nix, Chair
Dated on the 8 day of June, 2007

Wayne R. Wilson, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer