

**N.V.C.A. FULL AUTHORITY MEETING #07/06
MINUTES**

Date: Friday, 11 August, 2006

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:		
Mary Brett		Township of Adjala-Tosorontio
Oriville Brown		The Township of Clearview
Sandra Cooper		Town of Collingwood
Lynn Dollin		Town of Innisfil
Terry Dowdall		Township of Essa
Tom Elliott		Township of Springwater
Ruth Fountain		Township of Oro-Medonte
Ralph Hough		Township of Oro-Medonte
Mike McWilliam		Town of Wasaga Beach
Bob Marrs		Town of New Tecumseth
Ross Money		Township of Springwater
Gord Montgomery		Township of Mulmur
Gerald Poisson		City of Barrie
George Sheffer		Town of Wasaga Beach
Joan Sutherland		Town of New Tecumseth
Robert Walker		Township of Clearview
Barry Ward		City of Barrie

REGRETS:

Chris Carrier	Town of Collingwood
Bob Currie	Township of Amaranth
Wayman Fairweather	Town of the Blue Mountains
Ron Henderson	Township of Essa
Garry Matthews	Township of Melancthon
Brian Mullin	Municipality of Grey Highlands
Ron Simpson	Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury

GUEST:

Robert Shirley Vice Chair, Credit Valley Conservation Authority

STAFF PRESENT:

CAO/Secretary-Treasurer	Wayne R. Wilson
Manager, Administration & Human Resources	Susan Richards
Director of Engineering & Tech Services	Glenn Switzer
Director of Land & Water Stewardship Services	Byron Wesson
Manager, Stewardship Services	Fred Dobbs
Manager Policy and Planning Regulations	Bev Booth

RECORDER: Laurie Barron, Administrative Assistant

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Fred Nix, Chair called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Nix introduced Mr. Robert Shirley, Vice Chair, Credit Valley Conservation Authority who attended the meeting as a guest.

Chair Nix advised the Board of the passing of Anne Black, Past Member of the NVCA representing the City of Barrie and Former Councillor for the City of Barrie.

3. MOTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

RES#1 MOVED BY: Bob Marrs SECONDED BY: Lynn Dollin
RESOLVED THAT: The Agenda for Full Authority Meeting #07/06, dated 11 August 2006, be adopted.

Carried;

4. PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARATION

None declared

5. MINUTES

5.1 Minutes of Full Authority Meeting 06-06, dated 9 June, 2006.

RES#2 MOVED BY: Bob Marrs SECONDED BY: Lynn Dollin
RESOLVED THAT: The Minutes of Full Authority Meeting 06-06, dated 9 June, 2006, be approved.

Carried;

5.2 Draft Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting 08-06, dated 28 July, 2006.

RES#3 MOVED BY: Bob Marrs SECONDED BY: George Sheffer
RESOLVED THAT: The Draft Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting 08-06, dated 28 July, 2006, be received.

Carried;

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**• Permitting Fee Exemptions****RES#4**

MOVED BY: Bob Marrs

SECONDED BY: George Sheffer

WHEREAS: Ontario Regulation 172/06 (Generic Regulation) came into effect in May, 2006 in accordance with the Conservation Authorities Act; and

WHEREAS: NVCA staff have been implementing the new regulation through the permitting process and associated Policy to charge fees; and

WHEREAS: The NVCA has received considerable feedback from the watershed municipalities, general public, and media, with regard to the charging of fees and issuance of permits for small-scale proposals such as decks, fences, and garden sheds within areas regulated by Ontario Regulation 172/06; and

WHEREAS: NVCA staff believe that small-scale proposals should be exempt from the regulatory process and the associated Policy to charge fees; and

WHEREAS: Any deviation from the permitting process and Policy to charge fees for services related to planning and development (December 9, 2005) requires written approval from the Executive Committee; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: The Executive Committee supports staffs' recommendation to exempt the following works from permitting and enforcement under Ontario Regulation 172/06:

- decks
- fences
- buildings and structures less than 107 square feet
- other minor works as determined by the CAO; and

THAT: The Full Authority approves these exemptions to the Fees Policy and the technical amendments as shown on the revised Fees Policy; and

FURTHERMORE: That staff be directed to communicate these exemptions (in writing) to the municipalities and general public.

Carried;

7. STAFF PRESENTATIONS:***Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation (Ontario Regulation 172/06)***

Bev Booth, Manager of Planning Policy and Regulations and Glenn Switzer, Director of Engineering and Technical Services provided an information update on the status of the Regulation; technical details on the preparation of the regulated area mapping; and an overview of the impacts of the Regulation to the NVCA.

The hazard mapping has been circulated to the NVCA member municipalities for their review and comment. Positive feedback has been received with some municipalities planning to incorporate the mapping into their official plans. The hazard mapping is an ongoing project and will result in some mapping changes being made as more information becomes available through the municipalities and further examination by the Planning Department to fine tune the mapping through examination of hazard lines.

Implementation of the application process is underway and includes the following:

- Streamline the application process (exemptions of minor works);
- Maps to be available on-line;
- Development of guidelines;
- Program evaluation and monitoring;
- Increased communication requirements to clients

The impact of the regulation on the NVCA has produced an increase in applications to the end of July 2006 with 39 applications more than the same time last year.

In Summary the regulations have resulted in updated natural hazard mapping which will help to protect sensitive areas (i.e., coastal wetlands). The regulations will also increase the effectiveness in protecting people's lives, their property and minimizing social disruptions to communities.

Chair Nix thanked staff for their very informative presentation. Questions of clarification were asked by the members.

8. STAFF REPORTS**CAO/Secretary -Treasurer****8.1 NVCA Watershed Plan and Performance Measurers Update - Oral report**

Wayne Wilson, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer reviewed the Performance Measures Process with the Full Authority members. Targets and the measurement of how well we are meeting the targets, or performance measurers have the following purposes.

- Help the NVCA effectively communicate how well we are meeting our four main business areas (objectives).

- Protect and Restore Water
 - Protect and Restore Land
 - Prevent Flood and Erosion Damage and Loss of Life
 - Provide Education and Recreation
- Provide strategic direction to the NVCA programs and priorities.

The targets will be determined through the Advisory Committee/Board Member review and feedback. The communication of the target results will be communicated through the Watershed Report Card, Annual Report, Member/Municipal Communication Presentation for 2007 and general communication through web site, media, public and watershed news updates.

Discussion ensued regarding the setting of targets and the importance of the targets being achievable and attainable through the budget process and staff availability. Preliminary targets will be discussed through the Advisory Committees at the September meeting of the Full Authority.

8.2 2007 Business Plan, Performance Measures Report

RES#5 MOVED BY: Ross Money SECONDED BY: George Sheffer

RESOLVED THAT: The Full Authority receives the 2007 Business Plan Performance Measures Report, and

THAT: The recommended watershed targets and associated performance measurements for the 2007 Business Plan be subject to review by the Advisory Committees, Executive and Full Authority, during the Business Plan Development Process.

Carried unanimously;

9. FINANCIAL REPORT

Statement of Operations Summary for the Period ending June 30, 2006

RES#6 MOVED BY: Mary Brett SECONDED BY: Ross Money

RESOLVED THAT: The Statement of Operations Summary for the Period ending 30 June, 2006, be received.

Carried;

10. ADVISORY COMMITTEE NOTES

10.1 Notes of the Land & Water Stewardship Advisory Committee 9 June, 2006.

RES#7 MOVED BY: Mary Brett SECONDED BY: Ross Money

RESOLVED THAT: The recommendations of the Land & Water Stewardship Advisory Committee Mtg. dated 9 June, 2006 be endorsed by the Full Authority.

Carried;

10.2 Notes of the Land & Water Stewardship Advisory Committee 12 July, 2006.

RES#8 MOVED BY: Mary Brett SECONDED BY: Ross Money
RESOLVED THAT: The recommendations of the Land & Water Stewardship Advisory Committee Mtg. dated 12 July, 2006 be endorsed by the Full Authority.

Carried;

10.3 Notes of the Engineering and Technical Services Advisory Committee dated 9 June, 2006.

RES#9 MOVED BY: Robert Walker SECONDED BY: Tom Elliott
RESOLVED THAT: The recommendations of the Engineering Advisory Committee dated 9 June, 2006 be endorsed by the Full Authority.

Carried;

10.4 Notes of the Planning Advisory Committee Mtg. dated 9 June, 2006.

RES#10 MOVED BY: Tom Elliott SECONDED BY: Gerald Poisson
RESOLVED THAT: The recommendations of the Planning Advisory Committee Mtg. dated 9 June, 2006 be endorsed by the Full Authority.

Carried;

11. NEW BUSINESS

None noted.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Copy of correspondence sent to the Ministry of the Environment from Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority dated June 7/06 re: Final Completion of the Assimilative Capacity Study.
- b) Conservation Authorities Moraine Coalition bulletin dated June 23/06 re: Groundwater Study Provides Vital Tools To Manage Groundwater in the Oak Ridges Moraine.
- c) Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation news bulletin dated June 27/06 re: Native tree stock program will help restore the Oak Ridges Moraine.
- d) Source Water Protection bulletin, Issue 2 dated June 2006
- e) Article from Utopia News dated July 24/06 re: Utopia Gristmill Committee negotiating a lease with the NVCA.

- f) Correspondence from Pierre Paquette dated July 26/06 re: 2006 A.D. Latornell Conservation Symposium
- g) Conservation Ontario Internal Electronic Bulletin – Volume 16 – July 2006

RES#11 MOVED BY: Robert Walker SECONDED BY: Orville Brown
RESOVLED THAT: The Correspondence not specifically dealt with be placed on file.

Carried;

12. FUTURE MEETINGS/EVENTS:

Executive Meeting – August 25/06

Full Authority Meeting – September 8/06

NVCA Member Bus Tour – September 21/06

ADJOURN TO ADVISORY COMMITTEES

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

RESOVLED THAT: This meeting of the Full Authority adjourn at 10:19 a.m. to meet again at the call of the Chair.

Carried;

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

W. Wilson, C.A.O./Secretary-Treasurer

Dated on the 8th day of September, 2006