

**N.V.C.A. FULL AUTHORITY MEETING #10/06  
MINUTES**

**Date:** Friday, 3 November, 2006

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

**PRESENT:**

<b>Chair:</b>	Fred Nix	Town of Mono
<b>Vice Chair:</b>	Walter Benotto	Town of Shelburne
<b>Members:</b>		
Mary Brett		Township of Adjala-Tosorontio
Chris Carrier		Town of Collingwood
Bob Currie		Township of Amaranth (arrived at 9:06 a.m.)
Lynn Dollin		Town of Innisfil
Terry Dowdall		Township of Essa
Tom Elliott		Township of Springwater (arrived at 9:09 a.m.)
Ruth Fountain		Township of Oro-Medonte
Ron Henderson		Township of Essa
Ralph Hough		Township of Oro-Medonte
Bob Marrs		Town of New Tecumseth
Garry Matthews		Township of Melancthon (arrived at 9:06 a.m.)
Gord Montgomery		Township of Mulmur
Reg Russwurm		Town of the Blue Mountains
George Sheffer		Town of Wasaga Beach
Ron Simpson		Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury
Joan Sutherland		Town of New Tecumseth
Robert Walker		Township of Clearview
Barry Ward		City of Barrie (arrived at 9:15 a.m.)

**REGRETS:**

Orville Brown	Township of Clearview
Sandra Cooper	Town of Collingwood
Mike McWilliam	Town of Wasaga Beach
Ross Money	Township of Springwater
Brian Mullin	Municipality of Grey Highlands
Gerald Poisson	City of Barrie

**STAFF PRESENT:**

CAO/Secretary-Treasurer	Wayne R. Wilson
Manager, Administration & Human Resources	Susan Richards
Director of Engineering & Tech Services	Glenn Switzer
Manager Watershed Monitoring	Dave Featherstone
Hydrogeologist/Source Water Protection Coordinator	Ryan Post
Director of Land & Water Stewardship Services	Byron Wesson
Manager, Stewardship Services	Fred Dobbs
Forestry Program Coordinator	Rick Grillmayer
Director of Planning	Charles Burgess
Manager Policy and Planning Regulations	Bev Booth

**RECORDER:** Laurie Barron, Administrative Assistant

**1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Congratulations to Gerald Poisson, City of Barrie member on the birth of his daughter.

**2. MOTION TO ADOPT AGENDA**

Additions to Agenda:

Item 4.2, Draft Minutes of the Executive Meeting 12-06

Item 11.3, Policy to Charge Fees

**3.**

**RES#1** MOVED BY: Chris Carrier SECONDED BY: Robert Walker

**RESOLVED THAT:** The Agenda for Full Authority Meeting #10/06, dated 3 November 2006, be adopted as amended.

**Carried;**

**4. PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARATION**

None declared

**5. MINUTES****5.1 Minutes of Full Authority Meeting 09-06, dated 13 October, 2006.**

**RES#2** MOVED BY: Robert Walker SECONDED BY: Chris Carrier

**RESOLVED THAT:** The Minutes of Full Authority Meeting 09-06, dated 13 October, 2006, be approved.

**Carried;**

**5.2 Draft Minutes of the Executive Meeting 12-06 dated 27 October, 2006**

**RES#3** MOVED BY: Chris Carrier SECONDED BY: Robert Walker

**RESOLVED THAT:** The Draft Minutes of the Executive Meeting 12-06 dated 27 October, 2006 be received.

**Carried;**

**6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

Fred Nix, Chair updated Mary Brett, member for Adjala-Tosorontio on the status of two inquiries made at the last meeting of the Full Authority. Staff will investigate and report back regarding conservation services provided by the NVCA and the County of Simcoe. The Planning Advisory Committee is reviewing the Assimilative Capacity Study report. Comments will be presented to the Executive and Full Authority once completed.

## 7. PRESENTATIONS

- **Watershed Report Card update.**

Dave Featherstone, Manager, Watershed Monitoring Program provided an overview of the NVCA Watershed report card. The Report Card uses Conservation Ontario's template with minor modifications to reflect Environment Canada's "How Much Habitat is Enough?" guidelines. The report card will provide a description of forest conditions, wetland conditions and surface water quality for each of the NVCA subwatersheds.

Three documents will be produced in partnership with Conservation Ontario:

- A detailed technical report for resource management
- A watershed report card which is designed for the broader public; and
- Posting of detailed reports and watershed report cards on the NVCA and Conservation Ontario web sites.

A five year reporting interval with annual updates is proposed. It is intended that the report card will be used by municipalities and the NVCA as a tool to identify and protect the natural heritage areas, and provide a means of targeting rehabilitation and protection activities within each watershed.

Several questions of clarification were asked by the Board Members. It was generally agreed that the report card will provide useful information to the public.

Fred Nix, Chair advised that once completed, the report card will be taken to each municipal council in the watershed. In addition staff advised that the report card will include separate reports for each of the subwatersheds.

It is anticipated that the Watershed Report Card will be presented to the Board of Directors early in 2007.

## STAFF REPORTS

### 8. REPORT OF THE MANAGER OF STEWARDSHIP SERVICES AND THE DIRECTOR OF LAND AND WATER STEWARDSHIP SERVICES

#### 8.1 Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) Partnership Agreement Renewal

**RES#4** MOVED BY: Ron Simpson SECONDED BY: Mary Brett

**WHEREAS:** The N.V.C.A. has completed the 2006-2007 Level II Fish Habitat Partnership Agreement with the DFO; and,

**WHEREAS:** DFO propose a extension of the agreement; therefore;

**BE IT RESOLVED:** That the N.V.C.A. endorses the extension of this agreement for the period of January 15, 2007 to May 15, 2011.

**Carried;**

**RES#5** MOVED BY: Ron Simpson SECONDED BY: Mary Brett

**RESOLVED THAT:** The report of the Manager of Stewardship Services dated 3 November, 2006 be received.

**Carried;**

## 8.2 Tiffin Forest Harvesting Update

Rick Grillmayer, Forestry Program Coordinator provided a PowerPoint presentation outlining the pine plantation management harvest at the Tiffin Conservation Area which took place the weekend of October 28, 2006. The presentation was provided to the Board of Directors to help answer some questions that had been raised.

Several comments and questions made by the Board members were addressed.

**Chair, Fred Nix vacated the Chair**

**Vice Chair, Walter Benotto Chaired this portion of the meeting**

## 9. REPORT OF THE HYDROGEOLOGIST/SOURCE WATER PROTECTION COORDINATOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNICAL SERVICES

### 9.1 NVCA Position Report on Discussion Paper for Source Protection Committees under the Proposed Clean Water Act Bill 43

Fred Nix, Chair discussed the draft discussion paper and noted that significant concerns regarding the relationship between the Source Protection Authority (the NVCA) and the Source Protection Committee had been identified at the Oct 27/06 meeting of the Executive. These concerns have been incorporated in comments to Conservation Ontario.

Discussion ensued regarding representation and funding. The Chair requested that the Board Members review the discussion paper and provide comments at the next meeting of the Full Authority.

**RES#6**            MOVED BY: Ron Henderson            SECONDED BY: Ron Simpson

**WHEREAS:** The Province has provided Conservation Authorities with the Draft Discussion Paper for Source Protection Committees under the Proposed Clean Water Act, Bill 43 for review and comment; and,

**WHEREAS:** NVCA staff have reviewed the report along with comments from the South Georgian Bay-Lake Simcoe Source Protection Region and Conservation Ontario; therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The Full Authority has concerns with the described roles of the Source Protection Authority and the Source Protection Committee including the need to further clarify the roles and responsibilities ensuring a greater involvement of the Source Protection Authority; and,

**FURTHER THAT** the Full Authority generally supports comments from the South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe and Conservation Ontario; and

**THAT:** The Full Authority directs staff to forward the NVCA staff position report to Conservation Ontario and other relevant parties.

**Carried Unanimously;**

Chair, Fred Nix Resumed the Chair

**10. REPORT OF THE MANAGER OF ADMINISTRATION AND HUMAN RESOURCES**

**10.1 Flexible Work Schedule Policy & Procedure**

**RES#7** MOVED BY: Reg Russwurm SECONDED BY: Ron Henderson  
**BE IT RESOLVED:** That the flexible Work Schedule, Policy and Procedure, HR-6, be approved by the Full Authority.

**Carried;**

**RES#8** MOVED BY: Reg Russwurm SECONDED BY: Mary Brett  
**RESOLVED THAT:** The report of the Manager of Administration and Human Resources dated 3 November, 2006 be received.

**Carried;**

**10.2 REPORT OF THE CAO/SECRETARY- TREASURER**

**Financial Report - Statement of Operations Summary for the Period ending September 30, 2006**

**RES#9** MOVED BY: Ron Henderson SECONDED BY: Joan Sutherland  
**RESOLVED THAT:** The Statement of Operations Summary for the Period ending 30 September, 2006 be received.

**Carried;**

**10.3 2007 Budget Development and Approval Process (Verbal update)**

**RES#10** MOVED BY: Ron Henderson SECONDED BY: Joan Sutherland  
**RESOLVED THAT:** The report of the CAO/Secretary-Treasurer be received.

**Carried;**

**11. ADVISORY COMMITTEE NOTES**

**11.1 Notes of the Land & Water Stewardship Advisory Committee meeting held on 13 October, 2006.**

**RES#11** MOVED BY: Ron Henderson SECONDED BY: Joan Sutherland  
**RESOLVED THAT:** The recommendations of the Land & Water Stewardship Advisory Committee Mtg. held on 13 October, 2006 be received by the Full Authority.

**Carried;**

**11.2 Notes of the Engineering and Technical Services Advisory Committee meeting held on 13 October, 2006.**

**RES#12**      MOVED BY: Gord Montgomery      SECONDED BY: Ruth Fountain

**RESOLVED THAT:** The recommendations of the Engineering Advisory Committee held on 13 October be received by the Full Authority.

**Carried;**

**11.3 Notes of the Planning Advisory Committee meeting held 13 October, 2006.**

**RES #13**      MOVED BY: Ruth Fountain      SECONDED BY: Gord Montgomery

**RESOLVED THAT:** The Full Authority approves the Policy to Charge Fees for Planning and Development related activities including the Schedule of Fees as amended effective November 3, 2006.

**Carried unanimously;**

**RES#14**      MOVED BY: Bob Marrs      SECONDED BY: Joan Sutherland

**RESOLVED THAT:** The recommendations of the Planning Advisory Committee held on 13 October be received by the Full Authority.

**Carried;**

**12. CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE CHAIR AND THE CAO/SECRETARY-TREASURER**

▪ **Notes from the Conservation Ontario Meeting held on October 23/06**

Discussion ensued regarding the Conservation Ontario levy increase of 9.85% for 2007. Conservation Ontario is making efforts to secure increased provincial funding. The latest strategy has been to team up with Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) to investigate being part of the current Provincial/Municipal Fiscal Relationship Review.

**13. NEW BUSINESS**

- Joan Sutherland encouraged the members to visit the new Tottenham Conservation website @ [www.tottenhamconservation.ca](http://www.tottenhamconservation.ca)

**14. CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) Press Release from the Environmental Commission of Ontario dated Oct 3/06 re: Grave Consequences for Environmental Neglect Warns Environmental Commissioner.
- (b) Press Release from the Office of the Auditor General of Canada dated Sept 28/06 re: Climate Change Commitments.

- (c) Press Release – Springwater News, Oct 9/06 re: NVCA Celebrates 1000 Acre Donation of Minesing Wetlands.
- (d) MOE News Release dated Oct 18/06 re: Legislature Passes Clean Water Act.
- (e) MOE News Release dated Oct/2006 re: The Clean Water Act, Roles and Responsibilities.
- (f) MOE News Release dated Oct/2006 re: The Clean Water Act, Facts
- (g) MOE News Release dated Oct/2006 re: The Clean Water Act, Preparing and Implementing Source Protection Plans.

**RES#15**      MOVED BY: Bob Marrs                      SECONDED BY: Joan Sutherland

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

**Carried;**

**15. FUTURE MEETINGS/EVENTS:**

Executive Meeting – November 24/06

Full Authority Meeting – December 8/06

**ADJOURN TO ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

**RES#16**      MOVED BY: Bob Marrs                      SECONDED BY: Joan Sutherland

**RESOLVED THAT:** This meeting of the Full authority adjourn at 10:40 a.m. to meet again at the call of the Chair.

**Carried;**

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

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

Dated on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2006