

**N.V.C.A. FULL AUTHORITY MEETING #11-06
MINUTES**

Date: Friday, 8 December, 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
Orville Brown		Township of Clearview
Bob Currie		Township of Amaranth
Tom Elliott		Township of Springwater
Ruth Fountain		Township of Oro-Medonte
Ralph Hough		Township of Oro-Medonte
Bob Marrs		Town of New Tecumseth
Garry Matthews		Township of Melancthon
John McKean		Town of the Blue Mountains
Gord Montgomery		Township of Mulmur (arrived at 9:30 am)
Joan Sutherland		Town of New Tecumseth
Robert Walker		Township of Clearview
Barry Ward		City of Barrie

REGRETS:

Chris Carrier	Town of Collingwood
Sandra Cooper	Town of Collingwood
Lynn Dollin	Town of Innisfil
Terry Dowdall	Township of Essa
Ron Henderson	Township of Essa
Mike McWilliam	Town of Wasaga Beach
Ross Money	Township of Springwater
Brian Mullin	Municipality of Grey Highlands
Gerald Poisson	City of Barrie
George Sheffer	Town of Wasaga Beach
Ron Simpson	Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury

STAFF PRESENT:

CAO/Secretary-Treasurer	Wayne R. Wilson
Manager, Administration & Human Resources	Susan Richards
Director of Engineering & Tech Services	Glenn Switzer
Manager, Watershed Monitoring Program	Dave Featherstone
Watershed Monitoring Specialist	Katherine Watson
Director of Land & Water Stewardship Services	Byron Wesson
Manager, Stewardship Services	Fred Dobbs
Healthy Waters Program Coordinator	Shannon Stephens
Director of Planning	Charles Burgess
Manager Policy and Planning Regulations	Bev Booth
Environmental Officer	Karen Dykxhoorn

RECORDER: Laurie Barron, Administrative Assistant

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CHAIR FRED NIX

Chair, Fred Nix recognized the following staff members:

- New staff member Karen Dykxhoorn, Environmental Officer was introduced to the Full Authority.
- Katherine Watson, Watershed Monitoring Specialist was recognized for the Session she presented at the 2006 A.D. Latornell Conservation Symposium entitled "Assessing Ecosystem Conditions in the Upper Nottawasaga Basin, Using a Reference Condition Approach."
- Greg Bray, Supervisor of Land and Operations was commended for completing the Young Conservation Professionals program. Greg was recognized at the 2006 A.D. Latornell Conservation Symposium and received the valedictorian award.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Walter Benotto called the meeting to order at 9:18 a.m.

2. MOTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

RES#1 MOVED BY: Orville Brown SECONDED BY: Robert Walker
RESOLVED THAT: The Agenda for Full Authority Meeting #11/06, dated 08 December 2006, be adopted.

Carried;

3. PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARATION

None noted.

4. MINUTES**4.1 Minutes of Full Authority Meeting 10-06, dated 3 November, 2006.**

RES#2 MOVED BY: Robert Walker SECONDED BY: Ruth Fountain
RESOLVED THAT: The Minutes of Full Authority Meeting 10-06, dated 3 November 2006 be approved.

Carried;

4.2 Draft Minutes of the Executive Meeting 13-06 dated 24 November, 2006

RES#3 MOVED BY: Orville Brown SECONDED BY: Robert Walker

RESOLVED THAT: The Draft Minutes of the Executive Meeting 13-06 dated 24 November, 2006 be received.

Carried;

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

5.1 Mary Brett , representative for Adjala-Tosorontio inquired about The Land Acquisition Strategy and the associated costs (Item 5.1 – Executive Minutes 13-06). The Land Acquisition Strategy being prepared by Orland Conservation will be covered under the Planning Department 2006 Revenues.

5.2 Gary Matthews, representative for the Township of Melancthon inquired about the SWP Cross Boundary Pilot Project with respect to the Dufferin Headwaters. (Item 6.1 – Executive Minutes 13-06)

STAFF REPORTS**6. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND THE WATERSHED PLANNER****6.1 Watershed Plan Strategic Review Update**

RES#4 MOVED BY: Tom Elliott SECONDED BY: Robert Walker

WHEREAS: On November 24, 2006 the Executive Committee supported in principle; the *Watershed Plan Strategic Review and Update, dated November 24th 2006*; and

FURTHER: That the update be forwarded to the Full Authority on December 8th 2006 for final plan approval; therefore

RESOLVED THAT: The Watershed Plan Strategic Review and Update dated November 24th 2006 be approved.

Carried Unanimously;

6.2 Intergovernmental Action Plan (IGAP) and the Assimilative Capacity Study (ACS)

RES#5 MOVED BY: Tom Elliott SECONDED BY: Joan Sutherland

WHEREAS: The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority supports the Intergovernmental Action Plan as it relates to the Assimilative Capacity Study (ACS) Targets (as may be revised) and Recommendations; and

WHEREAS: Staff have been directed to utilize the science of the ACS through the implementation of its programs; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Staff notify the County of Simcoe and the City of Barrie of the NVCA's interest in participating in the future Area Wide Growth Management Plan Technical Committees for the County and Cities of Barrie and Orillia; and,

THAT: Staff be directed to participate in ACS implementation discussions with the province, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority and appropriate municipalities to ensure the ACS targets are achieved and maintained in the future.

Carried;

RES#6 MOVED BY: Bob Currie SECONDED BY: Gary Matthews

RESOLVED THAT: The reports of the Director of Planning and the Watershed Planner dated December 8, 2006 be received.

Carried;

7. ADVISORY COMMITTEE NOTES**7.1 Notes from the Land and Water Stewardship Advisory Committee held 3 November, 2006.**

RES#7 MOVED BY: Bob Currie SECONDED BY: Gary Matthews

RESOLVED THAT: The Notes of the Land and Water Stewardship Advisory Committee meeting dated 3 November, 2006 be received.

Carried;

7.2 Notes of the Engineering and Technical Services Committee meeting held on 3 November, 2006.

RES#8 MOVED BY: Ralph Hough SECONDED BY: Bob Currie

RESOLVED THAT: The Notes of the Engineering and Technical Services Committee meeting dated 3 November, 2006 be received.

Carried;

7.3 Notes of the Planning Advisory Committee meeting held on 3 November, 2006.

RES#9 MOVED BY: Tom Elliott SECONDED BY: Ralph Hough

RESOLVED THAT: The Notes of the Planning Advisory Committee meeting dated 3 November, 2006 be received.

Carried;

8. REPORT OF THE MANAGER OF ADMINISTRATION AND HUMAN RESOURCES

8.1 Inclement Weather Policy

RES#10 MOVED BY: Bob Currie SECONDED BY: Ralph Hough

RESOLVED THAT: The revised Inclement Weather, Policy and Procedure, HR-2 be approved by the Full Authority.

Carried;

9. REPORT OF THE CAO/SECRETARY- TREASURER

9.1 Financial Report - Statement of Operations Summary for the Period ending October 31, 2006

RES#11 MOVED BY: Joan Sutherland SECONDED BY: Ruth Fountain

RESOLVED THAT: The Statement of Operations Summary for the Period ending 31 October, 2006 be received.

Carried;

9.2 Planning Program 2006 Occupancy Costs

RES#12 MOVED BY: Ruth Fountain SECONDED BY: Joan Sutherland

WHEREAS: The NVCA will utilize full cost recovery within the prepared 2007 budget for all program areas including the cost of; Governance, Office and Occupancy Costs, Corporate Administration, Fleet and Equipment Management and Geographical Information and Information Technology; and,

WHEREAS: The 2006 approved Planning Program Area Budget did not recognize Office and Occupancy Cost, estimated at a cost of \$52,000.; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED: That staff be authorized to include a \$52,000 Occupancy Cost expensed against the Planning Program in the 2006 year.

Carried;

RES#13 MOVED BY: Joan Sutherland SECONDED BY: Ruth Fountain

RESOLVED THAT: The \$52,000 Planning Program Occupancy Cost, unbudgeted surplus, be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund.

Carried;

9.3 2007 Draft Budget

Wayne Wilson, CAO/Secretary Treasurer provided a 2007 Budget presentation to the members. Fred Nix, Chair provided the members with a budget historical perspective.

RES#14 MOVED BY: Ruth Fountain SECONDED BY: Bob Marrs

WHEREAS: Staff presented the first preliminary budget to the October 27, 2006 Executive, including all program area enhancements as directed by the Advisory Committees and Executive, which represented an approximate 12.0% increase in 2007 General Levy over the 2006 year; and

WHEREAS: Staff received direction to prepare additional 2007 budget revisions for further Executive review and direction; and

FURTHERMORE: The Executive directed staff to prepare the Draft 2007 Budget for Full Authority review with a 9.35% increase in General Levy subject to the following. That the new administrative position will only be filled in 2007 subject to the Executive being satisfied that the financial forecasts are being met; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the NVCA Board of Directors directs staff to circulate the draft 2007 Budget as presented, and directs staff to circulate the draft budget to our member municipalities for review and direction.

Recorded Vote

In Favour

Walter Benotto
Orville Brown
Tom Elliott
Ruth Fountain
Bob Marrs
John McKean
Gord Montgomery
Fred Nix
Joan Sutherland
Robert Walker
Barry Ward

Against

Mary Brett
Bob Currie
Ralph Hough
Garry Matthews

**Totals: 11 in Favour
4 Against**

Carried;

The Full Authority Recessed at 11:08 a.m.

The Full Authority Reconvened at 11:18 a.m.

9.4 Utopia Conservation Area

RES#15 MOVED BY: Mary Brett SECONDED BY: Ruth Fountain

WHEREAS: The NVCA received an official written request from the Township of Essa dated March 10, 2005 to terminate the long term lease of the Utopia Conservation Area and;

WHEREAS: The NVCA Full Board officially accepted the lease termination request in April 2005 and;

WHEREAS: The Full Authority Board unanimously voted on March 10, 2006 to retain the Utopia Conservation Area for conservation purposes; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: That the October 24, 2006 request from Essa Township to convey the Utopia Conservation Area lands west of the CPR tracks excluding the Grist Mill and surrounding 2-3 acres not be supported and;

THAT: Staff continue to work with the Utopia Grist Mill Committee to develop a short term lease agreement.

Carried Unanimously;

10. NEW BUSINESS

None noted

11. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Correspondence from The Township of Oro-Medonte to the Premier of Ontario dated Oct. 20/06 re: Inter-Governmental Action Plan (IGAP)
- (b) Correspondence from The Township of Oro-Medonte to Bruce Stanton, MP, Simcoe North, dated November 10/06 re: MP Bruce Stanton's Private Members Motion M-161 – Trent-Severn Waterway.
- (c) Correspondence from Conservation Ontario dated Nov. 14/06 re: Pre-budget Consultation Meetings – Minister Sorbara Conservation Ontario Key Messages.

- (d) Resolution from the Municipality of Meaford sent to the City Clerk of Owen Sound dated Nov 16/06 re: study by the International Joint Commission regarding declining water levels in the Upper Lakes.
- (e) Correspondence from the Trillium Gift of Life Network dated Nov 21/06 re: Donation in memory of Wayman Fairweather.
- (f) 2005 MNR Shortfall Report.
- (g) New Tecumseth Streams Committee dated Nov. 17/06 re: Northwood Park Beeton Creek project.
- (h) Correspondence from Executive Board Member, Tom Elliott re: A.D. Latornell Conservation Symposium notes.
- (i) NVCA Press Release re: Young Conservation Professionals Graduate, Greg Bray
- (j) NVCA Watershed News

RES#16 MOVED BY: Ruth Fountain

SECONDED BY: Mary Brett

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

Carried;

12. FUTURE MEETINGS/EVENTS:

**Executive Meeting – December 15/06
Full Authority Meeting – January 12/07**

13. ADJOURN

RES#17 MOVED BY: Mary Brett

SECONDED BY: Ruth Fountain

RESOLVED THAT: This meeting adjourn at 11:25 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 _____ day of _____, 2006