

Members Present:

Joan Sutherland, Town of New Tecumseth. Reg Cowan, Springwater Twp., John Crawford, Township of Oro/Medonte, Sandy Agnew, Township of Oro/Medonte, Orville Brown, Township of Clearview, Walter Benotto, Town of Shelburne, John McKean, Town of the Blue Mountains
Regrets: Cal Patterson, Town of Wasaga Beach

Staff: Byron Wesson, Fred Dobbs, Shannon Stephens

Called to order at 11:45

Agenda was accepted

No pecuniary interests

Call meeting to order– Moved - Walter Benotto//Seconded – John McKean - Carried

2008 Update for – Land & Water Stewardship Services

A general overview of all current Land and Water Stewardship projects was given.

1. Proposed Program Initiatives for 2009 Business Plan

Staff presented brief outlines of the Tiffin Education, Lands, Operations, Forestry, Healthy Waters and Community Rivers. With the number of projects coming on board and anticipated discussions it was asked that staff get any details (content and costs) out to the Advisory Committee members as soon as possible. Due to the minimum time spent at the Advisory Committee meetings it was suggested that we meet prior to our Advisory committee meeting in September or meet after the August Board meeting. Staff will do their best to advance 2009 program information to the members prior to the September meeting.

2. Evening of Recognition

The importance of an “Evening of Recognition” (for our landowners and partners) was expressed by staff. Each Advisory Committee member noted support and outlined their desire for the NVCA to continue this event. The costs to host the event were compared to the Members Meeting/Barbecue in August and it was felt by the members that the Evening of Recognition did more to enhance the NVCA’s message and position in our watershed. The following recommendation was supported:

Whereas the Evening of Recognition is recognized as important and whereas the Advisory Committee recommends the NVCA continue with the Evening of Thanks be it resolved that this information be forwarded to the Executive Committee.

Moved by Walter Benotto

Seconded by John McKean

Carried

3. Tottenham Land Securement

Through our Conservation Land Acquisition policy staff discussed a proposed property acquisition in Tottenham. It was agreed that staff should visit the property with an Advisory Committee member (Joan Sutherland) and forward a report to the NVCA Executive for direction.

Moved by Joan Sutherland Seconded by Orval Brown Carried

Meeting adjourned - Moved by John McKean Seconded by Sandy Agnew

Carried