



NOTTAWASAGA VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 01/09
Friday January 9, 2009
MINUTES

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

<u>PRESENT:</u>	
Chair: Walter Benotto	Town of Shelburne
Vice Chair: Joan Sutherland	Town of New Tecumseth
<u>Members:</u>	
Rick Archdekin	Town of Wasaga Beach
Mary Brett	Township of Adjala-Tosorontio
Orville Brown	Township of Clearview
Chris Carrier	Town of Collingwood
Mel Coutanche	Township of Oro-Medonte
Reg Cowan	Township of Springwater
Terry Dowdall	Township of Essa
Tom Elliott	Township of Springwater
Sonny Foley	Town of Collingwood
Ron Henderson	Township of Essa
Garry Matthews	Township of Melancthon
Ralph Hough	Township of Oro-Medonte
Rick Milne	Town of New Tecumseth
Gord Montgomery	Township of Mulmur (left at 9:55 a.m.)
Brian Mullin	Municipality of the Grey Highlands
Fred Nix	Town of Mono
Cal Patterson	Town of Wasaga Beach
Gerald Poisson	City of Barrie
Ron Simpson	Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury
Bill Van Berkel	Town of Innisfil
Robert Walker	Township of Clearview
Barry Ward	City of Barrie
Percy Way	Township of Amaranth
<u>REGRETS:</u>	
John McKean	Town of the Blue Mountains

GUESTS:

Mark Shoreman, District Manager, Ministry of Natural Resources
John Kus, Ministry of Natural Resources Area Supervisor, Midhurst District
Dick Hibma, Chair, Conservation Ontario
Lynn Dollin, Chair, South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Region

STAFF PRESENT:

CAO/Secretary-Treasurer
Communications/Public Relations Assistant
Director of Land Operations & Stewardship Services
Manager of Stewardship Services
Director of Planning
Director of Engineering

Wayne Wilson
Kim Garraway
Byron Wesson
Fred Dobbs
Chris Hibberd
Glenn Switzer

RECORDER: Laurie Barron, Executive Assistant

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
Wayne R. Wilson, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. **INTRODUCTIONS BY CAO/SECRETARY-TREASURER**
The CAO/Secretary-Treasurer welcomed the following guests to the meeting:
Mark Shoreman, District Manager, Ministry of Natural Resources,
John Kus, Ministry of Natural Resources Area Supervisor, Midhurst District,
Dick Hibma, Chair, Conservation Ontario, and
Lynn Dollin, Chair, South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Region

3. **MOTION TO ADOPT AGENDA**
RES.#1 MOVED BY: Gerald Poisson SECONDED BY: Sonny Foley
RESOLVED THAT: The Agenda for Board of Directors Meeting #01/09, dated
9 January, be adopted.

Carried;

4. **PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARATION**
None declared

PROCEDURES:

The CAO/Secretary-Treasurer reviewed the election procedures with the Board members.

5. **APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION CONDUCTOR**
RES.#2 MOVED BY: Gerald Poisson SECONDED BY: Sonny Foley
RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Directors accept the services of Mark
Shoreman, for the position of Election Conductor for the Chair & Vice-Chair of the
NVCA 2009 elections.

Unanimously Carried;

6. **APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS**
RES.#3 MOVED BY: Sonny Foley SECONDED BY: Brian Mullin
RESOLVED THAT: Byron Wesson and Chris Hibberd be appointed as
Scrutineers for the duration of the N.V.C.A. 2009 elections.

Carried;

7. **ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

NOMINATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF CHAIR:

RES.#4 (a) MOVED BY: Garry Mathews SECONDED BY: Percy Way
RESOLVED THAT: Walter Benotto be nominated for the position of Chair of the
Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority for 2009.

Carried;

Walter Benotto confirmed his acceptance of the nomination.

RES.#4(b) MOVED BY: Joan Sutherland SECONDED BY: Brian Mullin
RESOLVED THAT: Fred Nix be nominated for the position of Chair of the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority for 2009.

Carried;

Fred Nix confirmed his acceptance of the nomination.

Election Conductor Mark Shoreman asked three times for further nominations. Being none, Walter Benotto and Fred Nix were given an opportunity to speak to the Board of Directors regarding their commitment to the position of Chair of the Conservation Authority.

RES.#5 MOVED BY: Sonny Foley SECONDED BY: Brian Mullin
RESOLVED THAT: The nomination for the position of Chair of the NVCA be closed and the ballots destroyed.

Carried;

Election Conductor Mark Shoreman announced that the 2009 Chair of the NVCA is Walter Benotto.

ORAL MOTION

RES#6 MOVED BY: Walter Benotto SECONDED BY: Rick Archdekin
RESOLVED THAT: Joan Sutherland be nominated for the position of Vice-Chair of the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority for 2009.

Carried;

Joan Sutherland confirmed her acceptance for the nomination.

Election Conductor Mark Shoreman asked three times for further nominations. Additional nominations were declined by the nominees. Being no further nominations, Joan Sutherland was declared Vice Chair by acclamation.

RES.#7 MOVED BY: Orville Brown SECONDED BY: Brian Mullin
RESOLVED THAT: The nomination for the position of Vice-Chair of the N.V.C.A. be closed and the ballots be destroyed.

Carried;

Chair Walter Benotto assumed the Chair for the remainder of the meeting

8. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Chair Walter Benotto thanked the Board of Directors for their support and thanked Past Chair Fred Nix for his hard work and dedication over his three year term as Chairman.

Fred Nix affirmed his position as Past Chair on the Executive Committee for the 2009 term.

9. **ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Nominations for Position of Executive Committee Members were received by the CAO/Secretary-Treasurer as follows:

MOVED BY: Chris Carrier SECONDED BY: Cal Paterson

RESOLVED THAT: Rick Archdekin be nominated for the position of Executive member of the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority for 2009.

Rick Archdekin affirmed his acceptance

MOVED BY: Percy Way SECONDED BY: Orville Brown

RESOLVED THAT: Tom Elliott be nominated for the position of Executive member of the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority for 2009.

Tom Elliott affirmed his acceptance

MOVED BY: Walter Benotto SECONDED BY: Orville Brown

RESOLVED THAT: Gord Montgomery be nominated for the position of Executive member of the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority for 2009.

Gord Montgomery affirmed his acceptance

MOVED BY: Garry Matthews SECONDED BY: Walter Benotto

RESOLVED THAT: Mary Brett be nominated for the position of Executive member of the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority for 2009.

Mary Brett affirmed her acceptance

RES# 8 MOVED BY: Brian Mullin SECONDED BY: Orville Brown

RESOLVED THAT: The nominations for the position of Executive Member of the NVCA be closed.

Carried;

RES# 9 MOVED BY: Rick Milne SECONDED BY: Chris Carrier

RESOLVED THAT: The Executive Committee of the N.V.C.A. as elected and appointed be confirmed for the year of 2009, as follows:

Authority Chair: Walter Benotto

Authority Vice-Chair: Joan Sutherland

Five Executive Committee Members:

Fred Nix, Past Chair

Mary Brett, Gord Montgomery, Tom Elliott, and Rick Archdekin; and,

THAT: The ballots be destroyed.

Carried;

10. REMARKS/GREETINGS

- Lynn Dollin, Chair South Georgian Bay Source Protection Committee provided a brief overview of the work the Source Protection Committee has completed to date and upcoming events planned for 2009. Chair Dollin commended the dedicated group of people she has the pleasure to work with, in particular staff at the NVCA who have been targeted as one of the most successful in the province in leading the stewardship program.

Workshops are planned for 2009 to bring the message to municipalities on the progress of the Source Water Protection initiative.

- Mark Shoreman, District Manager, Midhurst, Ministry of Natural Resources thanked Former Chair Fred Nix for his guidance over the past three years and congratulated the newly elected Chair Walter Benotto and Joan Sutherland. Mark noted the importance of the natural diversity of the NVCA watershed and how the 18 member municipalities are truly blessed with agricultural, escarpment and beach landscapes. Mark encouraged the municipalities to continue to work together in preserving this unique environment.
- Dick Hibma, Chair of Conservation Ontario brought greetings and thanks to the Past Chair Fred Nix and newly elected Chair Walter Benotto and Vice Chair Joan Sutherland, in particular the work Past Chair Fred Nix has completed with respect to the Low Water Response Project.

Dick commended the work of NVCA Forestry staff Rick Grillmayer who, through his support of the Trees Ontario program, has helped to ensure that 50 million trees be planted in Ontario in the next several years.

- The province has renewed its funding commitment to the source protection initiative process and the dollars associated with the stewardship programs are beginning to be seen. Dick concluded that the 2009 economic circumstances will be a challenge and emphasized the importance in maintaining our focus on the environment.

10. ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER SELECTION/CONFIRMATION

The following members submitted their selection for the 2009 Advisory Committees.

Note: missing Fred N. and John McKean – have contacted them via email

Land and Water

Reg Cowan
Orville Brown
Rick Milne
Ron Henderson
Cal Paterson
Terry Dowdall
Gord Montgomery

Planning

Garry Matthews
Percy Way
Sonny Foley
Mel Coutanche
Tom Elliott
Gerald Poisson
Brian Mullin
Walter Benotto

Engineering & Tech Serv.

Bill Van Berkel
Ron Simpson
Rick Archdekin
Robert Walker
Chris Carrier
Joan Sutherland
Barry Ward
Ralph Hough
Mary Brett

11. **2009 BORROWING RESOLUTION:**
RES.#10 MOVED BY: Brain Mullin SECONDED BY: Orville Brown
RESOLVED THAT: For fiscal year 2009, the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority borrow, as required on credit, up to \$450,000 for its purposes until payment to the Authority of grants from the Province of Ontario, and levies from its member municipalities are received.
Carried;
13. **APPOINTMENT OF 2009 AUTHORITY SOLICITORS:**
RES.#11 MOVED BY: Orville Brown SECONDED BY: Brian Mullin
RESOLVED THAT: The firms of Stiver Vale Barristers, Solicitors, Notaries, and Hill Hunter Losell Law Firm, be appointed to conduct the legal business of the Authority for 2009.
Carried;
14. **APPOINTMENT OF 2009 AUTHORITY AUDITOR:**
RES.#12 MOVED BY: Tom Elliott SECONDED BY: Robert Walker
RESOLVED THAT: The firm of BDO Dunwoody be appointed to conduct the auditing functions of the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority for 2009.
Carried;
15. **APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO CONSERVATION ONTARIO COUNCIL:**
RES.#13 MOVED BY: Tom Elliott SECONDED BY: Robert Walker
RESOLVED THAT: The Chair be appointed as the NVCA voting delegate on the Conservation Ontario Council for the year 2009; and,
THAT: Past Chair, Fred Nix and Wayne Wilson, B.Sc., Chief Administrative Officer/Secretary –Treasurer, be appointed as alternates.
Carried;
16. **NVCA 2009 MEMBERS**
RES.#14 MOVED BY: Ralph Hough SECONDED BY: Gord Montgomery
RESOLVED THAT: The N.V.C.A. members provide written permission to authorize the public release of their names, addresses and telephone/fax numbers/email address, in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.
Carried;
17. **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PRIVACY ACT**
Appointment of Head of the NVCA for Purposes of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection Act.
RES.#15 MOVED BY: Ralph Hough SECONDED BY: Gord Montgomery
Members of the Board of the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority may designate an individual to act as Head of the Authority for purposes of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.56, s. 3(1); 2002 C. 17, Schedule. F, Table; therefore,
BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Susan Richards, Manager of Administration and Human Resources be designated as Head of the Authority for purposes of the Act.
Carried;

18. PRESENTATION

NOTTAWASAGA WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (N-WIP) HEALTHY WATER COMMUNITY RIVER RESTORATION

Sarah Campbell, Aquatic Biologist, gave a presentation on accomplishments of the Nottawasaga Watershed Improvement Program (N-WIP) in 2008 and the goals of the new Ontario Wetland Care Program.

N-WIP came about when the Lake Huron Steering Committee chose the lower Nottawasaga River basin as one of three sites across the province for water quality improvement pilot projects. Lamont and Marl creeks hve been identified as target watercourses for improvement projects,

The N-WIP steering committee undertook the following projects in 2008:

- Riparian volunteer tree planting on McIntyre Creek in Clearview Township
- Yellow Fish Road program at Silver Crest school in Wasaga Beach
- Riparian tree planting and stream habitat improvement projects on Black Ash Creek in Collingwood
- Riparian tree planting and stream habitat improvement projects on Willow Creek in Springwater
- Livestock exclusion fencing and alternate water source installation on Pretty River in Clearview

FUTURE MEETINGS

EXECUTIVE – Jan 23/09

BOARD OF DIRECTORS – Feb 13/09

ADJOURN

RES#16

MOVED BY: Gord Montgomery

SECONDED BY: Ralph Hough

RESOLVED THAT: This meeting adjourn at 11:27 a.m. to meet again at the call of the Chair.

Walter Benotto, N.V.C.A. Chair

Wayne R. Wilson, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2008