



NOTTAWASAGA VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 02/09
Friday February 13, 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
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
Ralph Hough	Township of Oro-Medonte
Peter Kmet	Town of Innisfil (appointed for Feb 13/09)
Doug Little (left at 10:10 a.m.)	Township of Adjala-Tosorontio (appointed for Feb 13/09)
Garry Matthews	Township of Melancthon
Rick Milne (left at 10:10 a.m.)	Town of New Tecumseth (left at 10:10 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
Sue Snider	Township of Mulmur (appointed for Feb 13/09)
Ron Simpson	Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury
Robert Walker	Township of Clearview
Barry Ward	City of Barrie
Percy Way	Township of Amaranth
<u>REGRETS:</u>	
Gord Montgomery	Township of Mulmur
Bill Van Berkel	Town of Innisfil
Mary Brett	Township of Adjala-Tosorontio
John McKean	Town of the Blue Mountains

GUESTS:

Mayor David Guergis, Township of Essa (arrived at 10:00 a.m.)
Dr. Bill Shotyk, Professor, University of Heidelberg

STAFF PRESENT:

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

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

RECORDER: Laurie Barron, Executive Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Walter Benotto called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. MOTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

RES.#1 MOVED BY: Orville Brown SECONDED BY: Robert Walker

RESOLVED THAT: The Agenda for Board of Directors meeting #02/09 dated 13 February, 2009 be adopted.

Carried;

3. PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARATION

None Declared

4. MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting 11/08, dated 9 January, 2009.

RES.#2 MOVED BY: Robert Walker SECONDED BY: Orville Brown

RESOLVED THAT: The Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting 11/08 dated 9 January, 2009 be approved.

Carried;

4.2 Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting 01/09, dated 9 January, 2009.

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

RESOLVED THAT: The Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting 01/09 dated 9 January, 2009 be approved.

Carried;

4.3 Draft Minutes of the Executive Meeting 02/09, dated 23 January, 2009.

RES.#4 MOVED BY: Orville Brown SECONDED BY: Robert Walker

RESOLVED THAT: The Draft Minutes of the Executive Meeting 02/09, dated 23 January, 2009 be received.

Carried;

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None noted

STAFF REPORTS

6. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING

6.1 Permits for Ratification

RES.#5 MOVED BY: Rick Archdekin SECONDED BY: Mel Coutanche

RESOLVED THAT: The Permits/Approvals issued by staff for the period December 22, 2008 to February 5, 2009 be approved.

Carried;

7. **REPORT OF THE MANAGER OF ADMINISTRATION AND HUMAN RESOURCES AND THE COMMUNICATION/PR ASSISTANT**

7.1 **Communications Reports**

- **December 2008**
- **January 2009**

RES.#6 MOVED BY: Mel Coutanche SECONDED BY: Rick Archdekin

RESOLVED THAT: The Communications report for the months of December 2008 and January, 2009 be received.

Carried;

7.2 **Summary of 2008 NVCA Media Coverage**

RES.#7 MOVED BY: Ron Simpson SECONDED BY: Reg Cowan

RESOLVED THAT: The 2008 NVCA Media Coverage Summary Report be received.

Carried;

7.3 **BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2009 PER DIEM RATE INCREASE**

RES.#8 MOVED BY: Ron Simpson SECONDED BY: Reg Cowan

RESOLVED THAT: Staff be directed to seek approval of the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB), pursuant to Section 37 of the Conservation Authorities Act, to apply a cost of living increase to NVCA Board of Directors' per diems of 2.3%, which represents the Ontario Consumer Price Index (CPI) averaged inflation rate from December 2007 to November 2008; and that the increase be retroactive to January 1, 2009.

Motion Defeated;

7.4 **2009 KILOMETER RATE**

RES.#9 MOVED BY: Ron Simpson SECONDED BY: Rick Milne

RESOLVED THAT: The NVCA kilometer rate for Board of Directors and NVCA staff remain at 52¢ per km for the first 5,000 kms, and 46¢ for each additional km, for the year 2009, as per the 2009 Department of Finance Canada kilometer rate.

Carried;

8. **REPORT OF THE CAO/SECRETARY TREASURER**

8.1 **Financial Report - Statement of Operations Summary for the Period ending 31 December, 2008.**

RES.#10 MOVED BY: Rick Milne SECONDED BY: Ron Simpson

RESOLVED THAT: The Statement of Operations Summary for the Period ending 31 December, 2008 be received.

Carried;

8.2 **2009 Budget Deliberation Report**

Wayne Wilson, CAO/Secretary Treasurer provided an overview of the report and advised that staff have been directed by the Executive to prepare a budget option with a 3 percent levy increase.

RES.#11 MOVED BY: Rick Milne SECONDED BY: Ron Simpson
RESOLVED THAT: The report of the CAO/Secretary-Treasurer titled 2009 Budget deliberation dated February 13, 2009 be received for consideration.

Carried;

9. 2009 BUDGET VOTE

9.1 Approval of Non-Matching Levy

Resolution: MOVED BY: Rick Milne SECONDED BY: Ron Simpson

WHEREAS: THE Non-Matching Levy for the proposed and duly circulated 2009 Budget is \$1,633,369.77 ; and,

WHEREAS: A quorum of members is present, and each member's vote is weighted according to the individual municipal share of the N.V.C.A. Current Value Assessment; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED: The Non-Matching Levy for the N.V.C.A. 2009 Budget be approved at \$1,633,369.77

Amended;

MOTION TO AMEND BUDGET

RES.#12 MOVED BY: Rick Archdekin SECONDED BY: Joan Sutherland

WHEREAS: THE Non-Matching Levy for the proposed and duly circulated 2009 Budget has been amended to \$1,580,992.77 ; and,

WHEREAS: A quorum of members is present, and each member's vote is weighted according to the individual municipal share of the N.V.C.A. Current Value Assessment; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED: The Non-Matching Levy for the N.V.C.A. 2009 Budget be approved at \$1,580,992.77

Recorded vote

<u>IN FAVOUR</u>		<u>AGAINST</u>	
Chair Walter Benotto	Garry Matthews	Mel Coutanche	Doug Little
Vice Chair Joan Sutherland	Rick Milne	Terry Dowdall	Fred Nix
Rick Archdekin	Brian Mullin	Ron Henderson	Barry Ward
Orville Brown	Cal Patterson	Ralph Hough	
Chris Carrier	Gerald Poisson		
Reg Cowan	Ron Simpson		
Tom Elliott	Susan Snider		
Sonny Foley	Robert Walker		
Peter Kmet	Percy Way		

TOTAL IN FAVOUR: 68.45%

TOTAL AGAINST: 31.55%

ABSENT

John McKean

Carried;

AMENDED BUDGET MOTION

RES.#13 MOVED BY: Rick Milne SECONDED BY; Ron Simpson
WHEREAS: THE Non-Matching Levy for the proposed and duly circulated 2009 Budget is \$1,580,992.77 ; and,

WHEREAS: A quorum of members is present, and each member's vote is weighted according to the individual municipal share of the N.V.C.A. Current Value Assessment; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED: The Non-Matching Levy for the N.V.C.A. 2009 Budget be approved at \$1,580,992.77

<u>Recorded vote</u>			
<u>IN FAVOUR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>		
Chair Walter Benotto	Rick Milne	Mel Coutanche	Ralph Hough
Vice Chair Joan Sutherland	Brian Mullin	Terry Dowdall	Doug Little
Rick Archdekin	Fred Nix	Ron Henderson	
Orville Brown	Cal Patterson		
Chris Carrier	Gerald Poisson		
Reg Cowan	Ron Simpson		
Tom Elliott	Susan Snider		
Sonny Foley	Robert Walker		
Peter Kmet	Barry Ward		
Garry Matthews	Percy Way		
<u>TOTAL IN FAVOUR: 77.16%</u>		<u>TOTAL AGAINST: 21.11%</u>	

ABSENT

John McKean

Carried;

9.2 2009 NVCA BUDGET - Approval of Matching Levy:

RES.#14 MOVED BY: Reg Cowan SECONDED BY: Robert Walker
WHEREAS: The Matching Levy for the proposed and duly circulated 2009 Budget is \$183,960.00; and,

WHEREAS: A quorum of members is present and each member present represents one vote; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: That The Matching Levy for the N.V.C.A. 2009 Budget be approved at \$183,960.00

Carried;

9.3 General Budget Approval

RES.#15 MOVED BY: Joan Sutherland SECONDED BY: Rick Archdekin

WHEREAS: The associated Matching and Non-Matching Levies totaling \$1,764,952.77 have been duly approved by the N.V.C.A. Board of Directors for the NVCA 2009 budget; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED: That Staff and the Executive Committee be directed to implement the revised 3.0% levy increase budget (dated January 24/09 – V1.4) including reserve utilization of \$180,747.00 and report budget activity on a quarterly basis to the Board of Directors.

Carried;

The Board of Directors recessed at 10:00 a.m.

The Board of Directors reconvened at 10:20 a.m.

10. IN-CAMERA

RES.#16 MOVED BY: Reg Cowan SECONDED BY: Cal Patterson

RESOLVED THAT: This meeting of the Board of Directors 02-09 go “In-Camera,” at 10:20 am. to address matters pertaining to:

- a proposed or pending acquisition/disposition/leasing of land for Authority purposes
- litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the Authority; and,

THAT: Mayor David Geurgis, Essa Township and the following NVCA staff be in attendance: Wayne R. Wilson, B.Sc., Chief Administrative Officer /Secretary-Treasurer, Bryon Wesson, Director of Land Operations and Stewardship Services, and Laurie Barron, Executive Assistant/Recorder.

Carried;

Mayor David Guergis and Essa Board Members, Deputy Mayor Terry Dowdall and Councillor Ron Henderson were asked to leave the “In-Camera” session at 10:45 a.m.

OUT OF IN-CAMERA

RES.#17 MOVED BY: Reg Cowan SECONDED BY: Cal Patterson

RESOLVED THAT: This meeting of the Board of Directors No. 02-09 come out of “In Camera” at 11:27 a.m.

Carried;

Mayor David Guergis and Essa Board Members, Deputy Mayor Terry Dowdall and Councillor Ron Henderson returned to the regular meeting at 11:28 a.m.

RES.#18 MOVED BY: Reg Cowan SECONDED BY: Cal Patterson
WHEREAS: Essa Township has submitted a proposal to enter into co-ownership with the NVCA to ensure the Townships' capital investment is protected in developing and maintaining the Utopia Conservation Area as a public park over the long term, subject to a satisfactory co-ownership agreement; therefore,

BE IT RESOVLED: That the Board of Directors approves the NVCA Executive recommendation to direct staff to report back and without prejudice, the concept of co-ownership for Conservation Area lands.

Carried;

11. NEW BUSINESS
None noted.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Friends of Utopia Gristmill dated Dec 29/09 re: copy of letter sent from the Gristmill Committee to the Deputy Minister, Ministry of Culture re: Heritage Organization Development Grant.
- (b) Conservation Authorities Moraine Coalition dated Jan 19/09 re: copy of letter sent from the Coalition to the Minister of Transportation re: Recapitalizing the Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation.
- (c) NVCA letter sent to the City of Barrie, Environmental Centre dated Jan 19/09 re: Elevated levels of Sodium observed in Provincial Groundwater Monitoring Network (PGMN) Well #W223-1.
- (d) The Town of Shelburne dated Jan 14/09 re: Drinking Water Source Protection – adopts the draft two year time of travel zones.
- (e) Email from SWP Liaison, Conservation Ontario received Jan 23/09 re: Ontario Low Water Response Program update.
- (f) The Township of Clearview dated Jan 21/09 re: SWP 2 year time of travel zone.
- (g) The Town of Collingwood dated Jan 28/09 re: 2008-2009 Ontario Drinking Water Source Protection Stewardship Program.
- (h) Township of Oro-Medonte copy of letter sent to Severn Sound Source Protection Authority, dated Jan 28/09 re: request for support, expanded 2008-2009 Ontario Drinking Water Source Protection Stewardship Program (ODWSP)
- (i) Fisheries and Oceans Canada dated Jan 12/09 re: 2009 Class Authorizations for the Maintenance of Municipal (Agricultural) Drains under Section 35(2) of the Fisheries Act.

- (j) Township of Tiny copy of letter sent to the Minister of the Environment (Jan 29/09) with a copy of correspondence from the Tiny Cottager's Association (Jan 16/09) re: Extensive Beach Pollution Arising from the Nottawasaga River.

RES.#19 MOVED BY: Fred Nix SECONDED BY: Rick Archdekin
RESOLVED THAT: Staff review the request made by the Township of Tiny to form a working group to investigate contaminant loadings from the Nottawasaga River; and

FURTHER THAT: Staff prepare a report and recommendation regarding this request to the Executive at the February 27/09 meeting.

Carried;

RES.#20 MOVED BY: Reg Cowan SECONDED BY: Ron Simpson
RESOLVED THAT: Correspondence not specifically dealt with be placed on file.

Carried;

GUEST SPEAKER

Dr. Bill Shotyk, Professor, University of Heidelberg - Topic: Groundwater Science
Dr. Shotyk provided an overview of the research he is doing through the University of Heidelberg regarding the direct environmental impacts of groundwater removal and a summary of bottled water cons with respect to metal contaminants.

Dr. Shotyk promoted the Elmvale Water Festival organized by the Elmvale Foundation to provide environmental education in the preservation of this important resource.

FUTURE MEETINGS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – February 27/09
BOARD OF DIRECTORS – March 13/09

ADJOURN

RES.#21 MOVED BY: Reg Cowan SECONDED BY: Ron Simpson
RESOLVED THAT: This meeting adjourn at 12:00 noon to meet again at the call of the Chair.

Carried;

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

Wayne R. Wilson, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2009