



**NOTTAWASAGA VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 04/09
Friday April 17, 2009**

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
Earl Hawkins	Township of Mulmur (replacing Gord Montgomery)
Ron Henderson	Township of Essa
Ralph Hough	Township of Oro-Medonte
Rick Milne	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
Ron Simpson	Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury
Bill Van Berkel	Town of Innisfil
Robert Walker	Township of Clearview
Percy Way	Township of Amaranth
<u>REGRETS:</u>	
Garry Matthews	Township of Melancthon
John McKean	Town of the Blue Mountains
Gord Montgomery	Township of Mulmur
Barry Ward	City of Barrie

STAFF PRESENT:

CAO/Secretary-Treasurer
 Manager of Finance
 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 and Technical Services

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

RECORDER: Laurie Barron, Executive Assistant

GUEST: Mr. Michael Laycock Auditor, BDO Dunwoody Barrie

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **MOTION TO ADOPT AGENDA**

Agenda Item #11 Oro Medonte appeal moved to In-Camera Agenda

RES.#1 MOVED BY: Bill Van Berkel SECONDED BY: Reg Cowan

RESOLVED THAT: The Agenda for Board of Directors meeting #04/09 dated 17 April, 2009 be adopted as amended.

3. **PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARATION**

None declared

4. **MINUTES**

4.1 Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting 03/09, dated 13 March, 2009.

RES.#2 MOVED BY: Bill Van Berkel SECONDED BY: Reg Cowan

RESOLVED THAT: The Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting 03/09 dated 13 March, 2009 be approved.

Carried;

4.2 Minutes of the Special Executive Committee Meeting 04/09, dated 13 March, 2009.

RES.#3 MOVED BY: Bill Van Berkel SECONDED BY: Reg Cowan

RESOLVED THAT: The Minutes of the Special Executive Committee Meeting 04/09 dated 13 March, 2009 be received.

Carried;

4.3 Draft Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting 05/09, dated 27 March, 2009.

RES.#4 MOVED BY: Bill Van Berkel SECONDED BY: Reg Cowan

RESOLVED THAT: The Draft Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting 05/09 dated 27 March, 2009 be received.

Carried;

5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

5.1 Past Chair Fred Nix questioned the statements made by Essa Mayor David Guergis as noted in the Special Executive Committee Minutes 04/09 quoting the Hon. Donna Cansfield, Minister of Natural Resources and Wasaga Beach Mayor Cal Patterson. Mayor Cal Patterson advised that he had been misquoted by Mayor David Guergis. Mayor Patterson was present at the meeting with the Hon. Donna Cansfield where he was the first spokesperson noting how important the NVCA is to Wasaga Beach. Mayor Paterson advised that Minister Cansfield did not state that Conservation Authorities (CA's) were not adhering to provincial policy; rather she acknowledged that the Conservation Authorities have been left to administer provincial policy and that the Ministry has left CA's out on their own and would like to work more closely with CA's.

5.2 Ralph Hough, member from Oro-Medonte questioned the Executive Draft Minutes 05/09. Item 8 put the Executive Committee In-Camera with the Auditor. Staff were asked to leave the In-Camera session. Wayne Wilson, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer explained that procedurally this has been done in order to give the Executive an opportunity to ask the Auditor any questions they may have without staff present.

STAFF REPORTS

6. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING

6.1 Permits for Ratification

RES.#5 MOVED BY: Mary Brett SECONDED BY: Ron Simpson
RESOLVED THAT: The Permits/Approvals issued by staff for the period March 6, 2009 to April 6, 2009 be approved.

Carried;

7. REPORTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING, HYDROGEOLOGIST/ SOURCE PROTECTION COORDINATOR AND THE WATER RESOURCE TECHNOLOGIST

7.1 Provincial Groundwater Monitoring Network (PGMN) Program Partners Memorandum and Questionnaire – Information update

RES.#6 MOVED BY: Rick Archdekin SECONDED BY: Ralph Hough
RESOLVED THAT: The Provincial Groundwater Monitoring Network Program information update of the Hydrogeologist/Source Protection Coordinator be received.

Carried;

7.2 NVCA Flood and Erosion Hazard Management 2008 Yearend Report

RES.#7 MOVED BY: Ralph Hough SECONDED BY: Rick Archdekin
RESOLVED THAT: The Flood and Erosion Hazard Management 2008 Yearend Report of the Water Resource Technologist be received.

Carried;

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

8.1 Communications Report for the month of March 2009

Additional item to be added to the communications report: Past Chair Fred Nix and NVCA Manager of Stewardship Services Fred Dobbs held a Pond Management Workshop at the Rosemont Community Centre. Fred Nix advised that there were approximately 65 people in attendance.

RES.#8 MOVED BY: Ralph Hough SECONDED BY: Rick Archdekin
RESOLVED THAT: The Communications report for the month of March 2009 be received.

Carried;

9. REPORT OF THE CAO/SECRETARY-TREASURER

9.1 Financial Report - Statement of Operations Summary for the Period ending 28 February, 2009.

RES.#9 MOVED BY: Rick Archdekin SECONDED BY: Ralph Hough
RESOLVED THAT: The Statement of Operations Summary for the Period ending 28 February, 2009 be received.

Carried;

9.2 2009 Constraints/Contingency Plan

RES.#10 MOVED BY: Rick Archdekin SECONDED BY: Tom Elliott
WHEREAS: The Executive Committee have directed staff to draw up a operations constraints/contingency target to offset potential planning user fee shortfalls; and,

WHEREAS: Staff recommended \$110,000 constraints/contingency plan be implemented, subject to further Executive direction, and staff recommendation; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors endorses the 2009 Constraints/Contingency Plan as presented.

Carried;

9.3 2009-2011 DRAFT NVCA Business Plan

RES.#11 MOVED BY: Rick Archdekin SECONDED BY: Tom Elliott
RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Directors approves the 2009-2011 Business Plan as a strategic guidance document providing specific direction for the implementation of the approved 2009 budget.

Unanimously Carried;

10. IN CAMERA

RES #12 MOVED BY: Brian Mullin SECONDED BY: Robert Walker
RESOLVED THAT: This meeting of the Executive Committee No. 04-09 go "In-Camera" at 9:15 a.m. to address items pertaining to: litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals affecting the Authority, and

THAT: The following staff be in attendance: Wayne R. Wilson, B.Sc., Chief Administrative Officer/Secretary-Treasurer, Susan Richards Manager of Administration and Human Resources and Laurie Barron, Executive Assistant/Recording Secretary.

Carried;

OUT OF IN-CAMERA

RES #13 MOVED BY: Mary Brett SECONDED BY: Rick Archdekin
RESOLVED THAT: This meeting of the Executive Committee No. 04-09 come out of "In-Camera" at 10:04 a.m.

Carried;

11. ORO MEDONTE BUDGET APPEAL

Item moved to in-camera session as noted in adoption of agenda.

12. NEW BUSINESS

12.1 ORO-MEDONTE MEDIATION RESOLUTION

In the matter of an appeal to the Mining and Lands Commissioner (MLC) under subsection 27(8) of the Conservation Authorities Act by the Corporation of the Township of Oro-Medonte (OM), against the 2009 General Levy Assessment of the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA), the following mediation resolution was passed at the April 8/09 mediation session:

Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority representatives hereby request that the Corporation of the Township of Oro-Medonte put a resolution before the Board of the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority to alter the "Oro-Medonte" boundaries back to their "original watershed basis" subject to:

- 1) *An appropriate process (as identified in #2 below) being agreed to by both the Executive of the NVCA and OM.*
- 2) *The process shall include:*
 - *A joint staff report from the NVCA Staff and OM Township Staff with details and recommendation that return the watershed boundaries to their pre-2002 status.*
 - *Appropriate public consultation with ratepayers in OM to occur on the 27th day of May, 2009.*
- 3) *The NVCA will make a representation to the Minister of Natural Resources and include limited representation from OM Council at the meeting currently scheduled for the 27th day of April, 2009.*
- 4) *The parties hereby agree that the OM appeal (as referenced above) be adjourned sine die.*

Dated in Toronto, the 8th day of April, 2009. Signed by: Mayor Harry Hughes, Oro-Medonte, NVCA Chair Walter Benotto and Daniel Pascoe, Registrar/Mediator MLC.

RES #14 MOVED BY: Brian Mullin SECONDED BY: Robert Walker
RESOLVED THAT: The Oro-Medonte mediation resolution be received.

Carried;

*The Board of Directors recessed at 10:05 a.m.
The Board of Directors reconvened at 10:10 a.m.*

13. PRESENTATIONS

13.1 NVCA 2008 Audited Statements presented by Mr. Michael Laycock Auditor, BDO Dunwoody Barrie

Michael Laycock, Auditor with BDO Dunwoody reviewed the audit findings with the Board of Directors. The Auditor advised that no evidence of any misstatements were detected and, accordingly, have issued an unqualified audit report for the year ending December 31, 2008.

RES.#15 MOVED BY: Ron Simpson SECONDED BY: Mary Brett
RESOLVED THAT: The 2008 Audited Financial Statements presented and circulated by Michael Laycock of BDO Dunwoody Barrie, be received.

Carried;

13. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Conservation Ontario letter to Hon. Donna Cansfield, Minister of Natural Resources dated Apr 3/09 re: Development of integrated natural Heritage systems Plans by Conservation Authorities.
- (b) Tiny Township correspondence dated Apr 2/09 re: working group to investigate contaminant loadings at Tiny Beaches.
- (c) Ministry of the Environment correspondence to CAO/Clerk of Tiny Township dated Feb 26/09 re: Township's Shoreline Associations concerns regarding bacterial contamination along beaches.
- (d) Conservation Ontario letter to Hon. Donna Cansfield, Minister of Natural Resources dated Mar 30/09 re: Conservation Ontario's comments in response to Proposed Green Energy and Green Economy Act, 2009.
- (e) Email from Policy Planning Tech, Conservation Ontario dated Mar 30/09 re: Conservation Authorities status under O.Reg. 429/07 Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005.
- (f) The Township of Oro-Medonte dated Mar 24/09 re: Request for Promotional Signage.
- (g) Fort Willow Improvement Group dated Mar 27/09 re: Fort Willow Improvement Group Retiring.
- (h) Memorandum from MNR Manager of Water Resources to the General Manager of Conservation Ontario dated Mar 19/09 re: Realignment of Water Resources Section.

- (i) Municipality of South Bruce resolution dated Mar 10/09 re: provincial funding to Ontario's Conservation Authorities.
- (j) Blue Mountain Watershed Trust correspondence to Mayor Gilbert, Town of South Bruce Peninsula dated Mar 11/09 re: Shoreline Development and its impacts on ecological features (particularly on southern Georgian Bay).
- (k) Township of Essa dated Apr 2/09 re: Ontario Conservation Authorities funding - support of South Bruce request for increased funding.

Oral Motion

Moved by: Fred Nix Seconded by: Joan Sutherland

That a copy of Correspondence Item (h) be forwarded to Essa Township Mayor David Guergis for information.

RES#16 MOVED BY: Sonny Foley SECONDED BY: Gerald Poisson
RESOLVED THAT: Correspondence not specifically dealt with be placed on file.

FUTURE MEETINGS

NOTTAWASAGA VALLEY SOURCE PROTECTION AUTHORITY– March 13/09
Immediately following the Board of Directors meeting (approx. time 11:00 a.m.)
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – April 24/09
BOARD OF DIRECTORS – May 8/09

ADJOURN TO ADVISORY COMMITTEES

RES#17 MOVED BY: Gerald Poisson SECONDED BY: Sonny Foley
RESOLVED THAT: This meeting adjourn at 10:28 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 _____, 2009