



NOTTAWASAGA VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 05/09
Friday May 8, 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
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
Ralph Hough	Township of Oro-Medonte
Garry Matthews	Township of Melancthon
John McKean	Town of the Blue Mountains
Fred Nix	Town of Mono
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>	
Mary Brett	Township of Adjala-Tosorontio
Chris Carrier	Town of Collingwood
Ron Henderson	Township of Essa
Rick Milne	Town of New Tecumseth
Gord Montgomery	Township of Mulmur
Brian Mullin	Municipality of the Grey Highlands
Cal Patterson	Town of Wasaga Beach

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
 Environmental Officer
 Director of Engineering and Technical Services
 Manager of Watershed Monitoring

Wayne Wilson
 Susan Richards
 Kim Garraway
 Byron Wesson
 Fred Dobbs
 Chris Hibberd
 Leslie Roach
 Glenn Switzer
 Dave Featherstone

RECORDER: Laurie Barron, Executive Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Walter Benotto called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Chris Hibberd, Director of Planning introduced Leslie Roach who has accepted the position of Environmental Officer. Leslie has over 6 years experience working with a number of environmental agencies and comes to the NVCA from Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority where she held the position of Environmental Planner. Chair Walter Benotto and the Board of Directors welcomed Leslie to the NVCA.

2. MOTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

RES.#1 MOVED BY: Reg Cowan SECONDED BY: Bill Van Berkel
RESOLVED THAT: The Agenda for Board of Directors meeting #05/09 dated 8 May, 2009 be adopted.

Carried;

3. PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARATION

None declared

4. MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting 04/09, dated 17 April, 2009.

RES.#2 MOVED BY: Reg Cowan SECONDED BY: Bill Van Berkel
RESOLVED THAT: The Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting 04/09 dated 17 April, 2009 be approved.

Carried;

4.2 Minutes of the Nottawasaga Valley Source Protection Committee Meeting 01/09 dated 17 April, 2009.

RES.#3 MOVED BY: Reg Cowan SECONDED BY: Bill Van Berkel
RESOLVED THAT: The Minutes of the Nottawasaga Valley Source Protection Committee Meeting 01/09 dated 17 April, 2009 be approved.

Carried;

4.3 Draft Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting 06/09, dated 24 April, 2009.

RES.#4 MOVED BY: Bill Van Berkel SECONDED BY: Reg Cowan
RESOLVED THAT: The Draft Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting 06/09 dated 24 April, 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 for the period April 7/09 to April 30/09

Fred Nix, Past Chair noted that the permit detail had not been provided to the members electronically and requested this item be moved to the end of this meeting to allow the members time to review the permit detail paper copy.

Resolution:

RESOLVED THAT: The Permits/Approvals issued by staff for the period April 7/09 to April 30/09 be approved.

Deferred;

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

7.1 Communications Report for the month of April 2009

RES.#5 MOVED BY: Sonny Foley SECONDED BY: John McKean

RESOLVED THAT: The Communications report for the month of April 2009 be received.

Carried;

8. REPORT OF THE MANAGER OF ADMINISTRATION AND HUMAN RESOURCES

8.1 Sick Time & Paid Personal Day Policy & Procedure, HR-9

RES.#6 MOVED BY: John McKean SECONDED BY: Sonny Foley

RESOLVED THAT: The Sick Time & Paid Personal Day Policy & Procedure, HR-9, be approved by the Board of Directors.

Carried;

8.2 Salary Administration Policy & Procedure, HR-5

RES.#7 MOVED BY: John McKean SECONDED BY: Sonny Foley

RESOLVED THAT: The amended Salary Administration Policy & Procedure, HR-5, be approved by the Board of Directors.

Carried;

9. REPORT OF THE CAO/SECRETARY-TREASURER AND THE MANAGER OF FINANCE

9.1 Financial Report - Statement of Operations Summary for the Period ending 31 March, 2009.

RES.#8 MOVED BY: Orville Brown SECONDED BY: Robert Walker

RESOLVED THAT: The Statement of Operations Summary for the Period ending 31 March, 2009 be received.

Carried;

10. REPORT OF THE CAO/SECRETARY-TREASURER

10.1 ORO MEDONTE LEVY APPEAL UPDATE

- Process for Public Meetings regarding the request by Oro-Medonte to have NVCA boundaries re-drawn back to their original watershed
- Update on May 4/09 meeting between Wayne Wilson, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer, NVCA staff, Robin Dunn, CAO, and staff of Oro-Medonte

RES.#9 MOVED BY: Rick Archdekin SECONDED BY: Reg Cowan
WHEREAS: The NVCA representatives at the April 8, 2009 mediation meeting at the office of the Ontario Mining and Lands Commissioner agreed that the Oro-Medonte representatives on the NVCA Board should put a resolution before the Board recommending that the NVCA boundaries be re-drawn back to their original watershed basis; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Staff send out a public notice inviting public deputations to the June Board meeting.
2. Staff prepare a report outlining how the Generic Regulation #172/06 Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alteration to Shorelines and Watercourses would be enforced and how other conservation services would be supported in the event that the boundaries were re-drawn; and
3. That staff prepare a joint report with Oro-Medonte with details as to how the boundaries could be re-drawn and what criteria are to be used to determine if clause (1) and (2) are satisfied; and

WHEREAS: The Executive Committee approved this resolution at the April 24/09 meeting; and

FURTHER THAT: The Board of Directors endorses this direction.

Carried;

ON TABLE MOTION:

RES.#10 MOVED BY: Sonny Foley SECONDED BY: John McKean
WHEREAS : At the Lands and Mines Commission Oro-Medonte mediation session the general consensus was that the appeal to the NVCA budget was not the issue and that the true issue is NVCA service delivery in the Severn Sound portion; and

WHEREAS: Oro-Medonte requested that the borders be returned to the pre 2003 NVCA expansion border; and

WHEREAS: The appeal was only a method to reach the Provincial government; and

WHEREAS: The NVCA and Oro-Medonte have entered into a process to place before the NVCA Board of Directors the request from Oro-Medonte to return the borders including public input; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: That the appeal to the Lands and Mines Commissioner on the NVCA budget be dropped.

Deferred;

ORAL MOTION

MOVED BY: Ron Simpson SECONDED BY: Reg Cowan

That RES#10 be treated as a "Notice of Motion" to be brought back to the next meeting of the Board of Directors on June 12/09.

Carried;

Discussion ensued regarding the purpose of the June 12th NVCA public meeting. Member from Oro-Medonte, Ralph Hough stated that the NVCA Board should not decide how Oro-Medonte tax payers spend their money.

Chair Walter Benotto concluded that the NVCA Board of Directors has a responsibility to ensure the environment in the watershed as a whole, will not be impacted by the withdrawal of NVCA services in the Oro-Medonte Severn Sound portion of the watershed.

Barry Ward, member representing the City of Barrie requested that a report be brought back to the Board of Directors in August advising what the budget implications will be for each municipality should Oro-Medonte withdraw. In addition, Mr. Ward requested that a two thirds vote be required to approve Oro-Medonte's request to withdraw NVCA services. Wayne Wilson, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer advised that since Oro-Medonte's request to withdraw is unprecedented, the Ministry of Natural Resources would be consulted on the voting procedures.

11. NEW BUSINESS
None noted

12. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) County of Simcoe letter to the Ministry of the Environment dated March 16/09 re: Comments on Draft Lake Simcoe Protection Plan EBR Registry No: 010-4636.
- (b) Minister of Energy and Infrastructure letter to Warden Tony Guergis dated Mar 26/09 re: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe.
- (c) Township of Amaranth dated Apr 2/09 re: NVCA 2009 Budget.
- (d) Town of Wasaga Beach letter to the Municipality of South Bruce re: South Bruce resolution regarding Conservation Ontario lobby efforts to request fair funding from the Provincial Government and MNR.
- (e) Friends of the Utopia Gristmill and Park dated Apr 6/09 re: restoration of the Utopia Community Hall.
- (f) Ministry of Natural Resources dated Apr 7/09 re: Ray Bonenberg, Regional Director retiring.

- (g) Friends of the Utopia Gristmill and Park dated Apr 14/09 re: upcoming community composting events.
- (h) Letter from Mr. R. Burk dated Apr 15/09 re: Innisfil Creek Water Users Association.
- (i) Township of Essa dated Apr 17/09 re: NVCA permit fees relating to minor works.
- (j) Conservation Ontario dated Apr 21/09 re: contribution to plant trees in the NVCA watershed from the Latornell Symposium on behalf of all the 2008 speakers.

It was noted that correspondence item (i) would be reviewed by the Planning Advisory Committee and report back.

RES.#11 MOVED BY: Robert Walker SECONDED BY: Orville Brown
RESOLVED THAT: Correspondence not specifically dealt with be placed on file.

Carried;

Permits for Ratification for the period April 7/09 to April 30/09 (see item 6.1)

RES.#12 MOVED BY: Sonny Foley SECONDED BY: Robert Walker
RESOLVED THAT: The Permits/Approvals issued by staff for the period April 7/09 to April 30/09 be approved.

Carried;

13. PRESENTATION

Bass Lake Report Card and Stewardship Project.

Dave Featherstone, Manager Watershed Monitoring Program provided an overview of the 2008 Bass Lake Report Card. The Report Card consisted of information obtained by monitoring Bass Lake through a shoreline survey, dissolved oxygen profiling, Loon habitat assessment, temperature loggers and benthic sampling. Forest and wetland conditions were studied as well as surface water quality and shoreline conditions.

Stewardship initiatives were presented in the Report Card which included shoreline make-over suggestions, tree/native species planting and enhancement of fish habitat through a deck project.

The Bass Lake Report Card was well received by the Bass Lake Rate Payers Association. Plans to commence future projects include an Orr Lake Report Card and Oro Moraine Report Card.

FUTURE MEETINGS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – May 22/09
BOARD OF DIRECTORS – June 12/09

EVENTS

ARBOUR DAY TREE SALE – May 9/09

ADJOURN TO ADVISORY COMMITTEES

RES#13 MOVED BY: Gerald Poisson SECONDED BY: Sonny Foley
RESOLVED THAT: This meeting adjourn at 10:20 a.m. to meet again at the call of the Chair.

Original signed by
Walter Benotto, N.V.C.A. Chair

Original signed by
Wayne R. Wilson, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer

Dated this 12th day of June, 2009