



**NOTTAWASAGA VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 06/09**  
 June 12, 2009  
**MINUTES**

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

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| <b><u>PRESENT:</u></b>             |                                                           |
| <b>Chair:</b> Walter Benotto       | Town of Shelburne                                         |
| <b>Vice Chair:</b> Joan Sutherland | Town of New Tecumseth                                     |
| <b><u>MEMBERS:</u></b>             |                                                           |
| Rick Archdekin                     | Town of Wasaga Beach                                      |
| Mary Brett                         | Township of Adjala-Tosorontio                             |
| Orville Brown                      | Township of Clearview                                     |
| Rhonda Campbell-Moon               | Township of Mulmur (attended in place of Gord Montgomery) |
| Mel Coutanche                      | Township of Oro-Medonte                                   |
| Reg Cowan                          | Township of Springwater                                   |
| Tom Elliott                        | Township of Springwater                                   |
| Brian Mullin                       | Municipality of the Grey Highlands                        |
| Ron Henderson                      | Township of Essa                                          |
| Ralph Hough                        | Township of Oro-Medonte                                   |
| Garry Matthews                     | Township of Melancthon                                    |
| Rick Milne                         | Town of New Tecumseth                                     |
| 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                                      |
| <b><u>REGRETS:</u></b>             |                                                           |
| Chris Carrier                      | Town of Collingwood                                       |
| Sonny Foley                        | Town of Collingwood                                       |
| John McKean                        | Town of the Blue Mountains                                |
| Gord Montgomery                    | Township of Mulmur (R. Campbell-Moon attended)            |
| Cal Patterson                      | Town of Wasaga Beach                                      |
| Terry Dowdall                      | Township of Essa                                          |

**STAFF PRESENT:**

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| CAO/Secretary-Treasurer                            | Wayne Wilson  |
| Communications/Public Relations Assistant          | Kim Garraway  |
| Director of Land Operations & Stewardship Services | Byron Wesson  |
| Manager of Stewardship Services                    | Fred Dobbs    |
| Director of Planning                               | Chris Hibberd |
| Director of Engineering and Technical Services     | Glenn Switzer |

**RECORDER:** Susan Richards, Manager of Administration and Human Resources

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Walter Benotto called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

**2. MOTION TO ADOPT AGENDA**

*Item #7 – In-Camera moved to the last item on the Agenda.*

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

**RESOLVED THAT:** The Agenda for Board of Directors meeting #06/09 dated 12 June, 2009 be adopted as amended

**Carried;**

**3. PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARATION**

None declared.

**4. MINUTES****4.1 Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting 05/09, dated 8 May, 2009.**

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

**RESOLVED THAT:** The Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting 05/09 dated 8 May, 2009 be approved.

**Carried;**

**4.2 Draft Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting 07/09, dated 22 May, 2009.**

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

**RESOLVED THAT:** The Draft Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting 07/09 dated 22 May, 2009 be received.

**Carried;**

**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

None noted.

**6. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING****6.1 Permits for Ratification for the period May 1/09 to May 31/09**

**RES.#4** MOVED BY: Reg Cowan SECONDED BY: Fred Nix

**RESOLVED THAT:** The Permits/Approvals issued by staff for the period May 1/09 to May 31/09 be approved.

**Carried;**

**6.2 Presentation material distributed to NVCA member municipalities through deputations by Chris Hibberd, Director of Planning and Wayne Wilson, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer.**

- Conservation Authorities Planning and Regulations Roles and Responsibilities
- Brochure - Frequently Asked Questions for the Permit Process.

**STAFF REPORTS**

7. **IN-CAMERA** (Agenda Item moved to the end of the meeting)

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

**8.1 Communications Report for the month of May 2009**

**RES.#5** MOVED BY: Mary Brett SECONDED BY: Rick Archdekin

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

**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 30 April, 2009**

**RES.#6** MOVED BY: Mary Brett SECONDED BY: Rick Archdekin

**RESOLVED THAT:** The Statement of Operations Summary for the Period ending 30 April, 2009 be received.

**Carried;**

10. **NEW BUSINESS**  
None noted

11. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) Conservation Ontario letter to M. Parkes, Cabinet Liaison & Strategic Policy Coordinator, Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure, dated Mar 26/09 re: Proposed Green Energy and Green Economy Act, 2009 (EBR #010-6017)
- (b) Memorandum from MNR, R. Messervey, Manager Resources Section to D. Pearson, General Manager Conservation Ontario dated Mar 31/09 re: Proposed amendments to the Conservation Authorities Act under Bill 150 "Green Energy and Green Economy Act, 2009". Copy of material referred to in the letter – Conservation Ontario committee of the Whole April 17/09.
- (c) Conservation Ontario dated April 17/09 re: Conservation Ontario input to the Drinking Water Stewardship Program Consultations.
- (d) Conservation Ontario Council – Committee of the Whole dated April 17/09 re: Draft comments on the Draft MNR Policies and procedures for CA Plan Review and Permitting Activities.
- (e) The Town of Collingwood dated April 21/09 re: Resolution to support funding to Ontario Conservation Authorities. Copy of Municipality of South Bruce resolution in support of funding CA's.

- (f) Ministry of Natural Resources dated Apr 30/09 re: Conservation Authority annual transfer payment funding.
- (g) Resolution from the Town of The Blue Mountains re: sustainable Path, Declaration and Community Partnership.
- (h) Dufferin County Forest Manager dated May 5/09 re: Spraying of Gypsy Moth, Mulmur Township, Dufferin County.
- (i) Conservation Ontario Special E-Bulletin re: Natural Hazards Affect Us.
- (j) Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment Canada correspondence dated May 19 & 20/09 re: Confirmation of funding for the 2009/10 Species at Risk Stewardship program.
- (k) Conservation Ontario dated May 22/09 re: Initial Proposed Employment Accessibility Standard.
- (l) Township of Springwater dated May 25/09 re: Resolution supporting the NVCA Minesing Wetland Reverse particle Tracking Stimulations. Background support from Nature Conservancy of Canada.
- (m) Letter sent to the Hon. Donna Cansfield, Minister of Natural Resources dated May 25/09 from Wayne Wilson, CAO/Secretary Treasurer re: thank you for participating in the canoe trip through Minesing Wetland.

**RES.#7** MOVED BY: Rick Archdekin      SECONDED BY: Mary Brett  
**RESOLVED THAT:** Correspondence not specifically dealt with be placed on file.

**Carried;**

#### **IN-CAMERA**

**RES.#8** MOVED BY: Reg Cowan      SECONDED BY: Fred Nix  
**RESOLVED THAT:** This meeting of the Board of Directors No. 06-09 go "In-Camera" at 11:55 a.m. to address matters 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, Byron Wesson, Director of Land Operations and Stewardship Services, Susan Richards, Manager of Administration and Human Resources/Recorder.

**Carried;**

**OUT OF IN-CAMERA**

**RES.#9** MOVED BY: Fred Nix SECONDED BY: Reg Cowan

**RESOLVED THAT:** This meeting of the Board of Directors Committee No. 06-09 come out of "In-Camera" at 12:04 p.m.

**Carried;**

12. **MOTION TABLED AT THE MAY 8/09 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
*Discussion ensued. Chair Walter Benotto stepped down.*  
*Vice-Chair Joan Sutherland chaired this portion of the meeting.*

**RES.#10** MOVED BY: Reg Cowan SECONDED BY: Fred Nix

**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 Oro-Medonte be asked to drop the appeal to the Lands and Mining Commissioner.

**Motion defeated;**

*Chair Walter Benotto resumed the Chair.*

**RES.#11** MOVED BY: Rick Archdekin SECONDED BY: Reg Cowan

**WHEREAS:** The NVCA received correspondence from Essa Township dated April 23, 2009, wherein it states: "Given the MNR does not appear to support the joint-ownership option, Council is asking that the Executive and/or the Full Authority Board reconsider its decision against transferring title of the Utopia Conservation Area to the municipality (excluding 2 to 3 acres around the Grist Mill, the dam and pond) subject to easements in favour of both parties to allow for right-of-way and pond access purposes....."; and

**WHEREAS:** Staff and the Executive concur with John Cottrill, MNR Policy Advisor, Water Resource Section position that a long term lease verses co-ownership is the preferred way to manage the Utopia Conservation Area over the long term; and

**WHEREAS:** Staff and the Executive do not support transferring ownership of the Utopia Conservation Area to Essa Township, consistent with the prior direction of the NVCA Board of Directors; therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Board of Directors supports the position of the Executive and does not endorse transferring ownership of the Utopia Conservation Area.

**Carried;**

**13. NEW BUSINESS**

None noted

**FUTURE MEETINGS** *(There are no scheduled meetings in July)*

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – June 26/09**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – August 28/09**

**EVENTS**

**NATIVE PLANT SALE at Tiffin – June 13/09 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

**ADJOURN**

**RES#12** MOVED BY: Mary Brett SECONDED BY: Rick Archdekin

**RESOLVED THAT:** This meeting adjourn at 12:11 p.m. to meet again at the call of the Chair.

**Carried;**

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

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Wayne R. Wilson, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer

Dated this     day of     , 2009