



**NOTTAWASAGA VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 07/09**  
**Friday August 28, 2009**  
**MINUTES**

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

<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
Chris Carrier	Town of Collingwood
Mel Coutanche	Township of Oro-Medonte
Reg Cowan	Township of Springwater
Tom Elliott	Township of Springwater
Ralph Hough	Township of Oro-Medonte
Garry Matthews	Township of Melancthon
Rick Milne	Town of New Tecumseth
Gord Montgomery	Town of Mulmur
Fred Nix	Town of Mono
Gerald Poisson	City of Barrie
Ron Simpson	Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury
Robert Walker	Township of Clearview
Barry Ward	City of Barrie
<b><u>REGRETS:</u></b>	
Terry Dowdall	Township of Essa
Sonny Foley	Town of Collingwood
Ron Henderson	Township of Essa
John McKean	Town of the Blue Mountains
Brian Mullin	Municipality of the Grey Highlands
Cal Patterson	Town of Wasaga Beach
Bill Van Berkel	Town of Innisfil
Percy Way	Township of Amaranth

**GUEST**

Tonya Fraser – Property owner, Adjala-Tosorontio

**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 and Technical Services

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

**RECORDER:** Laurie Barron, Executive Assistant

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Walter Benotto called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

**1. MOTION TO ADOPT AGENDA**

**RES#1** MOVED BY: Chris Carrier SECONDED BY: Rick Milne  
**RESOLVED THAT:** The Agenda for Board of Directors Meeting #07/09 dated 28 August 2009, be adopted.

**2. PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARATION**

None declared

**3. NVCA STAFF SERVICE RECOGNITION**

The following NVCA staff were recognized for their years of service with the NVCA:

**20 years of service**

Byron Wesson, Director of Land Operations and Stewardship Services

**10 years of service**

Sue Whitters, Mgr. OF Finance & Kimberly Winder, Receptionist/Admin Assoc.

**4. MINUTES****4.1 Minutes of the Public Meeting regarding the Township of Oro-Medonte request to reduce Conservation Authority Jurisdiction held on 12 June, 2009.**

*Past Chair, Fred Nix, requested additional text be added to the minutes to reflect a handout that was provided by Mayor Hughes, of Oro-Medonte, which contained the Mining and Lands Commission mediation resolution and a statement regarding the original request for a boundary change that was made at the request of Oro-Medonte, not the NVCA.*

**RES#2** MOVED BY: Rick Milne SECONDED BY: Chris Carrier  
**RESOLVED THAT:** The Minutes of the Public Meeting regarding the Township of Oro-Medonte request to reduce Conservation Authority Jurisdiction held on 12 June, 2009 be approved.

**Carried;**

**4.2 Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting 06/09, dated 12 June, 2009.**

**RES#3** MOVED BY: Chris Carrier SECONDED BY: Rick Milne  
**RESOLVED THAT:** The Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting 06/09 dated 12 June, 2009 be approved.

**Carried;**

**4.3 Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting 09/09, dated 26 June, 2009.**

**RES#4** MOVED BY: Rick Milne SECONDED BY: Chris Carrier  
**RESOLVED THAT:** The Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting 09/09 dated 26 June, 2009 be received.

**Carried;**

*Note: Planning Regulations and Guidelines (item 7.2) were discussed at this point in the agenda to accommodate a resident from Adjala-Tosorontio who attended the meeting to hear the outcome of Resolution#10 as noted on page 4 of these minutes.*

## 5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Item 4.1 of the Public Meeting Minutes: Past Chair Fred Nix asked the following question of Chair Walter Benotto:

At the public meeting regarding the Township of Oro-Medonte's request to reduce Conservation Authority jurisdiction held on June 12<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Robin Dunn, CAO for Oro-Medonte, made a statement (reflected in the minutes) that he understood that the NVCA had agreed in 2003 to enter into an MOU with the Severn Sound Environmental Association and that, to date, the NVCA had not done this.

Fred Nix stated that this is the third time that he is aware that Oro-Medonte Councillors and/or officials have told the public that the NVCA has failed to live up to a commitment it made. NVCA staff were directed to search through correspondence and other documents from 2003 to find out where the commitment had been made, and staff were unable to find any documentation that the NVCA ever made this commitment to enter into an MOU.

After Mr. Dunn's presentation on June 12<sup>th</sup>, Fred Nix asked Mr. Dunn if he had a copy of the letter from 2003 wherein the NVCA made this commitment. Mr. Dunn stated quite emphatically that he did and that he would forward a copy to Wayne Wilson, CAO/Secretary Treasurer. Fred Nix asked Wayne Wilson, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer if the correspondence had been forwarded from Mr. Dunn. Wayne Wilson advised that no correspondence had been received.

Fred Nix stated that he wanted it to be clear he is not against the idea of an MOU between the NVCA and the SSEA, but has concerns when charges are made that the NVCA has failed to live up to a commitment, when no such commitment was ever made. This makes the NVCA look "bad" in the public eye.

Fred Nix requested that, Chair Benotto, direct NVCA staff to write Mr. Dunn a letter, reminding him of the commitment he made to send this documentation to the NVCA over two months ago.

**RES#5**            MOVED BY: Fred Nix            SECONDED BY: Chris Carrier

**RESOLVED THAT:** NVCA staff (CAO/Secretary-Treasurer, Wayne Wilson) be directed to correspond in writing with the CAO of Oro Medonte, Mr. Robin Dunn, asking him to follow up on the commitment made at the June 12th Public Meeting of the NVCA, "to send the NVCA the 2003 documentation indicating that the NVCA made a commitment to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the SSEA (Severn Sound Environmental Association)."

**Carried;**

6. **REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF LAND OPERATIONS AND STEWARDSHIP SERVICES**

**6.1 Land Management - Minesing Wetlands Property Management Plan**

**RES#6** MOVED BY: Chris Carrier SECONDED BY: Rick Milne

**RESOLVED THAT:** The Minesing Wetland Property Management Plan be endorsed by the Board of Directors.

**Carried;**

**6.2 Forestry Program 2010 Fee Schedule**

**RES#7** MOVED BY: Barry Ward SECONDED BY: Rick Archdekin

**RESOLVED THAT:** The NVCA Planting, Tending and Site Preparation Fee Schedule for 2010 be approved by the Board of Directors effective August 28/09.

**Carried;**

**RES#8** MOVED BY: Barry Ward SECONDED BY: Rick Archdekin

**RESOLVED THAT:** The reports of the Director of Land Operations and Stewardship Services dated August 28, 2009 be received.

**Carried;**

7. **REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING**

**7.1 Permits for Ratification for the period June 1/09 to August 17/09.**

*Gerald Poisson, member representing the City of Barrie, questioned if it would be possible to have more detail in the permit summary of approvals with respect to works being permitted. Chair Walter Benotto, advised the Board of Directors that at any time they are welcome to contact staff if they have any questions about a particular permit. In addition Chris Hibberd, Director of Planning, concluded that this request would be placed on the Planning Advisory Committee agenda for further discussion*

**RES#9** MOVED BY: Barry Ward SECONDED BY: Rick Archdekin

**RESOLVED THAT:** The Permits/Approvals issued by staff for the period June 1/09 to August 17/09 be approved.

**Carried;**

**7.2. NVCA Planning and Regulation Guidelines**

**RES#10** MOVED BY: Tom Elliott SECONDED BY: Barry Ward

**RESOLVED THAT:** The Board of Directors approved the August 28, 2009 Planning and Regulation Guidelines; and,

**FURTHER THAT:** Staff be directed to use the guidelines when commenting on development proposals and reviewing Ontario Regulation 172/06 permit applications.

**Unanimously Carried;**

**RES#11** MOVED BY: Robert Walker SECONDED BY: Orville Brown

**RESOLVED THAT:** The reports of the Director Planning dated August 19 and August 28, 2009 be received.

**Carried;**

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

**8.1 Communications Report – June 2009**

**8.2 Communications Report – July 2009**

**RES#12** MOVED BY: Orville Brown SECONDED BY: Robert Walker

**RESOLVED THAT:** The Communications report for the month of June and July, 2009 be received.

**Carried;**

**9. REPORT OF THE MANAGER OF ADMINISTRATION AND HUMAN RESOURCES**

**9.1 NVCA Dress Policy**

**RES#13** MOVED BY: Orville Brown SECONDED BY: Robert Walker

**RESOLVED THAT:** The NVCA revised Dress Policy, HR-1 be approved by the Board of Directors.

**Carried;**

**RES#14** MOVED BY: Tom Elliott SECONDED BY: Barry Ward

**RESOLVED THAT:** The report of the Manager of Administration and Human Resources dated August 28, 2009 be received.

**Carried;**

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

**10.1 Financial Report - Statement of Operations Summary for the Period ending July 31/09.**

**RES#15** MOVED BY: Tom Elliott SECONDED BY: Barry Ward

**RESOLVED THAT:** The Statement of Operations Summary for the Period ending July 31/09 be received.

**Carried;**

**RES#16** MOVED BY: Barry Ward SECONDED BY: Tom Elliott

**RESOLVED THAT:** The reports of the CAO/Secretary-Treasurer and the Manager of Finance dated August 28, 2009 be received.

**Carried;**

**11. REPORT OF THE CAO/SECRETARY-TREASURER**

Discussion ensued regarding the appeal of the budget and the lack of jurisdiction the NVCA would have if options 1 and 2 are not considered. It was suggested that a short concise report dealing with the original appeal Oro-Medonte made to the Mining and Lands Commissioner regarding the NVCA budget should be sufficient. The option of Oro-Medonte withdrawing the appeal of the NVCA budget and hiring a consultant to review NVCA service delivery was also discussed.

**11.1 Oro-Medonte (Severn portion) NVCA Service Delivery update report.**

**RES#17** MOVED BY: Tom Elliott SECONDED BY: Barry Ward  
**RESOLVED THAT:** the Board of Directors receive the update report; and,

**THAT:** Staff will continue to work with Oro-Medonte and Severn Sound Environmental Association (SSEA) to prepare a joint report regarding this matter, to be presented to the September 25/09 Executive meeting and the October 9/09 Board of Directors meeting.

**Carried;**

### 11.2 Constraints/Contingency Plan Revisions

**RES#18** MOVED BY: Mary Brett SECONDED BY: Gord Montgomery  
**WHEREAS:** The Executive Committee have directed staff to draw up an operations constraints/contingency target to offset potential planning user fee shortfalls; and,

**WHEREAS:** At the June 26/09 Executive Committee meeting, staff were directed to provide an additional \$98,000 constraint to the contingency plan resulting in a total constraint of approximately \$208,000; therefore,

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

**Carried;**

**RES#19** MOVED BY: Ralph Hough SECONDED BY: Gord Montgomery  
**RESOLVED THAT:** The reports of the CAO/Secretary-Treasurer dated August 28, 2009 be received.

**Carried;**

## 12. NEW BUSINESS

Garry Matthews, member representing the Township of Melancthon advised the Board of Directors about a book he had read that was very interesting reading. The book was entitled "Blue Gold – The Fight to Stop the Corporate Theft of the Worlds Water" written by Maude Barlow. Mr. Matthews encouraged the members to read the book and advised that it is also available in video.

## 13. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Ministry of Natural Resources dated May 25/09 re: Endangered Species Act, MNR working across the province to protect and recover Ontario's at-risk plants and animals.
- (b) Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation dated May 27/09 re: Status of grant application deadlines.
- (c) Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure dated June 12/09 Simcoe Area - A Strategic Vision for Growth. This document can be viewed on [www.placestogrow.ca](http://www.placestogrow.ca)
- (d) Ministry of Natural Resources dated June 12/09 re: Ontario Flood Forecasting and Warning – Implementation Guidelines for Conservation Authorities and the Ministry of Natural Resources.
- (e) Letter to Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation dated June 12/09 re: A progress report from Shannon Stephens, NVCA Healthy Waters Program Coordinator - Caring for the Moraine Year Four.

- (f) Municipality of the Township of Tiny dated June 18/09 re: NVCA Presentation to Council – June 8/09.
- (g) The Township of Essa letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Minister of Natural Resources dated June 18/09 re: Resolution regarding Approval of a Special Policy Area. Subsequent response from Minister Cansfield dated July 22/09. **Question Fred Nix, is Angus going to be a special policy area. Wayne the process is to review and comment.**
- (h) Beacon Environmental dated June 19/09 re: Willow Creek/Minesing Wetland Site Development. Good news item.
- (i) Ministry of Natural Resources dated June 22/09 re: Thank you from Minister Cansfield for hosting the canoe trip on the Nottawasaga River.
- (j) Trees Ontario dated July 2/09 re: The 50 Million Trees Project.
- (k) Trees Ontario press release dated July 7/09 re: Trees Ontario Reports Largest Spring Tree Planting Ever.
- (l) New Tecumseth Streams Committee dated July 8/09 re: Confirmation of funding support for the 2009 Beeton Creek Restoration Project.
- (m) Conservation Ontario letter to Mayor L. Peterson, City of Thunder Bay dated July 9/09 re: At the Shoreline: A Mayors' Collaborative Action Plan to Protect the Great Lakes.
- (n) Letter to the Town of the Blue Mountains from W. Wilson, CAO/Secretary Treasurer dated July 6/09 re: The Blue Mountains Sustainable Path.
- (o) Letter from D.J. Kerr, Director of Blue Mountain Watershed Trust Foundation to MNR Minister Cansfield dated July 17/09 re: Conservation Authorities Liaison Committee.
- (p) Central Ontario Geocachers received July 29/09 re: The 5<sup>th</sup> annual world-class Geocaching event held at Tiffin – thanks to NVCA for making the event a success.
- (q) Ontario Federation of Agriculture letter to Warden Gordon Montgomery dated Aug 10/09 re: Resolution to afford a high priority for Dufferin County in the preservation the Honeywood Soils.
- (r) The Township of Melancthon dated July 3/09 re: Cumulative impacts of aggregate extraction below the water table.
- (s) Letter to Township of Melancthon from W. Wilson, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer re: response to July 3/09 correspondence noted in item (r) above.

- (t) The Town of Collingwood dated August 6/09 re: Proposed Open Pit Mine Nottawasaga and Grand River Watersheds (*Note: comments will be provided when review had been completed*).
- (u) The Township of Melancthon dated August 18/09 re: The Highland Companies application to amend the zoning by-law and official plan for a Class A Quarry – public meeting date to be set in September.

**RES#20** MOVED BY: Gord Montgomery SECONDED BY: Ralph Hough  
**RESOLVED THAT:** Correspondence not specifically dealt with be placed on file.

**Carried;**

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS – September 11/09  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – 25/09

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

DISABILITY AWARENESS CUSTOMER SERVICE TRAINING SESSIONS  
(Open to NVCA Board Members) October 21/09 – 10-11 a.m. or 1-2 p.m.

NVCA EVENING OF THANKS (save the date)  
Tuesday, November 3/09 - 7:00 p.m. – John L. Jose Building

**ADJOURN**

**RES.#21** MOVED BY: Ralph Hough SECONDED BY: Mary Brett  
**RESOLVED THAT:** This meeting adjourn at 11:30 a.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