



**NOTTAWASAGA VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 08/09
Friday September 11, 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>	
Mary Brett	Township of Adjala-Tosorontio
Orville Brown	Township of Clearview
Rhonda Campbell Moon	Township of Mulmur (attended for Gord Montgomery)
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
Ralph Hough	Township of Oro-Medonte
Garry Matthews	Township of Melancthon
John McKean	Town of the Blue Mountains
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
Barry Ward	City of Barrie
Percy Way	Township of Amaranth
<u>REGRETS:</u>	
Rick Archdekin	Town of Wasaga Beach
Ron Henderson	Township of Essa
Rick Milne	Town of New Tecumseth
Gord Montgomery	Town of Mulmur (sent replacement R. Campbell Moon)
Brian Mullin	Municipality of the Grey Highlands

GUEST

Don Pearson, Chair Conservation Ontario

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
 Water Resource Technologist

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

RECORDER: Laurie Barron, Executive Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Walter Benotto called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

1. MOTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

RES#1 MOVED BY: Reg Cowan SECONDED BY: Fred Nix

RESOLVED THAT: The Agenda for Board of Directors Meeting #07/09 dated 28 August 2009, be adopted.

Carried;

2. PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARATION

None declared

3. MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting 07/09, dated 28 August, 2009.

RES#2 MOVED BY: Reg Cowan SECONDED BY: Fred Nix

RESOLVED THAT: The Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting 07/09 dated 28 August, 2009 be approved as amended.

Carried;

3.2 Draft Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting 10/09, dated 28 August, 2009.

RES#3 MOVED BY: Reg Cowan SECONDED BY: Fred Nix

RESOLVED THAT: The Draft Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting 10/09 dated 28 August, 2009 be received as amended.

Carried;

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None noted

STAFF REPORTS

5. REPORT OF THE WATER RESOURCE TECHNOLOGIST AND THE DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING

Staff received oral direction from the Board of Directors to amend the table contained in the report to two columns, column one to be entitled Recommendations and column two entitled NVCA Status

5.1 Ontario Low Water Response Policy Revision

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

WHEREAS: The Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) has released a draft policy revision for the Ontario Low Water Response program on the Environmental Bulletin Board; and,

WHEREAS: The Ministry of Natural Resources is planning to conduct a complete policy review on Ontario Low Water Response in late fall 2009; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Staff support continued improvements to the Ontario Low Water Response program; and,

THAT: The NVCA Board of Directors request the Province to seriously consider implementing the 19 recommendations of the NVCA Innisfil Creek Low Water Pilot Project in the scheduled full policy review, including changes to the declaration of a level three drought condition to a two phased approach as follows:

- (a) the Local Conservation Authority and MNR confirm the Level 3 technical drought conditions; and,
- (b) the Low Water Response team provides recommendations regarding water conservation actions to the Provincial Low Water Committee for provincially directed Level 3 restrictions/actions.

Carried;

6. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING

6.1 Simcoe Area: A Strategic Vision of Growth

RES#5 MOVED BY: Reg Cowan SECONDED BY: Fred Nix

RESOLVED THAT: That the Simcoe Area: A Strategic Vision for Growth staff report dated September 11/09 be received; and,

THAT: The Board of Directors endorse staffs comments contained in the correspondence sent to the Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure, Assistant Deputy Minister dated September 1, 2009.

Carried;

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

7.1 Communications Report – August 2009

RES#6 MOVED BY: Ralph Hough SECONDED BY: Mel Coutanche

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

Carried;

8. REPORT OF THE CAO/SECRETARY-TREASURER

8.1 Review of the Township of Essa's motion, at their Council meeting of September 2, 2009, to dissolve the NVCA.

RES#7 MOVED BY: Chris Carrier SECONDED BY: Sonny Foley.

WHEREAS: Mayor David Guergis, Township of Essa brought forward a motion to dissolve the NVCA at the September 2/09 Essa Council meeting; and

WHEREAS: Council deferred the motion requesting Essa staff provide the September 16/09 Council meeting with background information; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED: The NVCA Board of Directors support Chair Walter Benotto and Wayne Wilson, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer attending the September 16/09 Essa Council meeting to provide relevant background information regarding this matter.

Carried;

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Oro-Medonte's request to reduce Conservation Authority jurisdiction update.

Wayne Wilson, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer provided an oral update regarding the meeting he attended on September 10/09 with staff at the Township of Oro Medonte and Severn Sound Environmental Association. A draft report will be presented at the October 9/09 Board of Directors meeting outlining what options have been considered with respect to Oro-Medonte's request to reduce Conservation Authority jurisdiction.

Past Chair Fred Nix requested a copy of the meeting notes from the July 21/09 meeting with NVCA, Oro-Medonte and Severn Sound Environmental Association. Wayne Wilson, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer advised that the notes from that meeting would be included in the September 25/09 Executive agenda under correspondence.

9.2 Update on Conservation Authorities Liaison Committee (CALC) regarding a review of current CA planning permitting policies and procedures.

Don Pearson, Chair of Conservation Ontario provided an oral update on the status of the CALC report. Don advised the Ministry of Natural Resources is reviewing the document and that the Minister of Natural Resources had indicated that a committee may be reestablished in September, although at the time of this update a date had not been determined. In the interim the current CA planning mandates will be enforced.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Friends of Utopia Gristmill dated August 17, 2009 re: August 2009 Newsletter

(b) Conservation Ontario dated August 31, 2009 re: Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program early response concept paper.

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

RESOLVED THAT: Correspondence not specifically dealt with be placed on file.

Carried;

FUTURE MEETINGS

NVSPA MEETING – September 11, 2009 – 12:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE MEETING – September 25, 2009

BOARD OF DIRECTORS – October 9, 2009

UPCOMING EVENTS

NVCA EVENING OF THANK (save this date)

Tuesday, November 3/09 - 7:00 p.m. – John L. Jose Building

ADJOURN TO ADVISORY COMMITTEES

RES.#9 MOVED BY: Orville Brown SECONDED BY: Robert Walker
RESOLVED THAT: This meeting adjourn at 9:54 a.m. 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

Following the meeting of the Advisory Committees - 11:30 a.m.

OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE 'NEEVA GAYLE HIX GREENWAY'

The covered boardwalk at Tiffin has been completed as a result of the generous donation received from John & Neeva Gayle Hix. Chair Benotto and the Board of Directors, along with NVCA staff and guests of John and Neeva Gayle Hix acknowledged the Hix's contribution with a grand opening celebration and unveiling of the "NEEVA GAYLE HIX GREENWAY" plaque.