



**Nottawasaga Valley
Conservation Authority**

**Board of Directors
BOD-08-17
Friday August 25 2017
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**

Location: Tiffin Conservation J.L. Jose Building, 8195 8th Line, Utopia

MINUTES

NVCA Board Members Present:

Councillor Doug Lougheed, Chair	Innisfil (Town)
Deputy Mayor Gail Ardiel, Vice Chair	Blue Mountains (Town)
Councillor Keith White, 2nd Vice Chair	Essa (Township)
Councillor Bob Meadows	Adjala-Tosorontio (Township)
Councillor Gail Little	Amaranth (Township)
Councillor Connie Leishman	Clearview (Township)
Councillor Deb Doherty	Collingwood (Town)
Councillor James Webster	Melancthon (Township)
Councillor Fred Nix	Mono (Town)
Councillor Keith Lowry	Mulmur (Township)
Councillor Phil Hall	Oro-Medonte (Township)
Councillor Walter Benotto	Shelburne (Town)
Deputy Mayor Nina Bifulchi	Wasaga Beach (Town)

Regrets:

Councillor Rose Romita	Barrie (City)
Councillor Ron Orr	Bradford West Gwillimbury (Town)
Councillor Terry Mokriy	Grey Highlands (Municipality)
Councillor Donna Jebb	New Tecumseth (Town)
Mayor Bill French	Springwater (Township)

Staff:

Doug Hevenor, Chief Administrative Officer , Sheryl Flannagan, Director, Corporate Services, Chris Hibberd, Director, Watershed Management Services, Glenn Switzer, Director, Engineering, Byron Wesson, Director, Land, Education and Stewardship Services, Fred Dobbs, Manager Stewardship Services, Heather Kepran, Communications Coordinator, Laurie Barron, Coordinator, CAO and Corporate Services.

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: W. Benotto

Seconded by: B. Meadows

RES: 69-17 RESOLVED THAT: the agenda for Board of Directors Meeting BOD-08-17 dated August 25, 2017 be approved as amended to include:

Item 12. Closed Session - Litigation matter regarding a Notice of Application for Leave to Appeal, Supreme Court of Canada, Gilmore v. NVCA v. Township of Amaranth.

Item 13. Other Business - Request for municipal support through resolution and letter regarding NVCA's funding request to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for the development of a climate adaptation plan.

Carried;

2. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None declared

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

a) New Canadian Kids Come To Camp Tiffin

Over the week of July 24, 12 children, whose families just moved to the Barrie area from countries around the world took part in that most Canadian rite of passage – summer camp!

Thanks to a generous donation from the Rotary Club of Barrie, young campers from Sudan, Syria, Ukraine, China, the Philippines and Brazil had their first chance – ever – to canoe. They also built shelters, hiked, played games and generally had a wonderful time in the great outdoors.

Despite the language barriers faced by some of the campers, all left feeling more confident in the woods, and with new friends and great new experiences.

The camp program was put together by the Simcoe County District School Board's Newcomers Welcome Centre and the outdoor education team at NVCA.

b) Councillor Deb Doherty, Town of Collingwood thanked NVCA staff for a successful day "Fighting the Phrag" in Collingwood. This is the second year staff and community groups have gathered to remove phragmites from the waterfront in Collingwood.

- c) Deputy Mayor Gail Ardiel, Town of the Blue Mountains reported on a successful Ontario Small Urban Municipalities conference held in the Town of the Blue Mountains. The conference raised \$60,000 which helped to support local community projects.
- d) Councillor Keith White, Township of Essa reminded everyone that the Barrie Fair is being held August 24, 27, 2017 at the Agricultural Complex in the Township of Essa.

4. PRESENTATIONS

June 23, 2017 Flood Event update

Peter Alm, NVCA's Water Resource Engineer, provided board members with an overview of the June 23, 2017, flood event that took place in the southern portion of the watershed. The 100-year storm saw 113 mm of rain fall in the Mono area in a seven-hour period, and resulted in severe flooding in portions of Shelburne, Mono and Adjala-Tosorontio.

Moved by: J. Webster

Seconded by: D. Doherty

RES: 70-17 RESOLVED THAT: the Board of Directors receive the presentation from Peter Alm, Water Resource Engineer regarding the June 23, 2017 Flood Event.

Carried;

5. DEPUTATIONS

There were no depositions requested for this meeting.

6. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations requested for this meeting.

7. HEARINGS

There were no Hearings requested under Section 28 of the *Conservation Authorities Act* for this meeting.

8. DETERMINATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Board Members will be requested to identify those items from the Consent List that they wish to have considered for separate discussion.

9. CONSENT LIST

A) Adoption of Minutes

- A.1) Approval of Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting BOD-07-17 held June 23 2017.

Approved by consent.

RESOLVED THAT: the Board of Directors approve the minutes of the BOD-07-17 Board meeting held on June 23, 2017.

B) Correspondence

- B.1) Minutes, Conservation Ontario meeting June 26, 2017.
B.2) A letter from the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit dated July 19, 2017 thanking NVCA for their review of their Climate Change an Health Vulnerability Assessment report.
B.3) A letter from the Township of New Tecumseth dated July 27, 2017 regarding amendments to the *Conservation Authority Act* with respect to the boards composition.

Approved by consent.

RESOLVED THAT: the correspondence listed in the August 25, 2017 Board of Directors agenda be received for information.

C) Staff Reports

- C.4) Staff Report No. 51-08-17-BOD from the Director of Corporate Services regarding NVCA Investments.

Approved by consent.

RESOLVED THAT: Staff Report No. 51-08-17-BOD regarding the NVCA's Investments be received and;

FURTHER THAT: the Board of Directors direct staff to continue to monitor the market and invest the NVCA reserves as per the approved Investment Policy, while maximizing the return on the investment.

- C.5) Staff Report No. 52-08-17-BOD from the Director of Corporate Services regarding 2017 Second Quarter Budget Report.

Approved by consent.

RESOLVED THAT: the Board of Directors receive Staff Report No. 52-08-17-BOD regarding the 2017 second quarter financials; and

FURTHER THAT: staff continue to monitor budget activities.

C.7) Staff Report No. 54-08-17-BOD from the Communications Coordinator regarding Communications Report – June 10 to August 10, 2017

Approved by consent.

RESOLVED THAT: Staff Report No. 54-08-17-BOD regarding NVCA Communications – June 10 to August 10, 2017, be received.

10. ADOPTION OF CONSENT LIST AND IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Moved by: N. Bifulchi

Seconded by: K. White

RES: 71-17 RESOLVED THAT: agenda items number(s) C-1, C-2, C-3, C-6 have been identified as requiring separate discussion be referred for discussion under Agenda Item #10; and all Consent List Agenda Items not referred for separate discussion be adopted as submitted to the board and staff be authorized to take all necessary action required to give effect to same; and

FURTHER THAT: any items in consent list not referred for separate discussion, and for which conflict has been declared, are deemed not to have been voted on or discussed by the individual making the declaration.

Carried;

11. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Items referred for Separate Discussion.

C.1) Staff Report No. 48-08-17-BOD from the Director, Land, Education and Stewardship Services regarding New Lowell Conservation Area Reserve Use.

Moved by: D. Doherty

Seconded by: G. Little

RES: 72-17 RESOLVED THAT: the Board of Directors receive Staff Report No. 48-08-17-BOD regarding the New Lowell Conservation area Reserve Use and;

THAT: a \$50,000 minimum reserve balance be maintained with the New Lowell Conservation Area Reserve and;

FURTHER THAT: funds currently in excess of \$50,000 be transferred 50% to the Operational Reserve and 50% to the Capital Reserve; and

FURTHER THAT: as long as the minimum is maintained, fifty percent of the annual fees received from the New Lowell Conservation Area lease be directed towards the Lands operational budget each year.

Carried;

- C.2) Staff Report No. 49-08-17-BOD from the Director, Land, Education and Stewardship Services regarding a new partnership between NVCA and Environment Canada and Climate Change.

Moved by: C Leishman

Seconded by: K. White

RES: 73-17 RESOLVED THAT: the Board of Directors receive Staff Report No. 49-08-17-BOD regarding a New Partnership between NVCA and Environment Canada and Climate Change and;

FURTHER THAT: NVCA enter into a new partnership with Environment Canada and Climate Change for Implementation of Water Quality and Fish Habitat Improvement Projects; and

FURTHER THAT: the NVCA Board thanks the municipal, provincial and federal partners for their funding to allow this project to move forward.

Carried;

- C.3) Staff Report No. 50-08-17-BOD from the Director, Watershed Management Services regarding a Summary of Planning Services Activities and Cost Tracking from July 1 2016 to August 1 2017; and

Moved by: P. Hall

Seconded by: K. White

RES: 74-17 RESOLVED THAT: Staff Report No. 50-08-17-BOD on a summary of the Planning Services Activities and Cost Tracking be received for information.

FURTHER THAT: the CAO and 2nd Vice Chair report back to the Board by November 24, 2017.

Carried;

- C.6) Staff Report No. 53-08-17-BOD from the Director, Corporate Services regarding the 2018 Preliminary Budget Guidelines.

Moved by: P. Hall

Seconded by: K White

RES: 75-17 RESOLVED THAT: Staff Report No. 53-08-17-BOD regarding guidelines for the development of the 2018 NVCA draft budget be received; and

FURTHER that staff be prepared to bring recommendations to reduce costs and identify revenue opportunities; and

THAT: staff be directed to prepare a draft 2018 budget for consideration by the Board of Directors on September 22, 2017.

Carried;

12. CLOSED SESSION

Moved by: B. Meadows

Seconded by: P. Hall

RES: 76-17 RESOLVED THAT: this meeting of the Board of Directors No. BOD-08-17 move into closed session at 12:18 p.m. to address matters pertaining to:

- Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including Authority staff. Staff Report No. 55-08-17-BOD regarding information and potential for a NVCA Foundation.

- Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the Authority. Notice to Appeal, Supreme Court of Canada – Gilmor v. NVCA v. Township of Amaranth; and

FURTHER THAT: Doug Hevenor, Chief Administrative Officer, Chris Hibberd, Director, Watershed Management Services, Sheryl Flannagan, Director, Corporate Services and Byron Wesson, Director, Land, Education and Stewardship Services be in attendance.

Carried;

Moved by: W. Benotto

Seconded by: D. Doherty

RES: 77-17 RESOLVED THAT: the Board of Directors rise from closed session at 12:20 p.m. and report progress.

Carried;

Moved by: N. Bifulchi

Seconded by: G. Little

RES: 78-17 RESOLVED THAT: the Staff Report No. 55-08-17-BOD regarding a status update on understanding and potentially establishing a NVCA Foundation be received; and

FURTHER THAT: staff are directed to come back in the 1st quarter of 2018 to deliver a proposal demonstrating the potential in establishing a charitable number for a new Conservation Foundation under the Corporations Act.

Carried;

Moved by: W. Benotto

Seconded by: B. Meadows

RES: 79-17 WHEREAS: the NVCA has been served with a Notice of Application for Leave to Appeal, Supreme Court of Canada, Gilmor v. NVCA v. Township of Amaranth; and

FURTHER THAT: NVCA's solicitor has advised that the estimated cost for the Supreme Advocacy role and NVCA solicitor's costs could exceed \$25,000.; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: the Chair and Chief Administrative Officer be directed to seek financial assistance from the Province and Conservation Ontario regarding the Gilmor appeal.

Carried;

13. OTHER BUSINESS

Request for municipal support through resolution and letter regarding NVCA's funding request to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for the development of a climate adaptation plan.

Moved by: W. Benotto

Seconded by: P. Hall

RES: 80-17 RESOLVED THAT: the Board of Directors request their municipalities to prepare a resolution and letter regarding their municipal support for the development of a climate adaptation plan; and

FURTHER THAT: the Council resolution and letter be forwarded to Chris Hibberd, NVCA's Director, Watershed Management Services.

Carried;

14. ADJOURN

Moved by: D. Doherty

Seconded by: N. Bifulchi

RES: 81-17 RESOLVED THAT: the Board of Directors adjourn at 12:45 P.M. until the next scheduled meeting and bus tour on September 22, 2017 at Suite Works, 92 Caplan Ave., Barrie or at the call of the chair.

Carried;

Doug Lougheed, Chair

Doug Hevenor, Chief Administrative Officer

Approved this 22nd day of September, 2017