

CROWE VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

FULL AUTHORITY

22 September 2011

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sandy Fraser	Municipality of Marmora and Lake
Brent Goodwin	Wollaston Township
Suzanne Partridge	Municipality of Highlands East
Dan Boyd	North Kawartha
Robert Stiles	Stirling-Rawdon Township
Jim Martin	Havelock-Belmont-Methuen Townships
Gerald Phillips	Tudor & Cashel Township
Dennis Purcell	Faraday Township
Hector Macmillan	Municipality of Trent Hills

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sharon Carson	Limerick Township
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ALSO PRESENT:

Judy Backus, Marmora Herald
Tim Pidduck, General Manager/Secretary Treasurer, CVCA
Amanda Donald, Recording Secretary, CVCA
Shannon McCracken, Regulations Officer, CVCA
Mark Holt, Community Press
Clark Young, Limerick Township

CALL TO ORDER:

The Chair, Suzanne Partridge, called the meeting to order at 12:30pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

FA Motion G 38/11

Moved by: Sandy Fraser

Seconded by: Dan Boyd

To approve the agenda as circulated.

Carried.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

There were no conflicts declared.

WELCOME:

Suzanne Partridge welcomed everyone to the meeting.

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

FA Motion G39/11

Moved by: Dan Boyd

Seconded by: Gerald Phillips

That the minutes and motions of the Full Authority meeting, 16 June 2011, be approved as circulated.

Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Tim reminded the Board of Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority`s (GRCA) request for support of a motion passed by their Board regarding large fill operations. Tim gave the Board more information that he had received from GRCA. The motion is to request the regulations be changed so conservation authorities can deal with contaminated fill and large fill operations. They are requesting additional support from the Ministry of the Environment to change the current regulations. Suzanne Partridge asked to defer the topic to the other business portion of the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS AND BUDGET:

The Committee reviewed the accounts as presented.

FA Motion G40/11

Moved by: Dennis Purcell

Seconded by: Brent Goodwin

That the accounts in the amount of two hundred and twenty nine thousand, six hundred and ninety one dollars and thirty two cents (\$229,691.32) representing cheques 3081 to 3260 be approved as presented.

Carried.

GENERIC REGULATIONS:

Shannon McCracken, Regulations Officer, informed the Board that so far this year there has been a decrease in applications and an increase in the number of violations. Dan Boyd mentioned that North Kawartha has the highest percentage of applications of all the municipalities and perhaps some of the municipalities are not complying with the regulation. Shannon stated that there have been some changes with the municipal building officials this year and she is hopeful that the turnover will help turn the numbers around.

Sandy Fraser asked for some clarification about the permit list that was distributed in the agenda package.

FA Motion G41/11

Moved by: Hector Macmillan

Seconded by: Jim Martin

To approve the Generic Regulations report as presented.

Carried.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS FOR ONTARIO REGULATIONS 159/06:

Tim informed the Board that the Authority has to comply with the amendments made to Ontario Regulation 97/04. The amendments will help assist with the permit process, help the public, define timelines, clarifies the intent of the approval process. The Authority now needs to make the appropriate amendments to Ontario Regulation 159/06. The Ministry of Natural Resources is hopeful all of the amendments will be finalized in February or March 2012.

Sandy Fraser asked for some clarification regarding the executive committee mentioned in the regulation. Tim informed him that the executive committee is the Watershed Advisory Board. Sandy asked if the Chief Building Official can become a regulations officer for the Authority. Shannon informed him that the CBO would have to go through extensive training and that some of the training may only be available to conservation authority staff. Suzanne asked Tim and Shannon to complete a report for the next meeting on the process of becoming a regulations officer for the Authority. Hector Macmillan asked if all the applications would still have to come through the CVCA's office for final approval. Tim informed him that yes all applications must come through CVCA for approval.

FA Motion G 42/11

Moved by: Jim Martin

Seconded by: Bob Stiles

Whereas a local Conservation Authorities Act Section 28 ``Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses regulation`` has been prepared in conformity with the provisions outlined in Section 28 of the Conservation Authorities Act and the amended Ontario Regulation 97/04, and as per the eligible amendments identified by the Ministry of Natural Resources

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Crowe Valley Conservation Authority adopts the proposed amendments to the subject regulation

AND THAT the said regulation proposal with eligible amendments be submitted to the Ministry of Natural Resources for review, posting on the Regulatory Registry, and depending on the results of the registry posting, for subsequent consideration for approval by the Minister of Natural Resources.

Carried.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:

Tim updated the Board members on the current water levels and flows. One lake has maintained its summer water level and the rest are between 2 and 15 cm below their summer levels. The fall drawdown has begun on Paudash Lake. Members of staff are currently investigating whether we have reached levels that would require declaration of a level one status for drought conditions. Hydro production has ceased due to the low flows throughout the watershed. During this shutdown time, at the hydro plant, new software will be installed and regular maintenance will be performed.

Tim informed the Board that the outer walls of the shop have been replaced. Neil and Wray have been working hard at replacing the screws on the roof and repairing any damage found on the roof. Tim is planning on replacing the door on the south end of the building this year to help conserve heat. He also stated that the ceiling in Vicki's office is in need of repair.

Tim let the Board know that the McGeachie cottage was rented out every week again this summer and that there were additional weekend rentals during September. The Authority has also received a \$5,000.00 donation for the McGeachie Conservation Outdoor Education Centre from TD Friends of the Environment. Dave Golem has been in touch with Tim and there is going to be a ribbon cutting ceremony at the McGeachie Conservation Area for the new trails as the majority of the work is completed.

Tim has been contacted by Queens University, who would like to participate in a project for the APSC100 class again this year. The project will focus on an innovative dam structure to produce hydro during periods of low flow.

Tim informed the Board that he has been contacted by a property owner who would like to donate a 2 acre piece of vacant property to the Authority. The property is located on Belmont Lake and the taxes are approximately \$120 per year. Brent Goodwin would like to have some more information and maps of the property prepared for the next Board meeting in November. Hector Macmillan has concerns of the financial burden that accepting donations of land will have on the Authority in the future.

Tim asked the Board if anyone is interested in attending the Latornell Conference in November. Both Marnie and Vicki are attending the conference. There is also a Conservation Areas workshop coming up in October and Tim would like to send two staff members to it. There is also a Provincial Flood Forecasting and Warning Committee workshop in early October that staff will be attending. Recently Wray and Neil attended the MNR Water Control Structure Safety Workshop that dealt with the use of safety equipment, procedures, dam inspections and public safety around dams.

Jim Martin asked about the Gut Conservation Area and if anything was done to solve the safety concerns there. Tim informed him that he has drafted a policy for inspections that needs to be reviewed at the November Board meeting. The rail fence at the Gut needs approximately 130 rails to make it higher. The road

going into the Gut is in poor condition and Tim has been in contact with Marmora and Lake and Wollaston Township to request their help in grading the road, unfortunately, the municipalities are too busy. Tim has also been in contact with AECON to see if they would be willing to donate some materials or offer some other form of help. Glen Ferguson of AECON has emailed Tim and said they would like to help, but they have not stated how they are going to contribute.

Sandy Fraser stated that Marmora and Lake would like to receive a letter of support for the Northland Pumped Storage project. The Board decided to handle this issue in Other Business section of the meeting.

Jim Martin asked Tim if the donation that was received from TD Friends of the Environment could be used for anything or if it was specifically for the McGeachie Outdoor Education Centre. Tim told him he was unsure, but he would look into it and let the Board know.

MEDIA SESSION:

Judy Backus of the Marmora Herald asked for clarification of the spelling of some last names. She also asked for clarification about the Queens University class and for a copy of the amendments that were made to regulation 159/06.

Mark Holt of the Community Press, asked the Board about a specific situation in Havelock-Belmont-Methuen regarding fill. He was told that both the municipality and CVCA have been in touch with MOE for assistance with the situation.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Suzanne informed the Board that a motion needs to be passed in the SPA meeting which will have an affect on CVCA staff and therefore the CVCA Board needs to re-adjourn to discuss the action item and potentially pass a motion to deal with the issue..

Tim reviewed the resolution from GRCA that was previously deferred.

FA Motion G 43/11

Moved by: Sandy Fraser

Seconded by: Jim Martin

That the resolution from Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority be supported as presented and be distributed to local municipalities, MPs and MPPs.

Carried.

Tim informed the Board that there is an employee who is approaching her maternity leave. He let the Board know that there is potential for Source Protection funding cuts, however the funding is in place until the end of March 2012. There was some discussion on the issue and the consensus was that Tim should do what he feels needs to be done.

Tim distributed some letters from Conservation Ontario to Mr. Tim Hudak and Mr. Hudak's response to Conservation Ontario just for some general information on the upcoming provincial election.

Sandy Fraser requested a letter of support for the pumped storage project that could be coming to Marmora. He feels that it is a great opportunity for the community. The Ontario Power Authority are among the ones who are hesitating to support the project. Northland Power is looking for a 20 year contract for the project. Dan Boyd asked for some clarification on the process for the project. Suzanne Partridge stated that it is not in CVCA's watershed, but it is in the community.

FA Motion G 45/11

Moved by: Sandy Fraser

Seconded by: Brent Goodwin

That the Crowe Valley Conservation Authority write a letter of support for the Northland pumped storage project that could potentially be coming to Marmora.

Hector Macmillan stated that he has no information about this project and he is not going to support something that he knows nothing about. The Board asked if Sandy could get some more information to be distributed to all the Board members for the next meeting.

FA Motion G 46/11

Moved by: Hector Macmillan

Seconded by: Jim Martin

To defer the decision regarding the letter of support for Northland Pumped Storage project until the next meeting on 3 November 2011.

Suzanne requested that in the future, if the Board members would like to discuss anything during the meetings to please get in contact with Tim and he will make sure it gets put on the agenda.

Hector Macmillan mentioned that all land deals or donations and any staff issues needs to be discussed in a closed session in the future.

Hector Macmillan asked about the comparison project and how far along we are on it. Tim updated the Board on the report stating that it is almost ready for them

to review. Unfortunately he was unable to have it completed for the August deadline. Suzanne Partridge would like Tim to set up another meeting with Board members and municipal CAOs to discuss the report.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

The next scheduled meeting of the Full Authority Board will be 3 November 2011 at 12:30pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Hector Macmillan, the meeting was adjourned at 2:07pm and will reconvene at the call of the chair at the conclusion of the Source Protection Authority meeting.

CALL TO ORDER:

The Chair, Suzanne Partridge, called the meeting back to order at 3:07 pm.

FA Motion G 47/11

Moved by: Brent Goodwin

Seconded by: Jim Martin

That the Full Authority Board meeting be reconvened.

Carried.

FA Motion G 48/11

Moved by: Hector Macmillan

Seconded by: Sandy Fraser

To instruct the appropriate staff, to prepare a report and recommendations outlining the potential implications from Draft Source Protection Planning Policies, both from a budgetary and staff capacity perspective.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Dennis Purcell, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10pm

Amanda Donald
Recording Secretary

Suzanne Partridge
Chair