

CROWE VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

FULL AUTHORITY

3 November 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
Sharon Carson	Limerick Township

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None.

ALSO PRESENT:

Judy Backus, Marmora Herald
Tim Pidduck, General Manager/Secretary Treasurer, CVCA
Amanda Donald, Recording Secretary, CVCA
Shannon McCracken, Regulations Officer, CVCA

CALL TO ORDER:

The Chair, Suzanne Partridge, called the meeting to order at 1:27 pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

FA Motion G49/11

Moved by: Hector Macmillan

Seconded by: Jim Martin

To approve the agenda as amended.

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 G50/11

Moved by: Bob Stiles

Seconded by: Dan Boyd

That the minutes and motions of the Full Authority meeting, 22 September 2011, be approved as circulated.

Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Brent Goodwin asked Tim if he had received any further information regarding the property donation discussed at the last meeting. Tim informed the Board that no further information has been provided at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS AND BUDGET:

The Board reviewed the accounts as presented.

FA Motion G51/11

Moved by: Bob Stiles

Seconded by: Sandy Fraser

That the accounts in the amount of eighty eight thousand, eight hundred and twenty seven dollars and twenty nine cents (\$88,827.29) representing cheques 3261 to 3336 be approved as presented.

Carried.

GENERIC REGULATIONS:

Shannon informed the Board that there have been more violations this year compared to previous years. Hector asked about the violations and which ones would have been given a permit from the Authority if they had applied. Shannon let him know that most of them, if not all of them, would have been given a permit. There was some discussion on making contractors more aware of the application process. Shannon stated that we have considered doing some outreach through pamphlets or information sessions.

FA Motion G52/11

Moved by: Sandy Fraser

Seconded by: Gerald Phillips

To approve the Generic Regulations report as presented.

Carried.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:

Tim gave the Board the information requested at the previous meeting regarding the Provincial Offences Officer. Tim has been in contact with Conservation Ontario regarding the issue and he referred to section 28 of the Conservation Authority's Act regarding the delegation of powers. The interpretation of the section of legislation that Conservation Ontario gave Tim is that you cannot have someone outside of the Authority become a Provincial Offences Officer for the Authority. Jim Martin expressed some concern that the Authority only has one person capable of doing generic regulations permits. Tim informed him and the Board that Vicki also has that capability, just not as much experience. Shannon stated that if the Chief Building Official is also doing generic regulations, then there could potentially be a conflict of interest.

Tim informed the Board that water levels and flows are normal for this time of the year. Unfortunately, both hydro plants in the watershed have had some down time which cost the Authority some revenue at the Marmora plant. Tim let the Board know that he has been coordinating meetings to review Belmont Lake water levels and the operational analysis report with the CAOs who attended the workshop earlier this year.

Tim informed the Board that staff have been busy repairing the roof of the Administration building and the shop. This project should cost between \$900 and \$1000.

Tim has recently been contacted by a representative from Fish Hatchery Road Association regarding the maintenance of the road that leads to Cordova Dam. Tim would like to discuss this in Other Business.

The Authority has been selected as one of 54 finalists in a contest sponsored by Shell Canada. Tim encouraged the Board members to vote for the McGeachie Outdoor Education Centre and a link will be forwarded to everyone with the minutes.

Tim thanks the Board members who attended the official opening of the McGeachie trails. The Authority received excellent press coverage in the Bancroft Times about the event.

2012 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS:

Hector Macmillan expressed his concern of the cost to maintain the administrative building as it needs a lot of work. He is also concerned that the \$2500 put in the budget yearly is not enough money to bring the building up to standards. Hector also asked if the Authority could apply for a Trillium Grant to help fix up the building. Jim Martin stated that the Board has been talking about the building for the past two years and that perhaps it may be cheaper to rent an office building. Hector also reminded the Board to focus on actual dollar amount and not percentage increases when reviewing the proposed draft 2012 budget.

Break at 2:15pm

Sandy Fraser stated that his council has reviewed the proposed budget and he read a motion passed by the council of Marmora and Lake, stating that the municipality will not support an increase more than the rate of inflation.

Tim walked the Board through the budget line by line. There was some discussion on the stop log replacement program and health and safety.

Jim Martin stated that there is no way that we can take this large increase back to our councils. We need to cut it back but he is unsure of where to start.

NORTHLAND POWER PUMPED STORAGE PROJECT:

FA Motion G53/11

Moved by: Sandy Fraser

Seconded by: Gerald Phillips

That the Crowe Valley Conservation Authority supports the Northland Power Pumped Storage Project.

Carried.

CONSERVATION AREAS INSPECTION POLICY:

Brent Goodwin asked that road inspections be added to the policy as well as an inspection for washrooms. The policy will be reviewed at the next meeting after the requested amendments have been made.

Dan Boyd suggested that there be a sign put up at the McGeachie trails donation box to make it more visible.

SOURCE WATER PROTECTION – POLICY REVIEW:

Tim informed the Board that there is one policy for source protection that names the Authority as the delivery agent. The policy refers to chemicals and fertilizers and staff are unsure and concerned why the Authority has been named the delivery agent. Fortunately there are not too many of these particular threats in the watershed. This will be made as a comment to the Source Protection Committee. No further comments were made by the Board.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Tim informed the Board that he has been contacted by Don McGregor, president of the Fish Hatchery Road Association. He is requesting the Authority to help pay for maintenance of the road. The requested fee is \$200.00 per year. Sharon Carson is oppose to the idea and feels if we start paying road fees for one road then we will have to pay road fees for all the roads that we use.

FA Motion G54/11

Moved by: Dan Boyd

Seconded by: Gerald Phillips

That the Crowe Valley Conservation Authority respectfully decline to pay for road maintenance of the Fish Hatchery Road.

Carried.

Brent Goodwin asked about the condition of the road for The Gut Conservation Area and if any repairs had been made. Tim informed the Board that there has been no progress to date. Dan Boyd asked Tim who has ownership of the road. Tim believes that the road may belong to the Municipality of Marmora and Lake (pending confirmation) and he has asked the municipality for assistance with the maintenance of the road. Tim was informed by staff current municipal resources are not available to assist. The Chair, Suzanne Partridge requested Tim write a letter to the Municipality of Marmora and Lake to bring the maintenance issue to Council's attention.

MEDIA SESSION:

Judy Backus asked for an overview of the budget. She asked for some clarification on the provincial funding that the Authority receives every year. Judy asked about the next steps of the budget process.

MOTION TO MOVE IN CLOSED SESSION:

FA Motion G55/11

Moved by: Brent Goodwin

Seconded by: Bob Stiles

That the Full Authority Board move into closed session to discuss a personnel issue.

Carried.

MOTION TO MOVE INTO OPEN SESSION:

FA Motion G56/11

Moved by: Dennis Purcell

Seconded by: Sandy Fraser

That the Full Authority move into open session.

Carried.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

The next scheduled meeting of the Full Authority Board will be 15 December 2011 at 12:30pm.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Dennis Purcell, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00pm

Amanda Donald
Recording Secretary

Suzanne Partridge
Chair