

**CROWE VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

**FULL AUTHORITY**

**16 May 2019**

**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Suzanne Partridge	Municipality of Highlands East
Jim O'Shea	North Kawartha
Edgar Storms	Stirling-Rawdon Township
Catherine Redden	Municipality of Trent Hills
Jim Martin	Havelock-Belmont-Methuen Townships
Jan MacKillican	Limerick Township
Dan Bujas	Faraday Township
Jan O'Neill	Municipality of Marmora and Lake

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Tim Conlin	Wollaston Township
Ronald Carroll	Tudor & Cashel Township

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Tim Pidduck, General Manager/Secretary Treasurer, CVCA  
Amanda Donald, Recording Secretary, CVCA  
Andrew McIntyre, Regulations Officer, CVCA  
Jack Lakey, Delegation  
Cathy Lyle, Delegation

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The Chair, Catherine Redden, called the meeting to order at 10:05am.

**WELCOME:**

The Chair, Catherine Redden, welcomed the Board to the meeting. She reminded the Board it would be a busy day with 2 hearings following the Full Authority Meeting.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

### **FA Motion G 35/19**

Moved by: Suzanne Partridge

Seconded by: Jan MacKillican

That the agenda be approved as circulated.

Carried.

## **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:**

There were no conflicts declared.

## **REVIEW OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

### **FA Motion G 36/19**

Moved by: Dan Bujas

Seconded by: Jan MacKillican

That the minutes and motions of the Full Authority meeting, 14 March 2019, be approved as circulated.

Carried.

### **FA Motion G 37/19**

Moved by: Jim O'Shea

Seconded by: Jim Martin

That the minutes and motions of the Executive Committee Teleconference meeting, 18 April 2019, be approved as circulated.

Carried.

## **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

None.

## **MOTION TO MOVE IN CAMERA**

### **FA Motion G 38/19**

Moved by: Jan O'Neill

Seconded by: Jim O'Shea

That the Full Authority Board move into an In Camera session to discuss a legal issue.

Carried.

### **FA Motion G 39/19**

Moved by: Dan Bujas

Seconded by: Jim O'Shea

That the Full Authority Board move into open session.

Carried.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

## **CLIENT SERVICE STANDARDS FOR CONSERVATION AUTHORITY PLAN & PERMIT REVIEW**

There was some discussion on the benefits of streamlining the regulations program across the province however the Board expressed concern with staff being forced to rush through the permitting process and concern of making mistakes or having to revisit the permits at a later date could further delay the application process.

There was some discussion on communicating the possible changes to the regulations program with member municipalities. Tim Pidduck concurs that meetings with municipalities will be beneficial once any changes to the regulations and planning program are revealed by the Province.

**FA Motion G 40/19**

Moved by: Dan Bujas

Seconded by: Edgar Storms

WHEREAS the provincial government intends to increase the supply of housing and streamline the land use planning and development approval process to achieve this goal; and

WHEREAS the Conservation Authorities play an important role in the planning and development review process with respect to watershed protection and hazard lands; and

WHEREAS Conservation Authorities support and can help deliver the Government's objective not to jeopardize public health and safety or the environment;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Crowe Valley Conservation Authority Board of Directors endorse the three key solutions developed by the Conservation Ontario working group: to improve client service and accountability; increase speed of approvals; and, reduce "red tape" and regulatory burden; and

THAT staff be directed to work with Conservation Ontario to identify additional improvements and best management practices; and further

THAT staff be directed to implement these solutions as soon as possible when resources are available.

Carried.

**2018 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Tim Pidduck reminded the Board John West of Grant Thornton, was unable to attend the Board meeting and sends his regrets. Tim reviewed the highlights of the draft 2018 financial statements with the Board. As indicated in correspondence from John West, CVCA has a large surplus for the year primarily due to the 2018 special benefiting levy. CVCA is in a good position and should continue with the effort to increase reserves through the newly established asset management program and continue to use resources such as the Water and Erosion Control Infrastructure (WECI) funding when available.

**FA Motion G 41/19**

Moved by: Jim O'Shea

Seconded by: Jim Martin

To receive the 2018 Financial Statements as presented and circulated.

Carried.

## **DELEGATION – JACK LAKEY**

Catherine Redden welcomed Mr. Jack Lakey to the meeting. He reminded Mr. Lakey he has 10 minutes to address the Board with time for the Board to ask questions for clarification.

Mr. Lakey introduced himself to the Board. Mr. Lakey rents the cottage near the Allan Mills Dam from Cathy Lyle who is also attended the meeting today. Mr. Lakey would like to take the opportunity to talk to the Board about the installation of safety booms at Allan Mills Dam. The installation of the safety booms has taken up some of the space for they use for access to the river for swimming and has made it difficult to get their boat and dock into the water. Mr. Lakey informed the Board there was no public consultation prior to the installation of the safety booms and argued there is a lack of necessity for the safety booms at this location. He feels the installation of the safety booms is an excessive abundance of caution as no one has been hurt at this location. Due to the high flows during the spring freshet, debris is piling up against the booms and the debris should be removed. Mr. Lakey distributed and reviewed several pictures of the location of the safety booms in relation to the property.

Mr. Lakey requests the Board consider moving the anchor plate located on the Dam to the other side of the catwalk. If the anchor plate was relocated Mr. Lakey believes the majority of the dam and weir would be protected by the safety booms and it would allow the property owners to have more access to the water from the property.

Catherine Redden thanked Mr. Lakey for coming to the Board as a delegation today. She informed Mr. Lakey that CVCA did not enter into the decision to install the safety booms lightly and a written report from CVCA staff regarding the issue will be expected.

### **FA Motion G 42/19**

Moved by: Jim martin

Seconded by: Suzanne Partridge

To receive the delegation made by Mr. Jack Lakey.

Carried.

## **2019 TRANSFER PAYMENT**

Tim Pidduck informed the Board the Provincial funding for 2019 has been cut by 48.4%. He was expecting a cut but was hopeful rural Conservation Authorities would not be affected as much as larger Conservation Authorities. Tim informed the Board the cuts could mean a 9-10% increase to future CVCA's levies.

There was some discussion on lobbying local MPPs throughout the watershed. Tim Pidduck suggested working with other smaller Conservation Authorities to take a stronger message to the province about the effects of the cuts to the transfer payments. The province wants Conservation Authorities to focus on their core mandate, however all CVCA's activities are core mandated activities. It was suggested to invite MPPs to attend a board meeting and to create a report to distribute to cottage associations to get their support.

The Board reviewed options presented for dealing with the cuts to the transfer payment for 2019. There was some discussion on costs associated with the administrative building and possible options. The Board would like to see those options at the September 2019 meeting.

### **FA Motion G 43/19**

Moved by: Dan Bujas

Seconded by: Jan MacKillican

To make no adjustments to the current 2019 budget to deal with the transfer payment cuts and to see what the deficit is at the end of the year and that staff prepare a document to address long term options for operational expenses for the administrative office.

Carried.

The Board adjourned for lunch at 12:00pm.

The Chair called the meeting back to order at 12:15pm.

## **REGULATIONS & PLANNING REPORTS**

Andrew McIntyre reviewed the regulations and planning reports with the Board. The report included the completion of 19 permits, 20 Property Inquiry Forms and 28 planning files. There are 2 resolved violations and 19 violations remaining open. Andrew referred to the additional report charting the permits by municipality and water body. The Board appreciated the report and would like to add it to future regulations and planning reports.

There was some discussion on comparing progress to the previous year on the reports.

### **FA Motion G 44/19**

Moved by: Dan Bujas

Seconded by: Jan O'Neill

To receive the regulation and planning report.

Carried.

## **BOARD ORIENTATION – REGULATIONS VIOLATIONS & NON-COMPLIANCE**

To be completed at the next Board meeting due to time restrictions.

## **GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT**

Tim Pidduck updated the Board on the 2019 spring freshet. During the flood warning 10 warnings and updates were issued. There have been 36 days with flows at Marmora dam being over 80cm/s which is above normal.

Tim Pidduck informed the Board he still has not heard anything from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) regarding funding for the Water and Erosion Control Infrastructure (WECl) projects for this year. Tim referred to the concrete repairs for the Marmora Dam and he would like to proceed with this project even if funding is not received. Moving forward with this project will help to prevent further damage to the concrete on the structure. The estimate to complete this project is \$21,000 but it could be higher depending on the amount of repairs required.

**FA Motion G 45/19**

Moved by: Suzanne Partridge

Seconded by: Edgar Storms

To complete the concrete repairs at Marmora Dam with or without receiving WECl funding for the project.

Carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

None.

**MEDIA SESSION**

None.

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:**

The next scheduled meeting of the Full Authority Board will be 20 June 2019 at 10:00am.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**FA Motion G 46/19**

Moved by: Jim O'Shea

That the Full Authority Board Meeting be adjourned at 12:35pm.

Carried.

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Amanda Donald  
Recording Secretary

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Catherine Redden  
Chair