

**CROWE VALLEY WATERSHED ADVISORY BOARD HEARING**  
**Virtual Meeting via Google Meet**  
**September 15, 2022**

**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Suzanne Partridge	Municipality of Highlands East
Catherine Redden	Municipality of Trent Hills
Jim Martin	Havelock-Belmont-Methuen Townships
Dan Bujas	Municipality of Faraday
Ronald Carroll	Tudor & Cashel Township
Jan O'Neill	Municipality of Marmora and Lake
Edgar Storms	Stirling-Rawdon Township

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Jan MacKillican	Limerick Township
Jeff Swartman	Wollaston Township
Jim O'Shea	Township of North Kawartha

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Tim Pidduck, General Manager/Secretary Treasurer, CVCA  
Amanda Donald, Recording Secretary, CVCA  
Beth Lowe, Regulations Officer, CVCA  
Dhrav Kumar, Regulations Applicant  
Anamika Narula, Regulations Applicant

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair, Jan O'Neill, called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Jan O'Neill read a land acknowledgement thanking generations of Indigenous people who have taken care of the land for thousands of years before us.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

### **FA Motion H 01/22**

Moved by: Jim Martin

Seconded by: Suzanne Partridge

To approve the Watershed Advisory Hearing agenda as circulated.

Carried.

## **WELCOME**

Jan O'Neill welcomed the Board, staff and the applicants to the Watershed Advisory Hearing.

## **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None declared.

## **CHAIR'S OPENING REMARKS**

The Chair, Jan O'Neill, informed the Watershed Advisory Hearing Board that a Hearing under Section 28 of the *Conservation Authorities Act* will now be held with respect to Dhruv Kumar's application for permission to construct an addition (214.6m<sup>2</sup>) and a covered patio (52.4m<sup>2</sup>) on Paudash Lake that is encroaching into the setback of the erosion hazard.

Chair Jan O'Neill gave the opening remarks as outlined in the hearing guidelines with respect to Ontario Regulation 159/06 and reviewed the procedure of the Hearing.

## **STAFF REPORT –BETH LOWE**

Beth Lowe gave the Board background and timeline information for the permit. She informed the Board the permit is to construct an addition with a full basement that is 214 square meters as well as a 52.4 square meter covered patio. The proposed project is encroaching the erosion hazard of Paudash Lake. Beth informed the Board there are feasible alternatives that were provided to the applicant, but the applicant decided against those suggestions. A slope assessment report was completed by GHD for the property and was provided to the Board in the agenda package. Beth explained the GHD report believes there will be ample space for a safety zone for vehicles to enter and exit during an emergency, although the report did not provide a specific recommendation for access allowance. CVCA Policy Manual integrated the Provincial Policy which recommends 6 meters for safe access. Beth reviewed the CVCA policies the application does not meet.

Beth informed the Board CVCA recommend the application be denied because the application does not meet the CVCA policy requirements as the proposed development encroaches into the setback allowance of the erosion hazard and feasible alternatives are available to the applicant.

There was some discussion on the 6-meter safe access policy as well as sediment and erosion control measures.

## **APPLICANT REPORT – MR. DHRAV KUMAR**

Ms. Narula informed the Board the proposed development has been reduced to be outside stable top of slope. GHD's report has stated there is sufficient room for emergency vehicles. Mr. Kumar referred to the feasible alternatives that Beth mentioned and informed the Board the proposed development was laid out so the original building is not touched and is designed to support the structure of the older building. There was some discussion as to whether or not the GHD report provides enough information to override staff's decision. Beth informed the Board staff cannot override CVCA policy it is the Board's decision. Mr. Kumar informed the Board most emergency vehicles do not need 6 meters to access buildings as they are not that big.

Jan O'Neill thanked Mr. Kumar and Ms Narula for their presentation.

## **BOARD DELIBERATIONS**

### **Motion H 02/22**

Moved by: Catherine Redden

Seconded by: Dan Bujas

To adjourn the public hearing and to move in camera session for deliberations.

Carried.

### **Motion H 03/22**

Moved by: Jim Martin

Seconded by: Edgar Storms

That the Watershed Advisory Hearing Board move into open session.

Carried.

### **Motion H 04/22**

Moved by: Suzanne Partridge

Seconded by: Dan Bujas

That staff contact Mr. Kumar and Ms Narula to inform hem the Board's decision is to uphold their appeal and they may proceed with their application as submitted to the CVCA office.

Carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion H 05/ 22**

Moved by: Catherine Redden

That the Watershed & Advisory Board Hearing Meeting be adjourned at 10:48am.

Carried.

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Amanda Donald  
Recording Secretary

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Jan O'Neill  
Chair

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