

CROWE VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

FULL AUTHORITY

18 September 2014

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sandy Fraser	Municipality of Marmora and Lake
Sharon Carson	Limerick Township
Suzanne Partridge	Municipality of Highlands East
Barry Rand	North Kawartha
Robert Stiles	Stirling-Rawdon Township
Ron Gerow	Havelock-Belmont-Methuen Townships
Layne Moore	Wollaston Township
Dennis Purcell	Faraday Township
Gerald Phillips	Tudor & Cashel Township

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Hector Macmillan	Municipality of Trent Hills
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ALSO PRESENT:

Sue Dickens, Trent Hills Regional News
Kathy Hamilton, Marmora Resident
Wayne Alexander, Belmont Lake Resident
Larry Ellis, Havelock-Belmont-Methuen Councilor
Dave Golem, Reeve, Limerick Township
Tim Pidduck, General Manager/Secretary Treasurer, CVCA
Amanda Donald, Recording Secretary, CVCA
Sharlene Richardson, Regulations Officer, CVCA

CALL TO ORDER:

The Chair, Barry Rand, called the meeting to order at 10:03am.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Rand informed the Board Dave Golem would like to make a presentation to the Board later in the meeting regarding the McGeachie Conservation Area. Under other business there will be a discussion on the DM Wills report and a request received from the Municipality of Trent Hills regarding a gauge installation.

FA Motion G 55/14

Moved by: Dennis Purcell

Seconded by: Bob Stiles

That the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

None.

WELCOME

Chair Rand welcomed everyone to the meeting.

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

FA Motion G 56/14

Moved by: Ron Gerow

Seconded by: Sharon Carson

That the minutes and motions of the Full Authority meeting, 19 June 2014, be approved as circulated.

Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

The Board briefly reviewed the report that was circulated in the agenda package discussing highlights of the minutes.

GENERIC REGULATIONS:

Sharlene Richardson informed the Board that since the last meeting there have been thirty-nine planning files and seventy regulations permits processed and there are currently fifteen applications in the queue. Sharlene informed the Board that it was a very busy summer and most permits were given out in a three week period.

REGULATIONS POLICY AMENDMENT

There was a discussion on the amendments to the policy. The amendments clarify the policy and do not change the original intent of the policy.

FA Motion G 57/14

Moved By: Sandy Fraser

Seconded By: Suzanne Partridge

To approve the amendments to sections 6.1.1.3 – 6.1.1.5 – Minor Residential Additions of the Watershed Regulations Policy Manual.

Carried.

REGULATIONS FEE POLICY

Sharlene Richardson informed the Board that at a recent Conservation Ontario planning and regulations meeting, discussions on having a fee policy were held. It is important for each Conservation Authority to have a fee policy to allow them to make changes or additions to their current fee schedule. The fee policy that was circulated to the Board was borrowed from Lower Trent Conservation and slight adjustments have been made.

FA Motion G 58/14

Moved By: Dennis Purcell

Seconded By: Gerald Phillips

To adopt the Crowe Valley Conservation Authority Planning and Development Services Fee Policy and Schedule as circulated.

Carried.

GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

In addition to the written report, Tim Pidduck informed the Board the fall drawdown has begun at Paudash Lake. During the fall draw down higher flows can be expected throughout the watershed.

Chair Rand asked Tim about the Conservation Ontario (CO) levy. Tim informed the Board that he has asked CO to not include the Water and Erosion Control Infrastructure (WECI) funding as part of revenue for the Authority as it could increase the Conservation Ontario levy in future years. He will update the Board on this when he hears back from Conservation Ontario.

FA Motion G 59/14

Moved By: Ron Gerow

Seconded By: Bob Stiles

To receive the General Managers report.

Carried.

CVCA – HAVELOCK-BELMONT-METHUEN PRESENTATION RE: BELMONT LAKE DAM

Chair Rand informed the Board that he and Tim Pidduck attended a council meeting at Havelock-Belmont-Methuen (HBM) to present additional information to clarify CVCA's request financial support for the temporary sealing project of the end bays at Belmont Lake Dam. Barry thanked HBM Council and the Belmont Lake Cottagers Association for the one third contribution from both stake holders.

Tim also thanked HBM and the cottage association for their willingness to help with the cost of the project. Tim is hopeful that it will last for 2 or more years although there may be some maintenance required to make it last longer. Tim informed the Board that there were 24 log adjustments on the Belmont Lake Dam throughout the summer which is higher than normal.

There was a discussion on permanently sealing the two end bays of the dam in the future. Tim reminded the Board that permanently sealing the bays would be costly and would change the floodplain of Belmont Lake.

Ron Gerow thanked staff for their management of the dam during the summer and encouraged the Board to consider a long term solution for the dam.

There was some discussion on climate change and consideration of the core mandate of the Authority being changed to include low water conditions.

FA Motion G 60/14

Moved By: Ron Gerow

Seconded By: Gerald Phillips

That the CVCA Board look into and consider permanently sealing the end bays of Belmont Lake Dam and to make it part of the 2015 budget process.

Carried.

FA Motion G 61/14

Moved By: Ron Gerow

Seconded By: Suzanne Partridge

To send a letter to the Belmont Lake Cottage Association thanking them for their support.

Carried.

WECI PROJECT UPDATE – BELMONT

Tim Pidduck informed the Board the tender package from ODS Marine should be here by the end of the week and the work should be completed by the end of October. Tim stated he may need to contact Mr. Vansteenburgh because there maybe a need to trim some trees along the right of way to get equipment into the dam.

Ron Gerow asked Tim why the number of rock bolts was reduced from sixteen to eight. Tim informed him that Bill Grandy, of EXP, reassessed the project and he feels comfortable that seven bolts will be sufficient.

FA Motion G 62/14

Moved By: Bob Stiles

Seconded By: Sharon Carson

To receive the report on the Belmont Dam WECI project as presented.

Carried.

SMALL COMMUNITIES FUND (BUILDING CANADA FUND)

Tim informed the Board that he would like to apply for funding through the Small Communities Fund for the rock anchor project at Wollaston Dam. In order for him to apply he needs an expression of interest from the Board. There was some discussion on the project and the fund.

FA Motion G 63/14

Moved By: Sandy Fraser

Seconded By: Layne Moore

That the General Manager submit an expression of interest application to the Small Communities Fund for Wollaston Dam rock anchor project.

Carried.

2015 BUDGET & ADDITIONAL NON LONG RANGE PLAN BUDGET ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Tim reviewed a list of budgetary items for the 2015 budget with the Board. There was some discussion on the Marmora Power Gate and if it can wait another year. Barry asked Tim to get a quote and bring it to the next Board meeting in November. If it is necessary to fix it before then, then he will do a phone poll with the Board.

There was some discussion on future funding for Source Water Protection and the long range plan. Ron Gerow would like to see a work plan and itemized list of any expenses that are over and above the six percent increase that municipalities have committed to. Further discussion on the six percent commitment to the member municipalities ensued.

FA Motion G 64/14

Moved By: Suzanne Partridge

Seconded By: Sharon Carson

To direct staff to proceed with the draft 2015 budget preparation and to bring the draft to the Board for the November meeting.

Carried.

DELEGATION - DAVE GOLEM RE: MCGEACHIE CONSERVATION AREA

Dave Golem gave the Board some background on the property. The McGeachie family wanted the property to remain a Conservation Area in perpetuity. However they were unable to obtain this in an official agreement with the Authority when they donated the property. Jack McGeachie made the donation of the property with no strings attached. With the support of the Steenburg Lake Cottage Association, Dave would like to see the property remain a Conservation Area in perpetuity.

The Hastings and Prince Edward Land Trust has expressed interest in the property and is a similar body compared to the Conservation Authority. If the land was transferred to them, the property would remain a Conservation Area land in perpetuity, as the donors wanted.

Dave presented the Board with two options. 1) the property be assumed by the land trust using the help of donations to cover the costs of transfer fees and 2) That CVCA state in a written agreement that the property will remain a natural Conservation Area in perpetuity.

The Board discussed the options presented and is appreciative of the willingness of cooperation from both the land trust and the lake association.

FA Motion G 65/14

Moved By: Suzanne Partridge

Seconded By: Sharon Carson

To develop a working group consisting of the General Manager, Dave Golem, Layne Moore, Sharon Carson and interested members of the Hastings and Prince Edward Land Trust to work with stakeholders to develop a plan for the property and to bring back a report to the next Board meeting.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

FA Motion G 66/14

Moved By: Ron Gerow

Seconded By: Dennis Purcell

To receive the following correspondence:

- a) Letter from Mr. Dave Daunter – 24 June 2014

Carried.

MEDIA SESSION

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

Tim informed the Board that he has received a baseflow report from DM Wills on Belmont Lake Dam. The recommendations from the report were: 1) To complete further study of the relationship between the dams operation, water levels and flows effect on the aquatic ecosystem. 2) Undertake annual baseflow monitoring program between Belmont Lake Dam and Crowe Lake. 3) Maintain a minimum baseflow of 1.12 cubic meters per second (cm/s).

There was some discussion and concern over the minimum basflow of 1.12cms. There was some concern over spending money to fix the leakage of the dam and then it could potentially create another problem.

FA Motion G 67/14

Moved By: Ron Gerow

Seconded By: Sandy Fraser

To request DM Wills to attend the next Board Meeting in November for further discussion and clarification.

Carried.

Tim has been contacted by Shari Lang of the Municipality of Trent Hills. Shari has requested that a flow gauge be installed on Whispering Water Road in Trent Hills so the Municipality can access flow data. There was discussion on who would cover the cost for the installation of the gauge and the benefit having a new gauge would provide.

FA Motion G 68/14

Moved By: Ron Gerow

Seconded By: Sandy Fraser

That Tim Pidduck request further details from the Municipality of Trent Hills.

Carried.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

The 11 December 2014 Full Authority Board meeting has been cancelled and there will be a meeting held in January 2015 – date is yet to be determined.

The next scheduled meeting of the Full Authority Board will be 20 November 2014 at 10:00am.

ADJOURNMENT:

FA Motion G 69/14

Moved by: Suzanne Partridge

Seconded by: Sharon Carson

That the Full Authority Board Meeting be adjourned at 12:28pm.

Carried.

Amanda Donald
Recording Secretary

Barry Rand
Chair