

CROWE VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

FULL AUTHORITY

19 April 2012

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sandy Fraser	Municipality of Marmora and Lake
Brent Goodwin	Wollaston Township
Sharon Carson	Limerick Township
Suzanne Partridge	Municipality of Highlands East
Robert Stiles	Stirling-Rawdon Township
Ron Gerow	Havelock-Belmont-Methuen Townships
Hector Macmillan	Municipality of Trent Hills
Gerald Phillips	Tudor & Cashel Township
Dennis Purcell	Faraday Township

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dan Boyd	Township of North Kawartha
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ALSO PRESENT:

Judy Backus, Marmora Harold
Tim Pidduck, General Manager/Secretary Treasurer, CVCA
Amanda Donald, Recording Secretary, CVCA
Shannon McCracken, Regulations Officer
Ron Chittick, CAO of Marmora and Lake
Linda Reed, CAO of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen
Mark Hoult, Community Press

CALL TO ORDER:

The Chair, Bob Stiles, called the meeting to order at 2:05pm.

ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA:

Bob Stiles referred to a letter that Tim received from the Authority's lawyer regarding alternate Board members. Tim reminded the Board that there was a discussion at the last Board meeting regarding this issue. Tim sought the opinion of the Authority's solicitors and the solicitor informed him that there should be no alternate Board members allowed to participate and vote at Board Meetings.

FA Motion G30/12

Moved by: Ron Gerow

Seconded by: Sandy Fraser

To receive the letter presented by the Authority's solicitors but would like the opportunity for all Board members to take the letter back to their respective councils for discussions pertaining to their appointment.

Hector Macmillan raised the issue of the populations of the municipality and having two Board members for those municipalities that have a population greater than 10,000. Tim believes that the population is only based on the assessment area, but he will investigate further and report back to the Board.

Carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

FA Motion G31/12

Moved by: Dennis Purcell

Seconded by: Suzanne Partridge

That the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

There were no conflicts declared.

WELCOME:

Bob Stiles welcomed everyone to the meeting.

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

FA Motion G32/12

Moved by: Suzanne Partridge

Seconded by: Gerald Phillips

That the minutes and motions of the Full Authority meeting, 9 March 2012, be approved as circulated.

Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

None.

MOTION TO MOVE TO IN CAMERA SESSION:

FA Motion G33/12

Moved by: Sandy Fraser

Seconded by: Hector Macmillan

That the Full Authority Board move into closed session.

Carried.

MOTION TO MOVE INTO OPEN SESSION:

FA Motion G34/12

Moved By: Suzanne Partridge

Seconded By: Dennis Purcell

That the Full Authority Board move into open session.

Carried.

DELEGATION – LINDA REED CAO OF HAVELOCK-BELMONT-METHUEN AND RON CHITTICK, CAO OF MARMORA AND LAKE

Ron Chittick thanked the Board and stated that it is a pleasure to be here to present the Budget Action Plan to the Board today. Ron thanked Tim and the other CAOs for their support and information that they provided for the report. During the development of this report, they found that the CVCA has serious financial problems and Ron commended the Board for taking some action at the December meeting by agreeing to have this report developed. Ron stated that most of the Authority's major tangible assets are at or have exceeded their life expectancy and this is of great concern for municipalities.

Ron presented the options that have been included in the report to the Board.

Option 1 – Keep the status quo (not a viable recommendation)

Option 2 – Dissolution or amalgamation of the Authority (not recommended)

Option 3 – Comprised of 9 components all of which would need to be followed if this option was adopted by the Board.

1. The rental of the McGeachie property to an education facility for research and training.
2. Consider a list of properties owned by the Authority to identify those that can be sold.
3. Approach the MNR to a) enter into agreement that the CA authorizes the use of any funds from the sale of property for CA related requirements b) that the Provincial funding be considered due to the limited tax base for this CA c) that capital funding from a Provincial program is required for the capital rehabilitation of major infrastructure
4. Member municipalities be requested to help the Authority with in-kind and good condition equipment/technology and human resources support
5. Reduce staff compliment
6. Total adjustments to 2012 salary/wages be limited to 2%
7. Consider cost benefit of alternate service delivery, such as contracting for certain tasks
8. Get the support of municipalities for a 6% annual increase to the annual levy for the next 10 years.
9. Seek in-kind contribution from member Municipalities for Board support and responsibilities

Ron also stated that Option 3 would require the establishment of a subcommittee for the implementation of the Budget Action Plan and that the subcommittee would report to the Board at each meeting.

Ron thanked the Board for the opportunity to complete the Budget Action Plan and asked if there were any questions.

FA Motion G35/12

Moved by: Suzanne Partridge

Seconded by: Brent Goodwin

To receive the Budget Action Plan and discuss it at a later date.

Ron Gerow thanked Ron Chittick and Linda Reed for the report and stated that there are a lot of serious implications and the Board needs to move quickly. He is in support of this motion but would like to set a timeline of one week to meet again to discuss the report. Ron Gerow expressed concern over operating without a set budget in place.

There was some discussion on when to meet again for further discussion. The Board agreed to meet on 3 May 2012 to further discuss the Budget Action Plan. Ron Gerow also stated during the discussion that the options as presented are to be decided upon by the Board and do not require staff input.

Moved by: Ron Gerow

Seconded by: Hector Macmillan

That the motion be amended to receive the Budget Action Plan and to hold a Full Authority meeting on May 3 at 10:00 am.

Carried.

Bob Stiles thanked Ron Chittick and Linda Reed for their presentation.

MEETING CANCELLATION POLICY:

FA Motion G36/12

Moved by: Hector Macmillan

Seconded by: Suzanne Partridge

That the Meeting Cancellation Policy be approved by the Full Authority Board.

Carried.

GENERIC REGULATIONS REPORT:

Tim asked the Board if the reports that were sent out with the agenda package were what they wanted to see, as there was a request to have more details in the reports at the previous meeting. The Board agreed the level of detail provided at today`s meeting is sufficient.

FA Motion G37/12

Moved by: Sharon Carson

Seconded by: Gerald Phillips

To approve Generic Regulations report as presented.

Carried

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:

Tim updated the Board on current water levels and flows. He informed the Board that summer levels and flows are being approached, which is unusual for this time of the year. Tim informed the Board that the spring flows at Marmora peaked at 92cms this year, which is approximately half of what a significant spring freshet as experienced in 2008. Tim stated that the longer these current trends continue the chances of low water becoming an issue increases. Staff have replaced most of the stop logs and have begun jacking the dams to help maintain the water levels for the upcoming summer season.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Sandy Fraser stated that if anyone has any questions about the Budget Action Plan, to contact Linda Reed or Ron Chittick.

MEDIA SESSION:

Judy asked how the Budget Action Plan was developed. Tim informed her that there was a motion passed at the Board Meeting in December requesting the plan be developed.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

The next scheduled meeting of the Full Authority Board will be 3 May 2012 at 10:00am.

Suzanne Partridge mentioned that there may be a possibility of cancelling the June meeting and having the Full Authority meeting the same day as the Source Protection Authority in July. This will be discussed at the next meeting on May 3rd.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Hector Macmillan, the meeting was adjourned at 3:40pm.

Amanda Donald
Recording Secretary

Bob Stiles
Chair