

CROWE VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

FULL AUTHORITY

19 November 2015

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Taylor	Limerick Township
Jim O'Shea	North Kawartha
Catherine Redden	Municipality of Trent Hills
Irene Martin	Tudor & Cashel Township
Bob Ireland	Wollaston Township
Sandy Fraser	Municipality of Marmora and Lake
Edgar Storms	Stirling-Rawdon Township
Suzanne Partridge	Municipality of Highlands East
Emma Kearns	Faraday Township
Ron Gerow	Havelock-Belmont-Methuen Townships

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None.

ALSO PRESENT:

Tim Pidduck, General Manager/Secretary Treasurer, CVCA
Amanda Donald, Recording Secretary, CVCA
Sharlene Richardson, Regulations Officer, CVCA
Kathy Hamilton, Marmora and Lake Resident

CALL TO ORDER:

The Chair, Suzanne Partridge, called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

FA Motion G 67/15

Moved by: Ron Gerow

Seconded by: Bob Ireland

That the agenda be approved as circulated.

Carried.

WELCOME:

The Chair, Suzanne Partridge, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

There were no conflicts declared.

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

FA Motion G 68/15

Moved by: Catherine Redden

Seconded by: Irene Martin

That the minutes and motions of the Full Authority meeting, 24 September 2015, be approved as circulated.

Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

None.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was some discussion on the procedure of receiving correspondence and the numbers mentioned in the letter were discussed.

FA Motion G 69/15

Moved By: Catherine Redden

Seconded By: Ron Gerow

To receive letter from Dave Daunter and a letter be sent thanking him for his correspondence.

Carried.

REGULATIONS & PLANNING REPORT

Sharlene Richardson, Regulations Officer, informed the Board forty permits and thirty planning files have been completed since the previous meeting. There are 2 ongoing violations and one application that may become contentious. Sharlene informed the Board there are sixteen planning files still owing money totaling \$3,400. After some discussion the Board directed staff to send a letter to the applicants, with fees still owing, informing them if their fees are not paid by a certain date, it will be sent to a collections agency.

GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

Tim informed the Board the water levels on all lakes are in good shape for this time of the year. The only problem is with the Cordova hydro plant and keeping the leaves and pine needles clear of the intake.

There was a discussion on rabbit hunting request on Callaghan`s Rapids Conservation Area.

FA Motion G 70/15

Moved By: Catherine Redden

Seconded By: Jim O`Shea

To allow the request for rabbit hunting at Callaghan`s Rapids providing the hunters provide proof of registration and insurance.

Carried.

FA Motion G 71/15

Moved By: Sandy Fraser

Seconded By: Bob Ireland

That a letter be sent to Mr. Totten thanking him for his generous offer, but CVCA is not in a position to accept the land donation at this time and must decline the offer.

Carried.

There was some discussion on the Water and Erosion Control Infrastructure (WECI) Funding for 2016. Tim assured the Board there has been no discussions of cutting back the program at any Conservation Ontario meetings.

Tim informed the Board he is confident there will be a reduction in the insurance; however it is unknown how much at this time. The Conservation Authorities Insurance Committee will be meeting in the last week of November.

GENERAL MANAGERS REVIEW

Tim Pidduck informed the Board he has had discussions with Ken Phillips, General Manager of Conservation Halton, and Ken is willing to provide staff expertise to help establish a procedure for conducting the General Manger's review. No dates have been set at this time.

MARMORA & LAKE/HBM MEETING – 27 NOVEMBER 2015

Suzanne Partridge stated this issue was discussed at the previous meeting and it was her impression that any meeting to discuss the Quinte Proposal would be held by CVCA. She does not see the benefit to attending the meeting on 27 November 2015. Ron Gerow apologized to the Board for not being at the previous Board meeting. The township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen (HBM) is looking to save money wherever they can find savings. The township is getting a 4 percent increase just for their policing services. HBM Council would like to revisit the Quinte Proposal and have a discussion with the Board on 27 November 2015 at the Marmora town hall. Ron informed the Board he has had discussions with the Parliamentary Assistant of the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, Eleanor McMahon and asked her to attend the meeting. Catherine Redden stated all municipalities are strapped and that they are all in this together. This organization publicly made a decision and each Board member needs to publicly support that decision and respect the Conservation Authority.

There was a discussion on the Long Range Plan, the 2013 Quinte Proposal and service changes to the CVCA watershed residents. At a request of their respective councils, several of the Board members will be attending the 27 November 2015 Havelock-Belmont-Methuen and Marmora and Lake joint council meeting.

The Board took a break at 11:00am.

The Chair called the meeting back to order at 11:12am.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Suzanne Partridge informed the Board that one more member needs to be elected for the executive committee. Bob Ireland volunteered for the vacant position.

FA Motion G 72/15

Moved By: Jim O'Shea

Seconded By: John Taylor

To appoint Bob Ireland for the third position of the Executive Committee.

Carried.

2016 DRAFT BUDGET

Suzanne Partridge informed the Board she asked staff to prepare a draft 2016 budget for this meeting. Ron Gerow would like to opportunity to share this draft budget with his council and he has no problem with it as it is. There was some discussion on the Marmora hydro plant and Tim informed the Board he has had conversations with Bob Allan, of Shaman Power, and no changes are expected. Tim informed the Board that this draft of the budget, staff merit increases have not been included. It has been five years since staff has received merit increases and they have had additional work load placed on them. Suzanne asked Tim to prepare a proposal that will be discussed in camera at a future meeting.

FA Motion G 73/15

Moved By: Bob Ireland

Seconded By: Ron Gerow

That the draft 2016 budget be approved pending further discussions regarding revisions to staff wages and municipal input.

Carried.

MCGEACHIE COTTAGE CLOSING

The Board discussed the closing of the cottage for the winter months and considered the risks to the plumbing system at the cottage if the pipes were drained. Some of the

concerns were freezing pipes, damage to the foundation and corrosion of the water pipes.

FA Motion G 74/15

Moved By: Emma Kearns

Seconded By: Sandy Fraser

That staff hire a plumber to get a recommendation and quote for draining the pipes for the winter months, and proceed as they see fit.

Carried.

2016 MEETING DATES

FA Motion G 75/15

Moved By: Ron Gerow

Seconded By: John Taylor

That the 2016 meeting dates be approved as circulated.

Carried.

CHRISTMAS CLOSING

FA Motion G 76/15

Moved by: Jim O'Shea

Seconded by: Irene Martin

That the Board agrees to the office closing dates of 29, 30 and 31 of December 2015 provided an appropriate on call and duty forecast schedule will be implemented by the General Manager.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ron Gerow informed the Board that the County is downloading the Bridge to Round Lake Dam onto HBM and the bridge is in need of repairs.

MEDIA SESSION.

None.

MOTION TO MOVE IN CAMERA

FA Motion G 77/15

Moved by: Ron Gerow

Seconded by: Bib Ireland

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

Carried.

FA Motion G 78/15

Moved By: Jim O'Shea

Seconded By: John Taylor

That the Full Authority Board move into open session.

Carried.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

The next scheduled meeting of the Full Authority Board will be 21 January 2016 at 10:00am.

ADJOURNMENT:

FA Motion G 79/15

Moved By: Emma Kearns

That the Full Authority Board Meeting be adjourned at 11:55am.

Carried.

Amanda Donald
Recording Secretary

Suzanne Partridge
Chair