

CROWE VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
FULL AUTHORITY – Virtual Mee4ting via Google Meet

19 November 2020

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ronald Carrol	Tudor & Cashel Township
Tim Conlin	Wollaston Township

ALSO PRESENT:

Tim Pidduck, General Manager/Secretary Treasurer, CVCA
Amanda Donald, Recording Secretary, CVCA

WELCOME:

The Chair, Catherine Redden, welcomed everyone to the meeting which was being held electronically by Google Meet.

CALL TO ORDER:

The Chair, Catherine Redden, called the meeting to order at 10:39am.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

FA Motion G 62/20

Moved by: Jan O'Neill

Seconded by: Edgar Storms

That the agenda be approved as circulated.

Recorded Vote:

Suzanne Partridge	Yes	Jim Martin	Yes
Catherine Redden	Yes	Jim O'Shea	Yes
Edgar Storms	Yes	Jan MacKillican	Yes
Dan Bujas	Yes	Tim Conlin	N/A
Jan O'Neill	Yes	Ronald Carroll	N/A

Carried.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

There were no conflicts declared.

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

FA Motion G 63/20

Moved by: Jan MacKillican

Seconded by: Jim Martin

That the minutes and motions of the Full Authority, 17 September 2020, be approved as circulated.

Recorded Vote:

Suzanne Partridge	Yes	Jim Martin	Yes
Catherine Redden	Yes	Jim O'Shea	Yes
Edgar Storms	Yes	Jan MacKillican	Yes
Dan Bujas	Yes	Tim Conlin	N/A
Jan O'Neill	Yes	Ronald Carroll	N/A

Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

REGULATIONS AND PLANNING REPORT

No questions were asked about the circulated reports. Tim informed the Board there will likely be an education session at the next Board meeting regarding the regulations program for the Board to further familiarize themselves with the program and to introduce possible changes that may be in place should the amendments to the Conservation Authorities Act proceed.

FA Motion G 64/20

Moved by: Dan Bujas

Seconded by: Jan O'Neill

To receive the regulations and planning reports as circulated and presented.

Carried.

Due to dam operations, Andrew McIntyre was unavailable to review the regulations and planning reports with the Board. Tim Pidduck stated the reports were fairly straight forward but if there were any questions or concerns, Andrew would certainly address them at the next meeting.

APPROVAL OF 2021 FEES

Tim Pidduck reviewed the proposed minor changes to the regulations fees. There are no proposed changes to the planning fees or the hunting fees for 2021. There was some discussion on hunting at Callaghan's Rapids Conservation Area. The updated fees for cottage rentals were reviewed.

FA Motion G 65/20

Moved by: Jan MacKillican

Seconded by: Edgar Storms

That all the CVCA's 2021 fee schedules be approved as circulated.

Recorded Vote:

Suzanne Partridge	Yes	Jim Martin	Yes
Catherine Redden	Yes	Jim O'Shea	Yes
Edgar Storms	Yes	Jan MacKillican	Yes
Dan Bujas	Yes	Tim Conlin	N/A
Jan O'Neill	Yes	Ronald Carroll	N/A

Carried.

REGULATIONS STAFFING PROPOSAL

Tim Pidduck informed the Board he is hopeful the 1-year contract for a Regulations Officer with the possibility of extension will attract a significant number of qualified candidates. He reminded the Board, experienced Regulations Officers in Ontario are limited and there is a good possibility there will be few candidates with experience applying for the position. Tim is aiming to have the new employee start early in January 2021.

FA Motion G 66/20

Moved by: Dan Bujas

Seconded by: Jan O'Neill

That the CVCA hire a regulations and planning employee for a temporary full time 1-year contract starting 1 January 2021 and that the Board amend the Draft 2021 budget as required, drawing on 2020 savings, reserves and other funding opportunities.

Suzanne Partridge	Yes	Jim Martin	Yes
Catherine Redden	Yes	Jim O'Shea	Yes
Edgar Storms	Yes	Jan MacKillican	Yes
Dan Bujas	Yes	Tim Conlin	N/A
Jan O'Neill	Yes	Ronald Carroll	N/A

Carried.

2021 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS

Tim Pidduck informed the Board the combined Operations and Capital Draft 2021 Budgets increase is 1.56%. Tim reviewed and highlighted key budgetary items with the Board. Tim highlighted the contribution to the asset replacement program and emphasized the need to continue this and to also place funds into the infrastructure reserve for future work on CVCA's dams. There was some discussion on the Marmora dam repairs to concrete that should be completed. CVCA staff will apply for WECl funding again for this project, but if the funding is denied, Tim Pidduck recommended the Board should consider going ahead with this project.

FA Motion G 67/20

Moved by: Suzanne Partridge

Seconded by: Dan Bujas

To circulate the Draft 2021 Operations and Capital Budgets to member municipalities for the required thirty-day review period and comments.

Recorded Vote:

Suzanne Partridge	Yes	Jim Martin	Yes
Catherine Redden	Yes	Jim O'Shea	Yes
Edgar Storms	Yes	Jan MacKillican	Yes
Dan Bujas	Yes	Tim Conlin	N/A
Jan O'Neill	Yes	Ronald Carroll	N/A

Carried.

GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

Tim Pidduck updated the Board on the changes to the Conservation Authorities Act proposed by the Provincial Government and the implications it will have on all Conservation Authorities. The proposed amendments will have a significant impact on Conservation Authorities and their member municipalities. For example, section 6 changes will enable the Minister of Environment Conservation and Parks (MECP) to intervene and render decisions for permits at virtually any step of the regulations program process. This has the potential to allow further wetlands to be destroyed and to put people and their property at risk by potentially allowing development in wetlands and floodplains. Another implication is changes to the makeup of the Board, allowing only municipal councilors to be Board members. These monumental changes to the Conservation Authorities Act is taking a step backwards and will have significant impacts for many years to come.

There was discussion on the requested municipal endorsement of a resolution to support Conservation Authorities and the municipal resolutions be sent to the Premier and Minister Yuerik.

FA Motion G 68/20

Moved by: Jim Martin

Seconded by: Jan O'Neill

The CVCA supports the amended draft municipal resolution to include further consultations and differentiate between urban and rural areas and that the resolution be circulated to member municipalities for endorsement.

Carried.

APPROVAL OF 2021 MEETING DATES

FA Motion G 69/20

Moved by: Jim O'Shea

Seconded by: Jan O'Neill

To approve the 2021 meeting dates as circulated.

Carried.

CHRISTMAS CLOSING 2020

FA Motion G 70/20

Moved by: Jim O'Shea

Seconded by: Jim Marin

To approve the 2020 Christmas closing as circulated.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Tim Pidduck informed the Board he is writing a letter to Premier Ford and other politicians regarding the changes to the Conservation Authorities Act and asked the Board for support. Tim will circulate the draft letter to the Board for comments. The Board asked Tim to send a copy to local MPPs as well.

MEDIA SESSION

None.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

The next scheduled meeting of the Full Authority Board will be 21 January 2021 at 10:00am.

ADJOURNMENT:

FA Motion G 71/20

Moved by: Suzanne Partridge

That the Full Authority Board Meeting be adjourned at 12:15am.

Carried.

Amanda Donald
Recording Secretary

Catherine Redden
Chair