

CROWE VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

FULL AUTHORITY

19 September 2019

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 MacKillican	Limerick Township
Dan Bujas	Faraday Township
Jan O'Neill	Municipality of Marmora and Lake
Tim Conlin	Wollaston Township
Ronald Carroll	Tudor & Cashel Township
Edgar Storms	Stirling-Rawdon Township

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None.

ALSO PRESENT:

Tim Pidduck, General Manager/Secretary Treasurer, CVCA
Amanda Donald, Recording Secretary, CVCA
Wayne Alexander, Belmont Lake Resident
Vicki Woolfrey, Regulations Officer, CVCA
Robert Cole, Regulations Officer, CVCA

CALL TO ORDER:

The Chair, Catherine Redden, called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

WELCOME:

The Chair, Catherine Redden, welcomed the Board and guests to the meeting. Chair Redden made reference to the letter received from Minister Yurek late in the summer. Chair Redden thanked CVCA staff for work completed on a dam located in Warworth for Lower Trent Conservation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

FA Motion G 58/19

Moved by: Dan Bujas

Seconded by: Jan O'Neill

That the agenda be approved as circulated.

Carried.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

There were no conflicts declared.

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

FA Motion G 59/19

Moved by: Tim Conlin

Seconded by: Edgar Storms

That the minutes and motions of the Full Authority meeting, 20 June 2019, be approved as circulated.

Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Tim Pidduck informed the Board nothing transpired from Mr. Lakey's delegation at the previous Board meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

2020 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS

Catherine Redden referred to the last letter received from Minister Yurek regarding fee and levy increases for 2020. She would like to know the opinion of each Board member of the letter and the possible implications for CVCA. Tim Pidduck reminded the Board that CVCA has made several improvements to address health and safety issues at some of the dams. He also stated member municipalities have shown their support for CVCA which has allowed CVCA to move forward and address these infrastructure issues. Tim discussed the provincial cuts and the request to not raise fees and levies moving forward and the implications this has for CVCA and other smaller conservation authorities. Other conservation authorities are moving forward with their 2020 budget deliberations and are requesting a range of levy increases from 2% to 15%. It is a challenging time for conservation authorities and the CVCA Board has been very supportive in the past. Catherine Redden reminded the Board that some conservation authorities have expanded their mandated programs and services but that is not the case at CVCA. The provincial cuts were made assuming all conservation authorities are the same, however one size doesn't fit all in this case.

There was a round table discussion on the budget and each member expressed their concerns for the preparation of the 2020 budget. The main topics of discussion were to create the 2020 budget as usual, sharing services and looking at alternatives and finding efficiencies and new ideas. There was also some discussion on the definition of the core mandate for conservation authorities and how the province is yet to define the core mandate of conservation authorities. Due to the fact that CVCA budget is quite small, there was discussion on considering the dollars and cents rather than the percentage when reviewing the 2020 budget.

There was a discussion on contacting local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs) to ensure they fully understand the impacts these cuts could have on the CVCA and smaller conservation authorities in rural Ontario.

FA Motion G 60/19

Moved by: Jan O'Neill

Seconded by: Dan Bujas

To direct staff to set up meetings with local MPPs to discuss the impacts the cuts will have a small rural conservation authorities and to present a document outlining the impacts.

Carried.

SHORT TERM DISABILITY

FA Motion G 61/19

Moved by: Dan Bujas

Seconded by: Jan MacKillican

To direct staff to investigate options for short term disability and bring options to the November Board meeting.

Carried.

REGULATIONS & PLANNING REPORTS

Vicki Woolfrey summarized the planning and regulations reports circulated to the Board. Since the previous Board meeting in June, there have been 81 permits issued, 32 property inquiry forms completed and 41 planning files completed. There was some discussion on considering changing the policy regarding the use of armour stone on shorelines.

VIOLATIONS REPORT

Robert Cole reviewed the violations report with the Board. Since the June meeting there have been 12 new violations received for a total of 28 violations in the queue. There have been 5 violations closed and there were 10 complaints received at the office.

There was some discussion on how the violations were discovered and the type of work that was completed without a permit.

BOARD ORIENTATION – REGULATIONS VIOLATIONS & NON-COMPLIANCE

Robert Cole gave a presentation to the Board reviewing the violations and non-compliance program. The presentation reviewed how the program deals with enforcement, education and prevention. Robert reviewed a typical enforcement procedure with the Board.

There was discussion on completing a brochure to include in municipal welcome packages to new residents to the area.

GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

Tim Pidduck updated the Board on the McGeachie trails. He informed the Board an agreement needs to be signed and he would like to have a motion of support to sign the agreement. The agreement has been reviewed by CVCA solicitors and some changes have been made to the agreement.

FA Motion G 62/19

Moved by: Jan MacKillican

Seconded by: Suzanne Partridge

To sign the agreement for the North Hastings Economic Development Committee (NHEDC).

Carried.

There was some discussion on the winter water levels on Crowe Lake and the flooding that occurred in the spring of 2019. There was also a discussion on the Cordova Lake dam and the gates being locked to restrict access to the dam from the public. Catherine Redden asked Tim to investigate the possibility of CVCA operating the Warkworth dam on behalf of Lower Trent Conservation.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Tim Pidduck offered to take any interested Board members on a tour of the Marmora Dam and Hydro Plant after the meeting. There was a discussion on having a watershed tour for a full day in October. A poll of possible dates for the watershed tour will be circulated to the Board.

MEDIA SESSION

None.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

The next scheduled meeting of the Full Authority Board will be 21 November 2019 at 10:00am.

ADJOURNMENT:

FA Motion G 63/19

Moved by: Dan Bujas

That the Full Authority Board Meeting be adjourned at 12:20pm.

Carried.

Amanda Donald
Recording Secretary

Catherine Redden
Chair