

CROWE VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

FULL AUTHORITY

21 April 2016

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Emma Kearns	Faraday Township
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ALSO PRESENT:

Tim Pidduck, General Manager/Secretary Treasurer, CVCA
Amanda Donald, Recording Secretary, CVCA
Sharlene Richardson, Regulations Officer, CVCA

CALL TO ORDER:

The Chair, Suzanne Partridge, called the meeting to order at 9:55am.

WELCOME:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

FA Motion G 34/16

Moved by: Catherine Redden

Seconded by: Irene Martin

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 35/16

Moved by: John Taylor

Seconded by: Jim O'Shea

That the minutes and motions of the Full Authority meeting, 3 March 2016, be approved as circulated.

Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

None.

CORRESPONDENCE:

FA Motion G 36/16

Moved By: Catherine Redden

Seconded By: John Taylor

To receive the following correspondence:

- a) Stirling-Rawdon Letter – 29 March 2016
- b) Faraday Letter – 15 March 2016
- c) Faraday Letter – 7 April 2016
- d) Havelock-Belmont-Methuen Letter – 7 March 2016
- e) Tudor & Cashel Letter – 7 March 2016
- f) Havelock-Belmont-Methuen Letter – 13 April 2016

Carried.

There was some clarification on alternate Board members. Suzanne informed the Board the Conservation Authorities Act does not allow for alternates and the Reeve of Faraday Township would like the Board to appeal the CA Act to allow for alternates.

FA Motion G 37/16

Moved By: Ron Gerow

Seconded By: Sandy Fraser

To add Board Alternates onto the agenda for the next Board meeting.

Carried.

REGULATIONS AND PLANNING REPORTS

Sharlene Richardson informed the Board there are 6 planning files in the queue and 9 regulations applications in the queue. Sharlene updated the Board on the permits and planning files that payments are past due and have gone to collections for payment. So far the Authority has received 5 to 6 payments through the collections agency.

There was a discussion on the court decision regarding an in water boat house in North Kawartha Township and how this decision is affecting municipalities and the possibility of effecting the CVCA's regulations program.

FA Motion G 38/16

Moved By: John Taylor

Seconded By: Jim O'Shea

To receive the regulations and planning report as circulated.

Carried.

GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

Tim informed the Board Catherine Redden appeared on television show, *The Agenda*, and that it was well done. Catherine briefly informed the Board the topic of the show was on municipal politics, profiles of councillors and the lack of interest in younger generations in local politics.

Edgar Storms arrived at 10:15am.

Tim informed the Board water levels and flows are now where they should be for this time of the year. As the lake levels and flows stabilize, some fluctuations in water levels may be seen throughout the watershed. Tim thanked the staff for putting their personal lives on hold for the duration of the flood warning to serve the watershed residents and the municipalities.

Tim informed the Board the Water and Erosion Control Infrastructure (WECI) projects that were submitted were all denied for this year due to being ranked low by the WECI committee.

Suzanne Partridge referred to the General Manager's report regarding electronic donation system for CVCA's Conservation Areas.

FA Motion G 39/16

Moved By: John Taylor

Seconded By: Edgar Storms

To establish an electronic donation system through MacKay Pay to entice conservation users to donate to the CVCA to help offset expenses and that a tax receipt will be provided to those who donate at the \$10 level or higher and to have discussions with the Municipality of Trent Hills for an agreement to share Crowe Bridge donation revenue.

Carried.

The Board discussed the letter to HBM from Tim with regards to Eleanor McMahon's suggestion for mediation. Ron informed the Board that his council would be open to mediation if the Board would reopen the Quinte Proposal for discussions. Ron also stated that Eleanor McMahon is currently looking for a

mediator. There was discussion on the mediation process, the cost and who would be involved in the process. Ron informed the Board that the HBM council felt there were significant savings in the Quinte proposal and they would like to see it back before the Board for consideration. The Board discussed the possibility of fees Quinte may charge to update the proposal. Concerns were expressed about service levels and the loss of the dedicated staff of CVCA, should Quinte take over the operations of CVCA. Some Board members felt it is premature to contact Quinte for an updated proposal.

FA Motion G 40/16

Moved By: Ron Gerow

Seconded By: Sandy Fraser

That staff investigate the cost, scope and the processes involved with mediation.

Carried.

FA Motion G 41/16

Moved By: Ron Gerow

Seconded By: Sandy Fraser

That staff contact QC to see if they are interested in updating the proposal and to get a quote for their expenses to complete the proposal.

Carried.

STAFF PRESENTATION – 2016 SPRING FRESHET

The Board viewed a video that staff prepared during the flood warning of the spring freshet. The video was posted on the CVCA Facebook page and has had over 4000 views. During the spring freshet there were 9600 hits in the website. The video is available for viewing on CVCA's website and *Facebook* page.

2016 DRAFT BUDGET

Tim gave a brief history on how budgets have been voted on over the last 10 years. Ron Gerow expressed concern with how the budget has been realigned, but wants the process to move forward and thinks a mediator might be able to help with this process. He would like to see the budget go down to 6% as per the Long Range Plan and he does not agree with the advice of the solicitor or the staff report.

FA Motion G 42/16

Moved By: Jim O'Shea

Seconded By: Catherine Redden

That the Board apply the one for one vote and the weighted vote system as described by the CVCA's solicitor to the applicable sections of the realigned 2016 budget distributed at the March 3rd 2016 meeting and that by establishing the appropriate voting methods for each section of the budget, this will ensure consistency for the approval process of future budgets.

Recorded Vote:

Suzanne Partridge	Yes	Ron Gerow	No
Catherine Redden	Yes	Jim O'Shea	Yes
Edgar Storms	Yes	John Taylor	Yes
Emma Kearns	N/A	Robert Ireland	Yes
Sandy Fraser	No	Irene Martin	Yes

Carried.

Tim informed the Board since the budget has been circulated to the member municipalities, several letters have been received requesting the budget be decreased to the 6% as stated in the Long Range Plan. As a result he has prepared two new versions of the budget at a 6% increase, one by not giving cost of living increases to staff and the other by reducing the cost of living increase to staff and lowering the contingency. There was discussion on removing the contingency to allow staff to receive the cost of living increase that was originally discussed.

FA Motion G 43/16

Moved By: Catherine Redden

Seconded By: Bob Ireland

To approve the 2016 budget at a 6% increase and adjust the contingency to allow for staff wage increases up to 2.9%.

Carried.

The Board took a break for lunch at 11:55am.

The meeting was called back to order at 12:25pm.

MEDIA SESSION

None.

MOTION TO MOVE IN CAMERA

FA Motion G 44/16

Moved by: Ron Gerow
Seconded by: Bob Ireland

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

Carried.

FA Motion G 45/16

Moved By: Catherine Redden
Seconded By: Irene Martin

That the Full Authority Board move into open session.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

The next scheduled meeting of the Full Authority Board will be 16 June 2016 at 10:00am.

ADJOURNMENT:

FA Motion G 46/16

Moved By: Irene Martin

That the Full Authority Board Meeting be adjourned at 12:47pm.

Carried.

Amanda Donald
Recording Secretary

Suzanne Partridge
Chair