

CROWE VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

FULL AUTHORITY

3 May 2012

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sandy Fraser	Municipality of Marmora and Lake
Brent Goodwin	Wollaston Township
Dave Golem	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
Barry Rand	Township of North Kawartha

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None.

ALSO PRESENT:

Judy Backus, Marmora Harold
Mark Hoult, Community Press
Tim Pidduck, General Manager/Secretary Treasurer, CVCA
Amanda Donald, Recording Secretary, CVCA

CALL TO ORDER:

The Chair, Bob Stiles, called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA:

Tim informed the Board that he has received two resolutions from two municipalities to be discussed by the Board. Tim suggested that this agenda item be added right after the Budget Action Plan.

FA Motion G 38/12

Moved by: Dave Golem

Seconded by: Suzanne Partridge

That the resolutions be added to the agenda for discussion.

Carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

FA Motion G 39/12

Moved by: Ron Gerow

Seconded by: Sandy Fraser

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. He also welcomed Dave Golem and Barry Rand to the Board.

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

FA Motion G 40/12

Moved by: Suzanne Partridge

Seconded by: Gerald Phillips

That the minutes and motions of the Full Authority meeting, 19 April 2012, be approved as circulated.

Hector Macmillan asked Tim about the population and municipal representation on the Board. Tim informed him and the Board that he did requested additional clarification from the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) and Conservation Ontario regarding this issue. Tim referred to section 14 (5) of the Conservation

Authorities Act and informed the Board that the population of the municipality that is considered is the population that is within the boundaries of the watershed and not the entire municipality.

Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Sandy Fraser reminded everyone that the primary reason for this meeting today is to discuss the Budget Action Plan that was presented to the Board for consideration at the last meeting in April.

FA Motion G 41/12

Moved by: Sandy Fraser

Seconded by: Ron Gerow

To adopt Option 3 of the Budget Action Plan as presented at the Board meeting on 19 April 2012.

Bob Stiles stated that he would like to have a discussion on the Budget Action Plan during the in camera session. Dave Golem stated that the Budget action Plan is to be discussed later on in the meeting as pointed out on the agenda. Suzanne Partridge requested a recorded vote. Ron Gerow suggested that the motion be deferred until after the closed session.

FA Motion G 42/12

Moved by: Ron Gerow

Seconded by: Sandy Fraser

To defer the motion until after the closed session.

Carried.

MOTION TO MOVE TO IN CAMERA SESSION:

FA Motion G 43/12

Moved by: Brent Goodwin

Seconded by: Dennis Purcell

That the Full Authority Board move into closed session.

Bob Stiles reminded the public that the closed session is for Board members only.

Carried.

MOTION TO MOVE INTO OPEN SESSION:

FA Motion G 44/12

Moved By:

Seconded By:

That the Full Authority Board move into open session.

Carried.

BUDGET ACTION PLAN:

Tim presented the Board with a revised 2012 draft budget. He informed the Board that additional information has come to his attention since December 2011. Tim informed the Board that he has had a recent meeting with the Authority's auditor and the auditor has suggested that some of the Authority's unrestricted reserves be transferred to the capital reserve to begin the process to address concerns for dam safety issues. There was some discussion on transferring funds from the unrestricted reserves to the capital reserve. The money would be used in conjunction with approved WECl funding from the MNR in 2013.

Tim walked through the revised draft 2012 budget with the Board, highlighting the changes that were made to help reduce the increase to 3.89%. There was some discussion on the reserves that the Authority has and how the Authority has come a long way. In 2000, the Authority's unrestricted reserves were at approximately \$9,000 and now they are over \$300,000.

Tim informed the Board that the MNR is planning on creating risk management plans across the province. CVCA will be participating in this program and the information from this plan will be crucial when going to the province for additional funding in the future. Tim thanked Bob for the opportunity to present the revised budget to the Board.

Gerald Phillips stated that there is nothing in this budget that could be considered a 5 year plan. Tim informed him that he would like this to be the start of a 5 year financial plan for the Authority. Hector Macmillan stated that it is unfair to the staff of the Authority to give up any wage increases and he stated that it is unreasonable for the municipalities to expect a 0 % increase year after year. Hector pointed out that there is a lot of one time revenues and savings in this budget that we cannot count on again for 2013, but if the staff are willing to support this budget then he is willing to support it for 2012.

Deferred Motion:

FA Motion G 41/12

Moved by: Sandy Fraser

Seconded by: Ron Gerow

To adopt option 3 of the Budget Action Plan as presented at the Board meeting on 19 April 2012.

Recorded Vote:

Sandy Fraser	Yes	Ron Gerow	Yes
Hector Macmillan	No	Barry Rand	No
Bob Stiles	No	Dave Golem	No
Dennis Purcell	No	Brent Goodwin	No
Suzanne Partridge	No	Gerald Phillips	No

Motion Defeated.

FA Motion G 45/12

Moved by: Hector Macmillan

Seconded by: Suzanne Partridge

To support the revised 2012 budget as presented in principle and proceed to present the budget to the Board members' respective councils for their 30 day review period and to continue working on the Operational Analysis Document and that the Budget Action Plan be held in abeyance.

Ron Gerow stated that he will not support this budget as he has never been in favour of depleting reserves. Hector Macmillan tried to explain to him that there are no funds coming out of the reserves for 2012 and he stated that it is a shame that so many municipalities decided to change their Board members at the last minute.

Suzanne Partridge asked Tim for some clarification on the weighted voting system for approving the budget. Tim explained to the Board that the weighted vote will happen at the next meeting. This vote is to take the budget to the municipalities for a 30 day review period and is a one for one vote.

Barry Rand expressed his concerns over the revised budget. He feels that the budget may get the Authority through 2012 but is concerned about the 2013 budget. Barry proposed a friendly amendment to Hector's motion.

FA Motion G 46/12

Moved by: Barry Rand

Seconded by: Ron Gerow

To amend the previous motion and split it into two motions, one for approval of the 2012 budget and one to continue working on the operational analysis of CVCA.

Motion Defeated.

FA Motion G 45/12

Moved by: Hector Macmillan

Seconded by: Suzanne Partridge

To support the revised 2012 budget as presented in principle and proceed to present the budget to the Board members' respective councils for their 30 day review period and to continue working on the Operational Analysis Document and further that the Budget Action Plan be held in abeyance.

Recorded Vote:

Sandy Fraser	No	Ron Gerow	No
Hector Macmillan	Yes	Barry Rand	No
Bob Stiles	Yes	Dave Golem	Yes
Dennis Purcell	Yes	Brent Goodwin	Yes
Suzanne Partridge	Yes	Gerald Phillips	Yes

Carried.

RESOLUTIONS FOR DISSOLUTION OF AUTHORITY:

FA Motion G 47/12

Moved by: Hector Macmillan

Seconded by: Brent Goodwin

To receive and file the resolutions received from Faraday Township and Wollaston Township.

There was some discussion on the wording of the resolutions that were distributed to the Board. Since neither resolution is requesting a meeting to discuss dissolution of the Authority they can be filed. Hector Macmillan stated that the townships can resubmit resolutions with the proper wording if desired, but it would be more supportive if they would give us a chance to work towards a more sustainable solution for the Authority.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Ron Gerow presented an email he has received from a Belmont Lake resident, regarding the water levels on Belmont Lake. Ron requested that Tim respond to the property owner and address his concerns.

MEDIA SESSION:

Mark Hoult asked for copies of the Operational Analysis, the revised 2012 budget and the resolutions from Faraday and Wollaston.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

The next scheduled meeting of the Full Authority Board will be 21 June 2012 at 10:00am.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Hector Macmillan, the meeting was adjourned at 12:35pm.

Amanda Donald
Recording Secretary

Bob Stiles
Chair