

Full Authority
16 June 2016
Agenda Item: 13

Board Members

Background

As per Motion G37/16, the CVCA Board has requested the subject of Board Alternates be placed on the June Agenda for discussion. In order to assist with the discussion, staff have provided a brief outline of recent deliberations and decisions when the question of alternates was first brought forward.

24 Feb 2012 Board Meeting

- Brief report circulated to Board for meeting at request of Chair (11 Dec 2011 Board Meeting)
- The report identified the Board's "unofficial policy" which allowed alternate council representation
- Staff informed the Board Section 14 (1) of the Conservation Authorities Act provides that members of an Authority shall be appointed by the respective Councils of the participating municipalities in the numbers prescribed by subsection 2 (2) and each member shall hold office until the first meeting of the Authority after the term for which he or she was appointed has expired."
- There is no provision for the appointment of alternative members in the CA Act. Therefore allowing alternates would be in contravention of the Act.
- Neighbouring Authorities were contacted and none surveyed allowed for the use of alternates.
- Staff recommended the Board not allow alternates as an option for the absence of appointed Board members.
- Board discussion ensued.
- Motions to allow Board alternates were defeated.

19 April 2012 Board Meeting

- CVCA solicitor submitted letter confirming previous report to Board – there is no provision in either the Conservation Authorities Act or the Municipal Act that provides for the appointment of an alternate member for a Municipality.
- The following Board Motion was passed:

FA Motion G30/12

Moved by: Ron Gerow

Seconded by: Sandy Fraser

To receive the letter presented by the Authority's solicitors but would like the opportunity for all Board members to take the letter back to their respective councils for discussions pertaining to their appointment.

Carried.

21 April 2016 Board Meeting

- Correspondence received from Faraday Township regarding alternates.
- Chair confirmed in a telephone conversation with Reeve of Faraday Township the CA Act does not allow for alternates
- Reeve requested Board appeal the CA Act to allow for alternates
- The following Board Motion was passed:

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.

Board Discussion