

Full Authority
24 September 2015
Agenda Item: 16

Land Donation – Concession 7 Part Lot 22, Wollaston Township

- From time to time, the Crowe Valley Conservation Authority is approached by a landowner wishing to donate their property to the CVCA. The incentive to donate varies for a number of reasons, such as to ensure the property remains environmentally protected, it may be landlocked, there is no one left in the family who wants it, would like a tax receipt for the donation, etc.
- In Section 20 (1) of the Conservation Authority Act, it states “The objects of an authority are to establish and undertake, in the area over which it has jurisdiction, a program designed to further the conservation, restoration, development and management of natural resources other than gas, oil, coal and minerals”.
- In addition Section 21 (1) (c) states an authority has power “to acquire by purchase, lease or otherwise and to expropriate any land that it may require”.
- The CVCA does not have a specific policy to deal with donated properties and therefore has dealt with each acquisition individually. The CVCA’s most notable land donation was the McGeachie Conservation Area.
- Mr. Ross Totten has contacted the CVCA and has stated verbally and in writing on behalf of three current landowners (siblings of deceased parents) they have no use for the property and would like to donate it to the CVCA.
- Mr. Totten et al are willing to donate the property and turn the deed over to the CVCA at no cost.
- The property is 10 acres located on Concession 7, Part Lot 22, Wollaston Township.
- The land is completely land locked with no access from the road.
- Adjoining lot owners may be willing to sell a small portion of their land to provide access for the CVCA.
- Approximately 50% is a wetland – a beaver pond has been getting larger every year.
- Total current taxes are \$387.19
- No outstanding taxes are owing.
- Given the above noted, Mr. Totten believes a tax appeal could very well be successful.

Board Decision