Maitland Valley Conservation Authority



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General Membership Meeting #6-20

June 17, 2020

Member's Present: David Turton, Roger Watt, Alison Lobb, Ed McGugan, Kevin

Freiburger, Anita van Hittersum, Megan Gibson, Cheryl Matheson,

Alvin McLellan, Erinn Lawrie

Absent: Matt Duncan

Staff Present: Phil Beard, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer

Danielle Livingston, Administrative/Financial Services Coordinator

Jayne Thompson, Communications Coordinator Stewart Lockie, Conservation Areas Coordinator Stephen Jackson, Flood/Erosion Safety Coordinator Chris Van Esbroeck, Stewardship Services Coordinator

Donna Clarkson, DWSP (Drinking Water Source Protection) Co-

Supervisor

Community Attendees: Doug Harding

1. Call to Order

Chair Dave Turton called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and outlined the meeting objectives.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no pecuniary interests at this time.



3. Business Out of the Minutes

a) Maitland Mills Association Revised Request: Report #29-2020

Report #29-2020 was presented and these motions followed.

Motion FA #57-20

Moved by: Roger Watt Seconded by: Ed McGugan

That the MVCA proceed with the disposition of the Brussels Mill and inform the Municipality of Huron East of the Membership's decision; And that staff contact the Maitland Mills Association to determine if they have the funds to cover the expenses of the consent to sever.

(carried)

Motion FA #58-20

Moved by: Alison Lobb Seconded by: Cheryl Matheson

That the MVCA proceed with the disposition and demolition of the Gorrie Mill and inform the Township of Howick of Membership's decision; And that staff discuss options for cost-sharing the legal expenses with the Maitland Mills Association.

(carried)

Motion FA #59-20

Moved by: Roger Watt Seconded by: Ed McGugan

That the MVCA fund the expenses as needed for the disposition of the Brussels and Gorrie Mills from working capital accumulated surplus.

(carried)

4. Business Requiring Direction and Decision

a) Draft Conceptual Plan for Decommissioning the Gorrie Dam and Restoration of the Gorrie Conservation Area: Report #30-2020

Report #30-2020 was presented and discussion took place that the conceptual plan for decommissioning was the first step of the process that MVCA must follow in order to comply with the Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act. The conceptual plan will be reviewed with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to determine if any hydrology and or hydraulic studies will be necessary.

This motion followed.

Motion FA #60-20

Moved by: Alvin McLellan Seconded by: Cheryl Matheson

That the conceptual plan for decommissioning the Gorrie dam be submitted to the MNRF (Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry) for consideration in the LIRA (Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act) application process.

(carried)

b) Proposed Amendment to MVCA's Shoreline Policy: Report #31-2020

Report #31-2020 was presented and this motion followed.

Motion FA #61-20

Moved by: Ed McGugan Seconded by: Kevin Freiburger

That the proposed polices be approved by the Members for inclusion in the MVCA's Shoreline Polices; And that the notice of the amended policies be posted on the MVCA's website within 10 days; And further that a non-registered mailing be sent to the current home address on file to shoreline property owners within 45 days to notify them of the amended policies.

(carried)

c) Possible Topics for Members Education Sessions: Report #32-2020

Report #32-2020 was presented and this motion followed.

Motion FA #62-20

Moved by: Alison Lobb Seconded by: Roger Watt

That the Member's 2020 education training topics include Healthy Watersheds-Healthy People, Agriculture Best Management Practices & Water Quality and Flood Control; And that training sessions be scheduled into the October, November and December meetings.

(carried)

d) Government Relations Strategy for 2020: Report #33-2020

Report #33-2020 was presented and this motion followed.

Conservation Ontario has recommended that each conservation authority contact the Members of Parliament in their respective watersheds to encourage them to support economic stimulus funding being allocated to conservation authorities.

The additional matter relates to AMO's request for a meeting with the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Park regarding the proposed changes to the Conservation Authorities Act and mandatory levy services.

Motion FA #63-20

Moved by: Alvin McLellan Seconded by: Alison Lobb

That the MVCA discuss the government relations matters outlined in Report #33/20 with the MPs and MPPs for Perth Wellington and Huron Bruce.

(carried)

5. Presentation: 2020 Work Plan Update: Report #34-2020

Report #34-2020 was presented and these motions followed.

Motion FA #64-20

Moved by: Roger Watt

Seconded by: Cheryl Matheson

That the work plan update report be accepted as outlined in Report 34-2020; And that a development of an outreach strategy for member municipalities be revisited at the September 16th Membership meeting.

(carried)

6. Reports

a) Chairs Report

There were no reports from the Chair at this time.

b) Member's Reports

There were no reports from the Member's at this time.

7. Consent Agenda

a) 2020 Budget Update: Report #35-2020

b) Revenue – Expenditure Report for May: Report #36-2020

c) Signed Agreements: Report #37-2020

The following items were circulated to the Member's for their information.

The following motion was made.

Motion FA #65-20

Moved by: Megan Gibson

Seconded by: Ed McGugan

That reports #35-20 through #37-20 along with their respective recommended motions and correspondence as outlined in the Consent Agenda be accepted as presented.

(carried)

At this time, the MVCA moved into a Maitland Source Protection Authority (MSPA) meeting without a motion.

The Member's resumed regular session.

8. Review of Meeting Objectives, Follow-up Actions, Next meeting:

Chair Turton reviewed the meeting objectives and announced that they have been met.

The next meeting of the membership will take place on September 16, 2020 at 7:00pm.

9. Adjournment

The meeting ended at 8:43 pm without a motion to adjourn.

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Danielle Livingston
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