

Membership Meeting #11-2023

November 15, 2023

Members Present: Alison Lobb, Ed McGugan, Alvin McLellan, Evan Hickey,
Anita van Hittersum, Sharen Zinn, Megan Gibson, Ed Podniewicz,
Andrew Fournier

Regrets: Matt Duncan

Staff Present: Phil Beard, General Manager-Secretary-Treasurer
Steward Lockie, Conservation Areas Coordinator
Michelle Quipp, Executive Assistant

Others Present:

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair, McGugan welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no pecuniary interests at this time.

3. Minutes

The minutes from the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA) General Membership Meeting #10-2023 held on October 18, 2023. Motion FA #78-23

Motion FA #78-23

Moved by: Anita van Hittersum

Seconded by: Megan Gibson

THAT the minutes from the General Membership Meeting #10-2023 on October 18, 2023 be approved.
(carried)

4. Business Out of the Minutes

- a) Review of Cost Apportionment (Levy) Options: Report #55-2023

Report #55-2023 was presented to the members and the following motion was made:

Motion FA #79-23

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Andrew Fournier

THAT 207,858 be used to develop the draft apportionment table.
(defeated)

Motion FA #80-23

Moved by: Alvin McLellan

Seconded by: Ed Podniewicz

THAT \$175,000 be used to develop a draft apportionment table.
(carried)

Motion FA #81-23

Moved by: Alvin McLellan

Seconded by: Megan Gibson

THAT \$175,000 be used for the draft budget forecast for 2025 and 2026
(carried)

5. Business Requiring Decision and or Direction:

- a) Proposed Authority Funded Projects 2024 Budget: Report #56-2023

Report #56-2023 was presented to the members and the following motion was made:

Motion FA #82-23

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Evan Hickey

THAT the authority funded projects outlined in Report #56-2023 be included in the 2024 draft budget and work plan AND THAT the additional projects outlined in Report #56-2023 be investigated to determine if there is support from the appropriate Member municipalities.
(carried)

- b) Direction on Cost of Living Increase for 2024: Report #57-2023

Report #57-2023 was presented to the members and the following motion was made:

Motion FA #83-23

Moved by: Megan Gibson

Seconded by: Evan Hickey

THAT the cost-of-living increase to be included in the draft 2024 budget be 4.3%.
(carried)

- c) Review of Fees Policy: Report #58-2023

Report #58-23 was presented to the members for their information and direction.

Motion FA #84-23

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Alvin McLellan

THAT the Fees Policy be amended to include fees related to the use of conservation areas.
And THAT religious/spiritual groups be included in the exemptions list.
(carried)

- d) Proposed Fee Changes for 2024: Report #59-2023

Report #59-23 was presented to the members for their information and direction.

Motion FA #85-23

Moved by: Megan Gibson

Seconded by: Anita van Hittersum

THAT the proposed fee changes be posted for comment for 30 days.
(carried)

Motion FA #86-23

Moved by: Alvin McLellan

Seconded by: Evan Hickey

THAT Member Per Diems-Mileage-Honorariums be left at the existing rates
(carried)

6. Chair and Members Updates:

Megan Gibson advised that the event held at the Gorrie Conservation Area for the Howick Trails grand opening was well attended and a success.

7. Consent Agenda:

The following items were circulated to the Members for their information:

- a) Revenue/Expenditure Report October: Report #60-2023
- b) Carbon Footprint Initiative Meeting Summary: Report #61-2023
- c) Agreements Signed: Report #62-2023
- d) Office Hours over Christmas: Report #63-2023
- e) What Are the Neighbours Up To Now: Story in Rural Voice

The following motion was made:

Motion FA #87-23

Moved by: Alvin McLellan

Seconded by: Alison Lobb

THAT Report #60-23 through Report #63-23 along with their respective motions as outlined in the Consent Agenda be approved.
(carried)

9. Adjournment: Next meeting: December 20, 2023, at 7:00 pm.

Motion FA #88-23

Moved by: Anita van Hittersum

Seconded by: Alison Lobb

THAT the Members Meeting be adjourned at 8:55pm.
(carried)

Matt Duncan
Chair

Phil Beard
General Manager / Secretary-Treasurer