

Membership Meeting #10-2023

October 18, 2023

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

Staff Present: Phil Beard, General Manager-Secretary-Treasurer
Jayne Thompson, Communications-IT-GIS Coordinator
Steward Lockie, Conservation Areas Coordinator
Danielle Livingston, Financial Services Coordinator
Patrick Huber-Kidby, Environmental Planner/Regulations Officer
Jeff Winzenried, Water Resources Technician
Shannon Millar, Shoreline Technician
Ben Van Dieten, Stewardship Projects Lead
Donna Clarkson, DWSP Co Supervisor

Others Present: Cory Bilyea, Wingham Advance Times

1. Call to Order

Chair Duncan welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and reviewed the meeting objectives.

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 #9-2023 held on September 20, 2023.

Motion FA #68-23

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Megan Gibson

THAT the minutes from the General Membership Meeting #9-2023 on September 20, 2023 be approved.

(carried)

4. Presentation: Cover Crops-Ben Van Dieten, Agricultural Services Supervisor

Ben Van Dieten made a presentation on cover crops to the members. The Members thanked Ben for his informative presentation. Ben offered to take the Members on a tour next year to look at some farms that are using cover crops.

5. Business Requiring Decision and or Direction:

- a) MOU for Programs and Services: Municip. of Wellington North: Report #47-2023

Report #47-2023 was presented to the members and the following motion was made:

Motion FA #69-23

Moved by: Megan Gibson

Seconded by: Alvin McLellan

That Report #47-2023 is received for information.

(carried)

- b) MECP Support for Healthy Lake Huron: Report: Report #48-2023

Report #48-23 was presented to the members for their information and direction.

Motion FA #70-23

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Ed McGugan

THAT Chair Duncan, contact Lisa Thompson to ask her to organize a meeting and tour with the Minister of Environment Conservation and Parks.

(carried)

6. Business Requiring Decision and or Direction:

a) 2024-2026 Work Plan: Report#49a-2023

Report #49a-23 was presented to the members and the following motion was made:

Motion FA #71-23

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Megan Gibson

THAT the three-year work plan outlined in Report #49a-2022 be approved for planning purposes as well as a guide to the development of the 2024 work plan.
(carried)

b) 2024-2026 Budget Forecast: Report #49b-2023

Report #49b-23 was presented and the following motion was made:

Motion FA #72-23

Moved by: Megan Gibson

Seconded by: Andrew Fournier

THAT the 2024-2026 financial forecast, be accepted as presented for planning purposes;
AND THAT staff are to bring back a cost apportionment table that incorporates the full short fall for the operating forecast and a \$150,000 increase to the November 15, 2023 members meeting.
(carried)

c) Approval of the Shoreline Hazard Mapping: Report #50-2023

Report #50-23 was presented and the following motion was made:

Motion FA #73-23

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Anita van Hittersum

THAT the Members adopt the updated Shoreline Hazard Mapping provided by Zuzek Inc. for the purposes of Planning & Regulations, and to fulfill the mandate to 'prepare for the impacts of a changing climate' under the Provincial Policy Statement.
(carried)

d) Proposed Air Quality Improvement Project-Admin. Centre: Report #51-2023

Report #51-23 was presented and the following motion was made:

Motion FA #74-23

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Anita van Hittersum

THAT the Members approve the quote of \$ 15,328.00 (plus HST) submitted by Bostech Mechanical for HVAC updates;

AND THAT Members approve the quote of \$4,500.00 (plus HST) submitted by Grubb and Gutscher (Basement Boss) to complete phase 1 for radon mitigation services.

(carried)

e) Proposed Amendment to Purchasing Policy: Report #52-2023

Report #52-23 was presented to the members for their consideration.

Motion #75-23

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Ed McGugan

THAT the Purchasing Policy be amended as follows: that if the funding agency does not require MVCA's signing officers to sign an agreement for project funding and the project is \$50,000 or less, then the GM ST or appropriate Coordinator or Supervisor may sign the agreement on behalf of MVCA.

(carried)

7. Chair and Members Updates:

Megan Gibson reported that there will be a grand opening for Howick's new trail system at the Gorrie Conservation Area on October 29, 2023 at 1pm.

8. Consent Agenda:

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

- a) Revenue/Expenditure Report September: Report #53-2023
- b) Conservation Ontario Council Meeting Summary: Report #54-2023
- c) Agreements Signed: Report #55-2023

The following motion was made:

Motion FA #76-23

Moved by: Megan Gibson

Seconded by: Alvin McLellan

THAT Report #53-23 through Report #55-23 along with their respective motions as outlined in the Consent Agenda be approved.
(carried)

9. Adjournment: Next meeting: November 15, 2023, at 7:00 pm.

Motion FA #77-23

Moved by: Megan Gibson

Seconded by: Alison Lobb

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



Matt Duncan
Chair



Phil Beard
General Manager / Secretary-Treasurer