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## Membership Meeting #4-2024

April 17, 2024

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

**Members Absent:** Vanessa Kelly

**Staff Present:** Phil Beard, General Manager-Secretary-Treasurer  
Stewart Lockie, Conservation Areas Services Coordinator  
Patrick Huber-Kidby, Planning and Regulations Supervisor  
Donna Clarkson, Source Water Protection Specialist  
Jayne Thompson, Communications, GIS, IT Coordinator  
Michelle Quipp, Executive Assistant

**Others Present:** Cory Bilyea, Reporter, Midwestern News

### 1. Call to Order

Chair, Ed 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 #3-2024 held on March 20, 2024.

#### **Motion FA #39-24**

**Moved by:** Alison Lobb

**Seconded by:** Megan Gibson

THAT the minutes from the General Membership Meeting #3-2024 held on March 20, 2024, be approved.

(carried)

#### 4. Business Out of the Minutes

- a) Recommendation from Twp. Of Howick re: Proposed Naturalization at the Gorrie Conservation Area: Report #25-2024

Report #25-2024 was presented to the members and the following motion was made:

##### **Motion FA #40-24**

**Moved by:** Alison Lobb

**Seconded by:** Alvin McLellan

THAT MVCA start naturalizing and maintaining the south side of the conservation area and enter into agreement with the township of Howick regarding grass cutting on the north side.  
(carried)

- b) Transition Requirements Ontario Regulation 41-24: Report #26-2024

Report #26-2024 was presented to the members and the following motions were made:

##### **Motion FA #41-24**

**Moved by:** Alison Lobb

**Seconded by:** Matt Duncan

THAT the following staff positions are appointed as officers under Section 30.1 of the Conservation Authorities Act:

General Manager / Secretary-Treasurer

Supervisor of Planning & Regulations

Regulations Officer & Environmental Planner/ Regulations Officer

Conservation Areas Coordinator

Falls Reserve CA Superintendent

Falls Reserve CA Assistant Superintendent

Field Services Specialist

Park Patrol Officer

Park Security;

AND THAT the following staff positions are appointed to issue permits under Ontario Regulation 688/21:

All Conservation Area Employees

(carried)

**Motion FA #42-24**

**Moved by:** Anita Van Hittersum      **Seconded by:** Megan Gibson

THAT MVCA staff attend meetings with the building and development departments of our member municipalities and counties to continue communication around these changes; AND THAT staff continue to monitor and incorporate guidance from Conservation Ontario and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry into regulatory working practices as that guidance is developed and issued.

(carried)

**5. Business Requiring Decision and or Direction:**

- a) Government Relations Strategy for 2024: Report #27-2024

Report #27-2024 was presented to the members and the following motions were made:

**Motion FA #43-24**

**Moved by:** Alvin McLellan      **Seconded by:** Alison Lobb

THAT MVCA chair and vice chairs meet with the two Members of Parliament.

(carried)

**Motion FA #44-24**

**Moved by:** Matt Duncan      **Seconded by:** Sharen Zinn

THAT MVCA chair write to MPP Lisa Thompson regarding the proposed meeting with the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks.

(carried)

**Motion FA #45-24**

**Moved by:** Alison Lobb      **Seconded by:** Ed Podniewicz

THAT MVCA prepare a newsletter and make presentations to member municipalities in 2024, as outlined in report #27-2024

(carried)

- b) Information/Education Strategy for 2024: Report #28-2024

Report #28-2024 was presented to the members and the following motion was made:

**Motion FA #46-24**

**Moved by:** Alison Lobb      **Seconded by:** Ed Podniewicz

THAT members identified Watershed Heath Assessment, Watershed Stewardship and Galbraith Conservation area, as future information and education topics.

(carried)

c) North Perth Flood Plain Mapping Comments: Report #29-2024

Report #29-2024 was presented to the members and the following motions were made:

**Motion FA #47-24**

**Moved by:** Alison Lobb

**Seconded by:** Evan Hickey

THAT the updated North Perth Floodplain Mapping be approved, except for the portion affected by the request for reconsideration, for use in Planning and Regulations and the development of tools to aid the Municipality's emergency services (stage mapping and evacuation mapping);

AND THAT results of the reinvestigated study area specific to 7977 and 8021 Rd 166 be brought back to the Members for approval at a later date.

(carried)

d) MCF Annual Meeting and Funding Confirmation for 2024: Report #30-2024

Report #30-2024 was presented to the members and the following motion was made:

**Motion FA #48-24**

**Moved by:** Anita Van Hittersum

**Seconded by:** Megan Gibson

THAT MVCA send a letter of thanks to the MCF and JHETF Boards in appreciation for their support of MVCA in 2024.

(carried)

## 6. Chair and Member Reports

Alvin McLellan asked if staff had any information on a clear-cutting violation.

Alison Lobb asked staff about a property located near the Falls Reserve Conservation Area.

Andrew Fournier shared news of the development of community garden projects in Mitchell and Dublin

## 7. Consent Agenda:

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

- a) Revenue-Expenditure Report for March 2024: #31-2024

**Motion FA #49-24**

**Moved by:** Matt Duncan

**Seconded by:** Megan Gibson

THAT Report #31 with the respective motions as outlined in the Consent Agenda be approved.

(carried)

## 8. Adjournment

Next meeting: May 15, 2024, at 8:00 pm at the Administrative Centre, Wroxeter. A governance review will be held from 7:00pm to 8:00 pm

### **Motion FA #50-24**

**Moved by:** Megan Gibson

**Seconded by:** Andrew Fournier

THAT the Members Meeting be adjourned at 8:07 pm.  
(carried)



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Ed McGugan  
Chair

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Phil Beard  
General Manager / Secretary-Treasurer