

Membership Meeting #10-2024

December 18, 2024

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

Members Absent: Vanessa Kelly

Staff Present: Phil Beard, General Manager-Secretary-Treasurer
Stewart Lockie, Conservation Areas Services Coordinator
Jeff Winzenried, Flood Forecasting Supervisor
Michelle Quipp, Executive Assistant

Others Present: Cory Bilyea, Midwestern Newspapers

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 #9-2024 held on November 20, 2024.

Motion FA #108-24

Moved by: Megan Gibson

Seconded by: Alvin McLellan

THAT the minutes from the General Membership Meeting #9-2024 held on November 20, 2024, be approved.

(carried)

4. Business out of the Minutes:

a) Review of Per Diem and Honorariums Report #79-2024

Report #79-2024 was presented to the members and the following motions were made:

Motion FA #109-24

Moved by: Alvin McLellan

Seconded by: Alison Lobb

THAT the MVCA 2025 members Per Diems be amended to \$84 for half day meetings and \$150 for full day meetings.

(carried)

Motion FA #110-24

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Ed Podniewicz

THAT the MVCA members Per Diems and Honorariums be adjusted by cost of living each year.

(carried)

b) Conservation Lands Strategy Comments: Report #80-2024

Report #80-2024 was presented to the members and the following motions were made:

Motion FA #111-24

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Megan Gibson

THAT a letter be sent to the Township of Huron-Kinloss in response to their comments and suggestions regarding the Conservation Areas Lands Strategy.

(carried)

Motion FA #112-24

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Evan Hickey

THAT the Members approve the Conservation Lands Strategy;

AND THAT the Conservation Lands Strategy be posted on the MVCA website.

(carried)

c) Fees Policy Comments: Report #81-2024

Report #81-2024 was presented to the members and the following motion was made:

Motion FA #113-24

Moved by: Anita Van Hittersum **Seconded by:** Ed Podniewicz
THAT the 2025 Fees Policy be approved.
(carried)

d) Draft 2025 Fee Schedule Comments: Report #82-2024

Report #82-2024 was presented to the members and the following motion was made:

Motion FA #114-24

Moved by: Alison Lobb **Seconded by:** Anita Hittersum
THAT the 2025 Fee Schedule be approved.
(carried)

5. Business Requiring Decision and or Direction:

a) Draft 2025 Work Plan & Budget: Report #83-2024

Report #83-2024 was presented to the members and the following motions were made:

Motion FA #115-24

Moved by: Megan Gibson **Seconded by:** Alvin McLellan
THAT the 2025 draft budget, work plan and levy be approved for review and comment by MVCA's member municipalities;
AND THAT the final work plan and budget be brought back to the Members on March 19, 2025, for final review and approval;
AND FURTHER THAT the municipal information package be developed and circulated to member municipalities in January based upon the direction provided by the Members.
(carried)

b) Natural Hazard Asset Management Plans: Report #84-2024

Report #84-2024 was presented to the members and the following motion was made:

Motion FA #116-24

Moved by: Alison Lobb **Seconded by:** Megan Gibson
THAT the Members approve and submit the Draft Natural Hazard Infrastructure Asset Management Plan to the Ministry of Natural Resources.
(carried)

c) Ice Management Plan: Report #85-2024

Report #85-2024 was presented to the members and the following motion was made:

Motion FA #117-24

Moved by: Andrew Fournier

Seconded by: Ed Podniewicz

THAT the Members approve and submit the Draft Ice Management Plan to the Ministry of Natural Resources.

(carried)

d) Draft Agenda for 2025 Annual Meeting: Report #86-2024

Report #86-2024 was presented to the members and the following motion was made:

Motion FA #118-24

Moved by: Anita Van Hittersum

Seconded by: Matt Duncan

THAT the Annual Meeting be held on February 19 at 2pm;

AND THAT the draft agenda outlined in Report #86-2024 be approved.

(carried)

e) Request from the Maitland Conservation Foundation: Report #87-2024

Report #87-2024 was presented to the members and the following motion was made:

Motion FA #119-24

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Sharen Zinn

THAT the General Manager Secretary Treasurer continue to serve as Interim Executive Director to the MCF Board in 2025;

AND THAT the MCF and JHETF Boards be thanked for their donation to MVCA in 2024.

(carried)

f) First Call for Declarations for Chair, Vice & Second Vice Chairs: Report #88-2024

Report #88-2024 was presented to the members for their information.

6. Chair and Member Reports

Chair Ed McGugan asked the members for ideas on how MVCA can receive more feedback on the work that MVCA does. Suggestions included surveys, social media posts and directly engaging with the public, both young and old, across the watershed.

7. Consent Agenda:

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

a) Revenue/Expenditure Report for November 2024: Report #89-2024

Motion FA #120-24

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Megan Gibson

THAT Report #89 along with the respective motions as outlined in the Consent Agenda be approved.

(carried)

8. In Camera Session: GM - ST Performance Review

Motion FA #121-24

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Evan Hickey

THAT the members move into in camera to discuss the GM-ST Performance Review.

(carried)

Motion FA #122-24

Moved by: Anita Van Hittersum

Seconded by: Alvin McLellan

THAT the members move back into the full authority meeting.

(carried)

Motion FA #123-24

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Antia Van Hittersum

THAT staff are to act as directed within closed session.

(carried)

9. Adjournment: Next meeting: January 22, 2025, at 7:00 pm at the Administrative Centre, Wroxeter.

Motion FA #124-24

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Megan Gibson

THAT the Members Meeting be adjourned at 9:06pm.

(carried)

Ed McGugan
Chair

Phil Beard
General Manager / Secretary-Treasurer