

## Membership Meeting #9-2024

November 20, 2024

**Members Present:** Alison Lobb, Ed McGugan, Alvin McLellan, Andrew Fournier, Vanessa Kelly, Anita Van Hittersum, Ed Podniewicz, Sharen Zinn

**Members Absent:** Matt Duncan, Megan Gibson, Evan Hickey

**Staff Present:** Phil Beard, General Manager-Secretary-Treasurer  
Stewart Lockie, Conservation Areas Services Coordinator  
Jayne Thompson, Communications, GIS, IT Coordinator  
Jeff Winzenried, Flood Forecasting Supervisor  
Sarah Gunnewiek, Water Resources Engineer  
Jason Moir, Park Superintendent  
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 #8-2024 held on October 16, 2024.

#### **Motion FA #96-24**

**Moved by:** Alvin McLellan

**Seconded by:** Sharen Zinn

THAT the minutes from the General Membership Meeting #8-2024 held on October 16 2024, be approved.

(carried)

4. Business out of the Minutes:

- a) Draft Watershed Strategy-Comments: Report #70-2024

Report #70-2024 was presented to the members and the following motion was made:

**Motion FA #97-24**

**Moved by:** Ed McGugan

**Seconded by:** Alison Lobb

THAT the Watershed Strategy be submitted to the Ministry of Natural Resources.  
(carried)

- b) Draft Administrative Review Policy-Comments: Report #71-2024

Report #71-2024 was presented to the members and the following motion was made:

**Motion FA #98-24**

**Moved by:** Anita Van Hittersum

**Seconded by:** Sharen Zinn

THAT the Administrative Review policy be approved.  
(carried)

- c) Draft Policy re: Use of Technical Guidelines for Natural Hazards-Comments: Report #72-2024

Report #72-2024 was presented to the members and the following motion was made:

**Motion FA #99-24**

**Moved by:** Alvin McLellan

**Seconded by:** Sharen Zinn

THAT the interim policy utilizing the most updated Technical Guidelines available to MVCA be used to review development applications in hazardous areas.  
(carried)

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

- a) Proposed Authority Funded Projects for 2025: Report #73-2024

Report #73-2024 was presented to the members and the following motion was made:

**Motion FA #100-24**

**Moved by:** Alison Lobb

**Seconded by:** Vanessa Kelly

THAT the authority funded projects outlined in Report #73-2024 be included in the 2025 draft budget and work plan  
(carried)

b) Review of Fees Policy: Report #74-2024

Report #74-2024 was presented to the members and the following motion was made:

**Motion FA #101-24**

**Moved by:** Sharen Zinn

**Seconded by:** Anita Van Hittersum

THAT the Fees Policy be amended to allow for the Fee Policy and Fee Schedule to be reviewed at the October Members meeting.

(carried)

c) Review of Draft Fee Schedule for 2025: Report #75-2024

Report #75-2024 was presented to the members and the following motion was made:

**Motion FA #102-24**

**Moved by:** Alvin McLellan

**Seconded by:** Ed Podniewicz

THAT the proposed changes to the fee schedule will be posted on MVCA's website for public review and comment.

(carried)

**Motion FA #103-24**

**Moved by:** Alison Lobb

**Seconded by:** Anita Van Hittersum

THAT MVCA survey other local conservation authorities and municipalities for their per diems and honorariums, and report back to the members.

(carried)

**Motion FA #104-24**

**Moved by:** Anita Van Hittersum

**Seconded by:** Sharen Zinn

THAT MVCA mileage rate be increased to .58 cent per kms for both members and staff.

(carried)

d) Draft Agreement: Town of Goderich/MVCA re: Goderich Bluffs Stabilization Project:  
Report #76-2024

Report #76-2024 was presented to the members and the following motion was made:

**Motion FA #105-24**

**Moved by:** Alison Lobb

**Seconded by:** Sharen Zinn

THAT the Authority authorizes the signing of the Goderich Bluffs WECl cost share agreement with the Town of Goderich.

(carried)

## 6. Chair and Member Reports

Chair Ed McGugan sent a response to Howick with respect to the Gorrie Conservation Area.

Alvin McLellan and Alison Lobb attended the Water Protection Steering Committee and shared what neighbouring communities are doing for water protection.

## 7. Consent Agenda:

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

- a) Revenue/Expenditure Report for October 2024: Report #77-2024
- b) Office Hours over Christmas-New Years: Report #78-2024
- c) Media Articles: Southern Lake Huron Coastal Action Plan; Brook Trout Return to Scott Drain

### **Motion FA #106-24**

**Moved by:** Alvin McLellan

**Seconded by:** Sharen Zinn

THAT Report #77-78 along with the respective motions as outlined in the Consent Agenda be approved.

(carried)

8. **Adjournment:** Next meeting: December 18, 2024, at 7:00 pm at the Administrative Centre, Wroxeter.

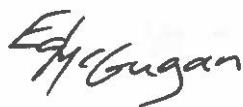
### **Motion FA #107-24**

**Moved by:** Vanessa Kelly

**Seconded by:** Sharen Zinn

THAT the Members Meeting be adjourned at 8:05pm.

(carried)



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Ed McGugan  
Chair

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Phil Beard  
General Manager / Secretary-Treasurer