

## Membership Meeting #4-2026

April 15, 2026

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

**Members Absent:** Andrew Fournier

**Staff Present:** Phil Beard, General Manager-Secretary-Treasurer  
Jayne Thompson, Communications Coordinator  
Stewart Lockie, Conservation Areas Services Coordinator  
Donna Clarkson, Source Water Protection Specialist  
Jeff Winzenried, Flood Forecasting Supervisor  
Michelle Quipp, Executive Assistant

**Others Present:** Cory Bilyea, Midwestern News Media  
Janet Stavinga, Watershed Conservation Coalition

### 1. Call to Order

Chair Ed McGugan, welcome 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

#### **Motion FA #41-26**

**Moved by:** Alvin McLellan

**Seconded by:** Alison Lobb

THAT the minutes from the General Membership Meeting #3-2026 held on March 18, 2026, be approved.  
(carried)

#### 4. Presentations

- a) Janet Stavinga, Watershed Conservation Coalition

Janet Stavinga shared key issues identified by the Watershed Conservation Coalition related to the proposed consolidation of Ontario's conservation authorities.

- b) Jeff Winzenreid, Flood Forecasting Supervisor: March Flood Event

Jeff Winzenreid made a presentation about a flood event that effected the Lucknow.

#### 5. Business Out of the Minutes

- a) Draft Response to Consolidation of Conservation Authorities: Report #21-2026

Report #21-2026 was presented and the following motion was made:

**Motion FA #42-26**

**Moved by:** Megan Gibson

**Seconded by:** Evan Hickley

THAT Report #21-2026 be accepted, as presented, with the additions identified by the members relating to need to consider future generations and concerns with representation by population.  
(carried)

#### 6. Business Requiring Direction and/or Decision:

- a) Proposed Legislative Changes: Conservation Authorities Act: Report #22-2026

Report #22-2026 was presented and the following motion was made:

**Motion FA #43-26**

**Moved by:** Alison Lobb

**Seconded by:** Evan Hickey

THAT Report #22-2026 be accepted.  
(carried)

- b) Government Relations Strategy for 2026: Report #23-2026

Report #23-2026 was presented and the following motion was made:

**Motion FA #44-26**

**Moved by:** Alison Lobb

**Seconded by:** Anita van Hittersum

THAT staff prepare a newsletter outlining 2026 activities and a separate newsletter regarding the amalgamation of conservation authorities, following the release of the regulations, for distribution to member municipalities and counties.  
(carried)

c) Information/Education Topics for 2026: Report #24-2026

Report #24-2026 was presented and the following motion was made:

**Motion FA #45-26**

**Moved by:** Matt Duncan

**Seconded by:** Megan Gibson

THAT the education topics recommended within Report #24-2026 be approved.  
(carried)

d) Planning for Last Members Meeting in October: Report #25-2026

Report #25-2026 was presented and the following motion was made:

**Motion FA #46-26**

**Moved by:** Evan Hickey

**Seconded by:** Alvin McLellan

THAT a daytime social with members, past members and staff will begin at 4pm on October 21, 2026 at Wroxeter Hall;  
AND THAT following a short break, members will reconvene to MVCA Administration Centre at 7pm.  
(carried)

e) Review of Proposals: Outdoor Pavilion-Wawanosh Valley: Report #26-2026

Report #26-2026 was presented and the following motion was made:

**Motion FA #47-26**

**Moved by:** Anita van Hittersum

**Seconded by:** Matt Duncan

THAT the Members award RFP MC#26-01-CA to Domm Construction Ltd. for the price of \$155,606.00 plus HST.  
(carried)

**7. Consent Agenda**

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

- a) Revenue/Expenditure Report for March: Report #27-2026
- b) Correspondence: Letter from Grey Sauble Conservation Authority

**Motion FA #48-26**

**Moved by:** Megan Gibson

**Seconded by:** Alison Lobb

THAT Report #27-2026 along with the respective motions as outlined in those reports be approved.  
(carried)

## 8. Chair and Member Reports

The Chair and Members did not have any reports .

## 9. Closed Session: Property Matter

### Motion FA #49-26

**Moved by:** Anita van Hittersum

**Seconded by:** Alvin McLellan

THAT the meeting be moved into a closed session at 8:58pm.

(carried)

### Motion FA #50-26

**Moved by:** Anita van Hittersum

**Seconded by:** Alison Lobb

THAT the meeting be moved into an open session at 9:32pm.

(carried)

## 10. Adjournment

Next Meeting Date, Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at 7:00pm at the Administration Centre in Wroxeter.

### Motion FA 51#-26

**Moved by:** Alison Lobb

**Seconded by:** Megan Gibson

THAT the Members Meeting be adjourned at 9:32 pm.

(carried)

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Ed McGugan  
Chair

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Phil Beard  
General Manager / Secretary-Treasurer