

Membership Meeting #5-2026

May 20, 2026

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

Staff Present: Phil Beard, General Manager-Secretary-Treasurer
Jayne Thompson, Communications Coordinator
Stewart Lockie, Conservation Areas Services Coordinator
Patrick Huber-Kidby, Planning & Regulations Supervisor
Michelle Quipp, Executive Assistant

Others Present: Cory Bilyea, Midwestern News Media

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 #52-26

Moved by: Alvin McLellan

Seconded by: Megan Gibson

THAT the minutes from the General Membership Meeting #4-2026 held on April 15, 2026, be approved.

(carried)

4. Presentations

Coastal Resilience Strategy Update: Patrick Huber Kidby, Planning & Regulations Supervisor

Patrick Huber Kidby made a presentation about the Coastal Resilience Strategy.

Motion FA #53-26

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Megan Gibson

THAT the presentation about the Coastal Resilience Strategy be accepted.
(carried)

5. Business Requiring Direction and/or Decision:

- a) Appointment of Representatives to the Lake Huron Regional Conservation Authority Transition Committee: Report #28-2026

Report #28-2026 was presented and the following motion was made:

Motion FA #54-26

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Anita van Hittersum

THAT MVCA appoint Phil Beard, General Manager Secretary Treasurer and Ed McGugan, Chair of Maitland Conservation to the transition committee for the Lake Huron Regional Conservation Authority.
(carried)

Motion FA #55-26

Moved by: Alvin McLellan

Seconded by: Vanessa McMillan

THAT Report #28-2026 be accepted;
AND THAT MVCA's Chair attend the interview session with Ernst & Young.
(carried)

- b) Discussion re: Structure of the Lake Huron Regional Conservation Authority & Guiding Principles for Transition Plan: Report #29-2026

Report #29-2026 was presented and the following motion was made:

Motion FA #56-26

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Alvin McLellan

THAT Report #29-2026 be accepted.
(carried)

- c) Minister's Directive to Conservation Authorities: Report #30-2026

Report #30-2026 was presented and the following motion was made:

Motion FA #57-26

Moved by: Matt Duncan

Seconded by: Evan Hickey

THAT Report #30-2026 be accepted.
(carried)

d) Appointment of Provincial Offences Officers: Report #31-2026

Report #31-2026 was presented and the following motion was made:

Motion FA #58-26

Moved by: Anita van Hittersum

Seconded by: Sharen Zinn

THAT the following staff members be appointed as Provincial Offences Officers for the purposes of carrying out the enforcement activities pursuant to Ontario Regulation 688/21 - Rules of Conduct in Conservation Areas made under the Conservation Authorities Act and to Section 29 of the Conservation Authorities Act as well as the Trespass to Property Act.

Jason Moir – Park Superintendent/ Provincial Offences Officer

Barry Skinn – Assistant Superintendent/ Provincial Offences Officer

Drew Goff – Park Maintenance Technician/ Provincial Offences Officer;

AND THAT the following staff member be appointed as Provincial Offences Officer for the purposes of carrying out the enforcement activities pursuant to Ontario Regulation 41/24 made under the Conservation Authorities Act and to Section 28 of the Conservation Authorities Act 3

Manuela De Medieros – Environmental Planner / Provincial Offences Officer;

AND FURTHER THAT the following staff members be appointed as Park Patrol Officers for the purposes of carrying out monitoring compliance activities pursuant to Ontario Regulation 688/21 - Rules of Conduct in Conservation Areas made under the Conservation Authorities Act and to Section 29 of the Conservation Authorities Act as well as the Trespass to Property Act.

Olivia Decker – Park Attendant Maintenance/ Patrol

Anneka Decker – Maintenance Worker/ Patrol

(carried)

6. Consent Agenda

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

- a) Revenue/Expenditure Report for March: Report #32-2026

Motion FA #59-26

Moved by: Megan Gibson

Seconded by: Vanessa McMillan

THAT Report #32-2026 along with the respective motions as outlined in those reports be approved.
(carried)

7. Chair and Member Reports

Alvin McLellan shared that the Huron Clean Water Project is winding down this year.

Sharen Zinn shared that the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry will be sending a letter to all municipalities regarding the amalgamation of Conservation Authorities.

Andrew Fournier shared that non-profits organizations which have leases with conservations authorities should apply for an extension to their lease.

Evan Hickey shared that Phil Beard, General Manager-Secretary-Treasurer and Ed McGugan, MVCA Chair, made a presentation at a recent ACW council meeting about the amalgamation of Conservation Authorities.

Ed McGugan questioned other members if he has their support to continue to advocate against the amalgamation of Conservation Authorities.

8. Closed Session: Property Matter

Motion FA #60-26

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Anita van Hittersum

THAT the meeting be moved into a closed session at 8:32pm
(carried)

Motion FA #61-26

Moved by: Ed Podniewicz

Seconded by: Alison Lobb

THAT the meeting be moved into an open session at 8:42pm
(carried)

9. Adjournment

Next Meeting Date, Wednesday, June 17, 2026, at 7:00pm at the Administration Centre in Wroxeter.

Motion FA#62-26

Moved by: Sharen Zinn

Seconded by: Vanessa McMillan

THAT the Members Meeting be adjourned at 8:43pm
(carried)

Ed McGugan
Chair

Phil Beard
General Manager / Secretary-Treasurer