

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)



Ed McGugan
Chair



Phil Beard
General Manager / Secretary-Treasurer