

Membership Meeting #8-2026

August 26, 2026

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

Members Absent: Andrew Fournier, Matt Duncan

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

Others Present: Kelsey Bent, Midwestern News Media
Nigel Bellchamber, Vice-Chair Maitland Conservation Foundation

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

Motion FA #83-26

Moved by: Alvin McLellan

Seconded by: Megan Gibson

THAT the minutes from the General Membership Meeting #7-2026 held on July 15, 2026, be approved.
(carried)

4. Presentations

Nigel Bellchamber presented to members about the proposed regulation setting out the method for determining the number of members appointed to regional conservation authorities:

Motion FA #84-26

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Megan Gibson

THAT Chair McGugan submit comments to the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) regarding the Consultation on Proposed Governance Regulations for Regional Conservation Authorities, including concerns related to the proposed population-based allocation formula, the absence of cited sources, and the lack of a geographic area component in the formula.
(carried)

5. Business Out of the Minutes

a) Revised Guiding Principles Pre Transition Committee: Report #50-2026

Report #50-2026 was presented and the following motion was made:

Motion FA #85-26

Moved by: Anita van Hittersum

Seconded by: Alvin McLellan

THAT MVCA adopt the draft guiding principles for transition with the additional guiding principles identified in this report and circulate a copy of the revised document to the other five conservation authorities who are part of the Lake Huron Regional Conservation Authority for feedback.
(carried)

b) Letter to the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency: Report #51-2026

Report #51-2026 was provided to members for their information.

c) Presentation to Association of Municipalities Re: Lake Huron Region: Report #52-2026

Report #52-2026 was provided to members for their information.

d) Communications Support: Report #53-2026

Report #53-2026 was provided to members for their information.

e) **Sediment Bypass Project-Awarding of Contract: Report #54-2026**

Report #54-2026 was presented and the following motion was made:

Motion FA #86-26

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Evan Hickey

THAT the Members concur with the awarding of the project to RFS inclusive of items 1-9 for \$419,000 and item 10 as a per rate item subject to the available funds (i.e. a provisional item).

(carried)

f) **MVCA Involvement in International Plowing Match: Report #55-2026**

A visual presentation was presented to members by Jayne Thompson, Communications Coordinator.

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

a) **Review of Fees Policy: Report #56-2026**

Report #56-2026 was presented and the following motion was made:

Motion FA #87-26

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Anita van Hittersum

THAT the Fees Policy be approved for 2027.

(carried)

b) **Proposed Amendments to Fee Schedule for 2027: Report #57-2026**

Report #57-2026 was presented and the following motions were made:

Motion FA #88-26

Moved by: Antia van Hittersum

Seconded by: Megan Gibson

THAT the Honorarium for the Chair and Vice Chair be pro rated for the month of January.

(carried)

Motion FA #89-26

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Vanessa McMillian

THAT the proposed fee changes be posted for review and comment and that comments be reviewed at the September 16, 2026 Members meeting.

(carried)

7. Consent Agenda

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

- a) Revenue/Expenditure Revenue/Expenditure Report for July: Report #58-2026
- b) Program and Services Agreement Update: Report #59-2026
- c) Outdoor Pavilion Update: Report #60-2026
- d) Agreements Signed: Report #61-2026
- e) Correspondence

Motion FA #90-26

Moved by: Alvin McLellan

Seconded by: Vanessa McMillan

THAT Report #58-2026 to Report 61-2026 along with the respective motions as outlined in those reports be approved.

(carried)

8. Chair and Member Reports

No chair or member reports were shared.

9. Adjournment

Next Meeting Date, Wednesday, September 16, 2026, at 7:00pm at the Administration Centre in Wroxeter.

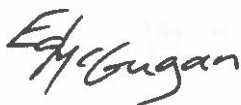
Motion FA#91-26

Moved by: Megan Gibson

Seconded by: Vanessa McMillan

THAT the Members Meeting be adjourned at 8:33pm.

(carried)



Ed McGugan
Chair



Phil Beard
General Manager / Secretary-Treasurer