

NIAGARA PENINSULA CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

WELLAND

MARCH 21, 2007

7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

D. Ransom, Chairman
B. Baty (Vice-Chairman)
B. Bentley
B. Butters
G. Burroughs
T. Dalimonte
C. D'Angelo
D. DiFruscio
A. Fevez
B. Greenwood
D. Goulbourne
B. Heit
B. Henderson
N. Johnson
D. Martin

STAFF PRESENT:

A.L. Burt, General Manager
L. Sawatzky, Recording Secretary
T. McDougall, Executive Director Conservation Foundation
M. Stack, Director Communications
T. D'Amario, Director, Water Management
D. Baker, Director, Land Management

GUESTS:

A. Colyn
B. Timms

BUSINESS:

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance and requested that if anyone had a conflict of interest to declare it. Brian Heit indicated a conflict with respect to the accounts regarding Talk Wireless and Telus Mobility.

(1) MINUTES - FULL AUTHORITY MEETING – FEBRUARY 21, 2007

There were no errors or omissions, the following resolution was presented.

FA-32-07

MOVED BY: C. D'Angelo

SECONDED BY: T. Dalimonte

THAT: the Minutes of the Full Authority meeting held February 21, 2007, be received and approved as printed.

"CARRIED"

(2) BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

(3) PRESENTATIONS

The Chairman advised that the members from the previous Board who were not returning were invited to attend the meeting to receive a token of appreciation from the Authority for their time and dedication while on the Board. In attendance was Allard Colyn who was asked to come forward to receive his gift. The Chairman advised that others were to attend and when they arrived they would receive their gift.

(4) CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

The Chairman thanked Brian Baty for chairing the February meeting in his absence.

The Chairman advised that on March 5th he attended a Conservation Ontario meeting with the General Manager. He provided a brief outline of the role of Conservation Ontario, noting it is the umbrella organization for the 36 Conservation Authorities in Ontario.

The Chairman noted that the Bob Welch Golf Classic will be held on June 5th at the Whirlpool Golf Course and encouraged as many as possible to get out and enjoy the event and support the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Foundation.

The Chairman indicated that the notice of volunteer opportunities flyer received in their Board packages could be further circulated to anyone they felt might like to assist the Authority in their many programs.

The Chairman advised he was pleased to be part of the Carolinian Canada Heritage Plaque dedication at the Beamer Memorial Conservation Area on April 6, 2007 and encouraged anyone who could to attend.

(5) GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

The General Manager indicated that at the last meeting a recommendation was made to dedicate the rail trail in Wainfleet in memory of Gord Harry. After that meeting the General Manager advised he met with Gord's wife, Angie to discuss the matter with her. He advised that Angie was very pleased with the decision and felt that the date of the dedication could be held on April 19th which would have been Gord's 62nd birthday. He noted that the members had received an invitation at the meeting.

The General Manager advised that on February 27th Hamilton Council considered the Authority's 2007 budget which was presented by Mary Stack in his absence. He noted that the budget was well received and thanked Andy Fevez for attending as well.

The General Manager then congratulated the Welland River Keepers on a very successful event at the Welland Lions Club on Tuesday, March 3rd. The event was called "Sciensational Sssnakes" and over 400 people attended to see reptiles and amphibians. He thanked Authority staff for their assistance in this event.

At this point, Bruce Timms, a former member of the Board arrived and the Chairman asked him to come forward to receive his appreciation gift. Bruce thanked the Authority and noted he appreciated the time he spent on the Board and looked forward to working with the Authority in the future.

(6) ACCOUNTS – FEBRUARY, 2007 – REPORT NO. 17-07

The following resolution was presented.

FA-33-07

MOVED BY: B. Greenwood

SECONDED BY: B. Henderson

THAT: The list of accounts for the month of February, 2007, in the amount of \$205,343.66 be received and approved.

"CARRIED"

(7) 2007 SALARY SCHEDULE – ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT - REPORT NO. 18-07

The General Manager provided an overview of the report and responded to questions. The following resolution was then presented.

FA-34-07

MOVED BY: M. DiFruscio

SECONDED BY: B. Baty

THAT: a 2.75% economic adjustment to the Authority's salary schedule be approved retroactive to January 1, 2007.

"CARRIED"

(8) 2007 HONOURARIUM & PER DIEM ADJUSTMENT – REPORT NO. 19-07

The General Manager reviewed the report and responded to questions. The following resolution was presented.

FA-35-07

MOVED BY: B. Henderson

SECONDED BY: B. Greenwood

THAT: the Report No. 19-07 regarding the Honourarium and Per Diem Economic Adjustment be received; and

That subject to the approval of the Ontario Municipal Board in accordance with Section 37 of The Conservation Authorities Act, the Chairman's honourarium be adjusted to \$4,333 per annum and the member per diem be adjusted to \$63.70 per meeting, retroactive to January 1, 2007.

"CARRIED"

(9) 2007 TRACTOR PURCHASE - REPORT NO. 20-07

The Director, Land Management outlined the report. The following resolution was presented.

FA-36-07

MOVED BY: T. Dalimonte

SECONDED BY: N. Johnson

THAT: the March 8, 2007 quote from Ben Berg Farm & Industrial Equipment Ltd., to supply one Kubota L4400, 4wd tractor, a front end loader attachment and a Meteor 75" rear-mount snow blower for a price of \$23,627.00 be accepted.

"CARRIED"

(10) DRAFT 2006 WATER QUALITY REPORT – REPORT NO. 21-07

The Director, Water Management outlined the staff report and the draft document. The members had several questions and a lengthy discussion took place. The following resolution was presented.

FA-37-07

MOVED BY: B. Bentley

SECONDED BY: B. Henderson

THAT: Report No. 21-07 regarding the Draft 2006 Water Quality Report be received and the recommendations contained therein approved; and

That copies of the final 2006 Water Quality Report be forwarded to the watershed municipalities, the watershed Medical Officers of Health, the Ministry of the Environment, the watershed MPP's and MP's, the John C. Munro International Airport and the Vinemount Quarry.

"CARRIED"

(11) FLOODPLAIN MAPPING PROGRAM – STATUS REPORT – REPORT NO. 22-07

The Director, Water Management noted this information was requested at the February meeting and outlined the staff report. After responding to questions, the following resolution was presented.

FA-38-07

MOVED BY: B. Henderson

SECONDED BY: B. Greenwood

THAT: Report No. 22-07 regarding the Floodplain Mapping Program – Status Report be received for information.

"CARRIED"

(12) **TERMS OF REFERENCE – CENTRAL WELLAND RIVER WATERSHED PLAN – REPORT NO. 23-07**

The Director, Water Management briefly outlined the report and responded to questions. The following resolution was presented.

FA-39-07

MOVED BY: B. Butters

SECONDED BY: B. Greenwood

THAT: the Terms of Reference for the Central Welland River Watershed Plan be approved; and

that a copy of this report be forwarded to the Regional Municipality of Niagara, Township of West Lincoln, Township of Wainfleet, City of Welland, Town of Pelham and the City of Port Colborne for their information.

“CARRIED”

(13) **TERMS OF REFERENCE – LAKE ERIE NORTH SHORE WATERSHED PLAN – REPORT NO. 24-07**

The Director, Water Management briefly outlined the report and responded to questions, after which, the following resolution was presented.

FA-40-07

MOVED BY: C. D'Angelo

SECONDED BY: B. Baty

THAT: the Terms of Reference for the Lake Erie North Shore Watershed Plan be approved; and

That a copy of this report be forwarded to the Regional Municipality of Niagara, City of Port Colborne, City of Welland, Town of Fort Erie, Township of Wainfleet and Haldimand County for their information.

“CARRIED”

At this point, the Chairman suggested the Land Management presentation be moved to the end of the agenda. He noted if time warranted it could be presented at that time.

(14) **PROJECT STATUS REPORT – REPORT NO. 25-07**

The General Manager responded to questions and the following resolution was presented.

FA-41-07

MOVED BY: T. Dalimonte

SECONDED BY: N. Johnson

THAT: Report No. 25-07, outlining the status of Authority projects be received for information.

“CARRIED”

(15) IN-CAMERA

- (a) VIOLATION AND COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT – REPORT NO. CR-02-07**
- (b) WELLAND RIVER – RESTORATION AGREEMENT – REPORT NO. CR-03-07**

In accordance with Authority policy, the following resolutions were presented.

FA-42-07

MOVED BY: G. Burroughs
SECONDED BY: N. Johnson
THAT: this meeting do now move in-camera.

Received at 8:32 p.m. "CARRIED"

FA-43-07

MOVED BY: N. Johnson
SECONDED BY: G. Burroughs
THAT: this meeting do now move back into open session.

Received at 8:50 p.m. "CARRIED"

(16) OTHER BUSINESS

It was agreed that the Land Management Presentation would take place at the April meeting. There was no further business.

ADJOURNMENT

The following resolution was presented.

FA-44-07

MOVED BY: M. DiFruscio
SECONDED BY: B. Baty
THAT: this meeting do now adjourn.

Received at 8:52 p.m. "CARRIED"

"L. Sawatzky, Recording Secretary

D. Ransom, Chairman"