

NIAGARA PENINSULA CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

WELLAND

APRIL 18, 2007

7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

D. Ransom, Chairman
B. Bentley
T. Dalimonte
C. D'Angelo
D. DiFruscio
A. Fevez
B. Greenwood
D. Goulbourne
D. Martin

MEMBERS ABSENT:

B. Baty (Vice-Chairman) (with regrets)
B. Butters (with regrets)
G. Burroughs (with regrets)
B. Heit (with regrets)
B. Henderson (with regrets)
N. Johnson (with regrets)

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
C. Kaufmann, Senior Accounts Clerk

GUESTS:

Erin Campbell, MacGillivray Partners

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.

(1) MINUTES

(a) FULL AUTHORITY MEETING – MARCH 21, 2007

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

FA-45-07

MOVED BY: B. Greenwood

SECONDED BY: A. Fevez

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

"CARRIED"

(b) **BALL'S FALLS HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING – APRIL 4, 2007**

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

FA-46-07

MOVED BY: A. Fevez

SECONDED BY: T. Dalimonte

THAT: the Minutes of the Ball's Falls Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting held April 4, 2007, be received and approved as printed.

"CARRIED"

(2) **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

Damian Goulbourne requested a copy of the information provided at the Member Information Session held in January, which he was unable to attend.

(3) **CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

The Chairman noted that they were being provided with a copy of the Conservation Foundation's newsletter, Reflections outlining the current activities of the Foundation. He then noted that all board members should have received a letter from the Foundation requesting donations for the Ball's Falls Visitor Centre and encouraged all who could donate, to please do so.

The Chairman advised that on Saturday, April 28th at 12:00 noon, St. Johns Conservation Area would officially open for trout season. He indicated that as in previous years, Mickey DiFruscio would be in attendance to cast the first line. He noted that opening day is a well attended event, weather permitting.

The Chairman noted that on Good Friday, a Heritage Placque Dedication was held at Beamer Memorial Conservation Area and was attended by approximately 50 persons including Mayor Bob Bentley who welcomed everyone to the area. This was one of two placques received by the Authority, from Carolinian Canada, the other was for the Carolinian Forest at Willoughby.

The Chairman reminded the members that the dedication of the Gord Harry Conservation Trail was being held on Thursday, April 19th in Gord's memory and was being held at the Fireman's Hall in Wainfleet.

(4) GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

The General Manager advised that he had attended a luncheon meeting of the Twenty Valley Tourism Association as a Founding Partner. He noted that the Association has been quite successful with approximately 85 current members. He also indicated that an ice wine festival was held in Jordan in January which raised \$1,000.00 that has been donated to the Ball's Falls Visitor Centre.

The General Manager noted that at the Foundation's Annual meeting held on Tuesday, April 17th, the Board re-elected both Terry Carruthers as Chair and Larry Lovett as Vice-Chair. He indicated that the Foundation Chair would be coming to a future meeting of the Authority to provide an update to the members on Foundation activities.

(5) 2006 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – REPORT NO. 26-07

The General Manager outlined his report. He then asked Erin Campbell, who was in attendance on behalf of MacGillivray Partners in place of Randy Momot, who was unable to attend, to come forward and present the 2006 Financial Statements.

Erin provided an outline of the Statements with the following resolution was presented.

FA-47-07

MOVED BY: C. D'Angelo

SECONDED BY: T. Dalimonte

THAT: The Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2006 as audited by MacGillivray Partners be received and adopted as printed.

"CARRIED"

(6) APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS FOR 2007 – REOPRT NO. 35-07

The General Manager advised that this report was provided at this time and was not included in the agenda package. He then outlined the report providing background on our current auditors. The following resolution was presented.

FA-48-07

MOVED BY: M. DiFruscio

SECONDED BY: D. Martin

THAT: Report No. 35-07 regarding the Appointment of Auditors for 2007 be received and that MacGillivray Partners LLP be appointed as the Conservation Authority auditors for 2007.

"CARRIED"

At this point, the General Manager introduced Cathy Kaufmann who is the Senior Accounts Clerk for the Authority.

The Chairman then asked Cathy to come forward and pick the winning name for the Bluebird Nesting Box donated by him. Bob Bentley was the lucky winner.

(7) **ACCOUNTS – MARCH, 2007 – REPORT NO. 27-07**

The following resolution was presented.

FA-49-07

MOVED BY: B. Greenwood

SECONDED BY: M. DiFruscio

THAT: The list of accounts for the month of March, 2007, in the amount of \$742,591.61 be received and approved.

"CARRIED"

(8) **MNR CORRESPONDENCE – TRANSFER PAYMENT ACCOUNTABILITY - REPORT NO. 28-07**

The General Manager provided an overview of the report. The following resolution was then presented.

FA-50-07

MOVED BY: C. D'Angelo

SECONDED BY: M. DiFruscio

THAT: Report No. 28-07 regarding MNR Correspondence- Transfer Payment Accountability be received for information.

"CARRIED"

(9) **2006 ANNUAL REPORT – REPORT NO. 29-07**

The General Manager briefly outlined the report noting this year instead of the Chairman's remarks, a pictorial outline had been done in memory of Gord Harry as Chairman for 2006. He commended Mary for an excellent document. The following resolution was presented.

FA-51-07

MOVED BY: T. Dalimonte

SECONDED BY: A. Fevez

THAT: the 2006 Annual Report be received.

"CARRIED"

(10) **CLEAN WATER ACT & SOURCE WATER PROTECTION – REPORT NO. 30-07**

The Director, Water Management outlined the report noting that since the preparation of the report, the regulations have been posted on EBR and are hoping to be proclaimed by mid-June. A discussion took place on this matter, particularly, with respect to the striking of the ad-hoc committee. The following amended resolution was presented.

FA-52-07

MOVED BY: D. Martin

SECONDED BY: B. Bentley

THAT: Report No. 30-07 regarding the Clean Water Act & Source Protection be received for information, and

That the ad-hoc committee be stuck as recommended.

"CARRIED"

(11) CANADA – ONTARIO AGREEMENT – GREAT LAKES BASIN – REPORT NO. 31-07

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

FA-53-07

MOVED BY: B. Bentley

SECONDED BY: B. Greenwood

THAT: Report No. 31-07 regarding the Canada–Ontario Agreement - Great Lakes Basin be received for information.

"CARRIED"

(12) NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE WATERSHED PLAN AND FLOODPLAIN MAPPING — REPORT NO. 32-07

The Director, Water Management briefly outlined the staff report. The following resolution was then presented.

FA-54-07

MOVED BY: M. DiFruscio

SECONDED BY: B. Greenwood

THAT: Report No. 32-07 regarding the Niagara-on-the-Lake Watershed Plan and Floodplain Mapping be received for information.

"CARRIED"

(13) CAVE SPRINGS C.A. BUILDING LEASE – REPORT NO. 33-07

The Director, Land Management provided a background on this property which led to a lengthy discussion. After responding to questions, the following resolution was presented.

FA-55-07

MOVED BY: A. Fevez

SECONDED BY: D. Martin

THAT: Report No. 33-07 regarding the Cave Springs C.A. – Building Lease be received; and

That staff be authorized to execute a 5 year lease agreement with an option for a further 5 year term with Cave Spring Cellars Partnership for the use of the barn at the Cave Springs Conservation Area; and

That staff be directed to apply to the Niagara Escarpment Commission for the demolition of the vacant house at Cave Springs Conservation Area.

“CARRIED”

(14) PROJECT STATUS REPORT – REPORT NO. 34-07

Andy Fevez raised the question of admission fees for the St. Johns Conservation Area, noting that other conservation areas where fishing is permitted are gated areas that require an entry fee. It was suggested that perhaps the signage could include a notation that the fishing stocking is paid for by the Conservation Authority. The following resolution was presented.

FA-56-07

MOVED BY: M. DiFruscio

SECONDED BY: A. Fevez

THAT: improved signage be placed at St. Johns Conservation Area to procure more donations by visitors.

“CARRIED”

After responding to further questions on the status report, the following resolution was presented.

FA-57-07

MOVED BY: T. Dalimonte

SECONDED BY: C. D'Angelo

THAT: Report No. 34-07, outlining the status of Authority projects be received for information.

“CARRIED”

(15) OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman indicated that if any members were part of a group or organization who may be interested in a presentation with respect to the new Ball's Falls Visitor Centre, they could speak to Terry or Mary.

(16) **IN-CAMERA - VIOLATION AND COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT – REPORT NO. CR-04-07**

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

FA-58-07

MOVED BY: B. Bentley
SECONDED BY: M. DiFruscio
THAT: this meeting do now move in-camera.

Received at 8:20 p.m. “CARRIED”

FA-59-07

MOVED BY: B. Bentley
SECONDED BY: D. Goulbourne
THAT: this meeting do now move back into open session.

Received at 8:31 p.m. “CARRIED”

(17) **PRESENTATION – LAND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

Darcy Baker, Director Land Management provided a power point presentation with respect to the Land Management program of the Authority.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business, therefore, the following resolution was presented.

FA-60-07

MOVED BY: B. Greenwood
SECONDED BY: A. Fevez
THAT: this meeting do now adjourn.

Received at 8:50 p.m. “CARRIED”

"L. Sawatzky, Recording Secretary

D. Ransom, Chairman"