

**NIAGARA PENINSULA CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

**WELLAND**

**JUNE 27, 2007**

**7:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** B. Baty (Vice-Chairman)  
G. Burroughs  
B. Butters  
T. Dalimonte  
C. D'Angelo  
D. DiFruscio  
A. Fevez  
B. Greenwood  
B. Heit  
N. Johnson  
D. Martin

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** D. Ransom, Chairman (with regrets)  
B. Bentley (with regrets)  
D. Goulbourne (with regrets)  
B. Henderson (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

**BUSINESS:**

The Chairman was unavailable for the meeting, therefore the Vice-Chairman assumed the chair and called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. He then welcomed everyone in attendance and requested that if anyone had a conflict of interest to declare it. Brian Heit declared a conflict with any items that included Telus or Talk Wireless.

**(1) MINUTES**

**(a) FULL AUTHORITY MEETING – MAY 18, 2007**

The following resolution was presented.

**FA-77-07**

**MOVED BY:** B. Greenwood

**SECONDED BY:** B. Heit

**THAT:** the Minutes of the Full Authority meeting held May 16, 2007, be received and approved as printed.

**"CARRIED"**

(b) **BALL'S FALLS HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING – JUNE 6, 2007**

**FA-78-07**

**MOVED BY:** G. Burroughs

**SECONDED BY:** B. Greenwood

**THAT:** the Minutes of the Ball's Falls Heritage Advisory Committee meeting held May 16, 2007, be received and approved as printed.

"CARRIED"

(2) **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

(3) **CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

The Vice-Chairman thanked the Authority for the change in the meeting date noting there had been a conflict with a Regional Council meeting that had been held on the Authority's regularly scheduled date.

The Vice-Chairman noted that he attended in Toronto at a friends of the Greenbelt Foundation function for Bill Davis former Premier of Ontario. He indicated that there were some key leaders, both past and present there and enjoyed being a part of the celebration.

The Vice-Chairman advised that the Ball's Falls Heritage Committee toured the construction site of the Ball's Falls Centre at their last meeting. He noted it was nice to see the actual Centre rather than just seeing pictures and renderings.

The Vice-Chairman indicated that the Source Water Protection Act is still waiting for the Government approval.

(4) **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

The General Manager advised that final copies of the Water Quality Report are available with the minor amendments made. He noted that this report has been sent to the area municipalities, Region of Niagara, the public health departments within our jurisdiction, MNR, MOE, the MP's and MPP's.

The General Manager noted that on June 1<sup>st</sup> Ontario Power Generation presented a cheque to the Authority for \$3 million toward the Welland River Restoration. In attendance at the event were Welland Mayor Damian Goulbourne, Niagara Falls Mayor Ted Salci, Pelham Mayor Dave Augustine and senior staff of OPG.

A question was raised as to when the fish tagging at Merrit Island was being done this year. Mary Stack, Director, Communications advised it was being held on July 7<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with a fish derby held by the City of Welland. She also noted this program is beneficial in tracking fish movement in the system.

(5) **ACCOUNTS – MAY, 2007 – REPORT NO. 46-07**

The following resolution was presented.

**FA-79-07**

**MOVED BY:** T. Dalimonte

**SECONDED BY:** C. D'Angelo

**THAT:** The list of accounts for the month of May 2007, in the amount of \$851,128.99 be received and approved.

**"CARRIED"**

(6) **CONSERVATION ONTARIO – 2006 ANNUAL REPORT - REPORT NO. 47-07**

The following resolution was presented.

**FA-80-07**

**MOVED BY:** C. D'Angelo

**SECONDED BY:** M. DiFruscio

**THAT:** the 2006 Annual report of Conservation Ontario be received for information.

**"CARRIED"**

(7) **HEALTH AND SAFETY PROGRAM – REPORT NO. 48-07**

The General Manager outlined this report and responded to questions. The following resolution was presented.

**FA-81-07**

**MOVED BY:** M. DiFruscio

**SECONDED BY:** G. Burroughs

**THAT:** the Report No. 48-07 regarding the Health and Safety Program be received; and

That the Health and Safety Policy Statement for the Conservation Authority dated June 20, 2007 be adopted; and

That copies be posted in all work places and a copy forwarded to all employees.

**"CARRIED"**

(8) **2006 NIAGARA WATERSHED REPORT CARD – REPORT NO. 49-07**

The General Manager outlined the report and responded to questions, after which, the following resolution was presented.

**FA-82-07**

**MOVED BY:** T. Dalimonte

**SECONDED BY:** C. D'Angelo

**THAT:** Report No. 49– 07 regarding the 2006 Niagara Watershed Report Card be received for information purposes

**"CARRIED"**

**(9) NIAGARA PLANNING MOU – REPORT NO. 50-07**

The Director, Water Management outlined the staff report. The Vice-Chairman added additional comments noting the significance of this document. After responding to questions, the following resolution was presented.

**FA-83-07**

**MOVED BY:** B. Heit

**SECONDED BY:** A. Fevez

**THAT:** Report No. 50–07 regarding the Niagara Planning MOU be received; and

That the MOU be endorsed subject to satisfactory resolution of related staffing and cost implications to the Conservation Authority.

**"CARRIED"**

**(10) GREAT LAKES WATER QUALITY AGREEMENT REVIEW — REPORT NO. 51-07**

The Director, Water Management provided a brief outline of this report. The following resolution was then presented.

**FA-84-07**

**MOVED BY:** T. Dalimonte

**SECONDED BY:** G. Burroughs

**THAT:** Report NO. 51-07 regarding the 2006 Water Quality Report be received.

**"CARRIED"**

**(11) NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE CREEKS FLOODPLAIN MAPPING - REPORT NO. 52-07**

The Director, Water Management outlined the staff report and noted that all watercourses in Niagara-on-the-Lake have been mapped. The following resolution was presented.

**FA-85-07**

**MOVED BY:** B. Greenwood

**SECONDED BY:** B. Butters

**THAT:** Report No. 52-07 regarding the Niagara-on-the-Lake Floodplain Mapping be received and the mapping approved.

**"CARRIED"**

(12) **ENFORCEMENT OFFICER APPOINTMENTS – O. REG. 123/90 - REPORT NO. 53-07**

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

**FA-86-07**

**MOVED BY:** B. Greenwood

**SECONDED BY:** A. Fevez

**THAT:** Report No. 53-07 regarding Enforcement Officer Appointments be received, and

That the individuals listed be appointed as Provincial Offences Officers under Ontario Regulation 123/90

**“CARRIED”**

(13) **ONTARIO MUNICIPAL BOARD HEARING – REEB QUARRY – REPORT NO. 54-07**

The Director, Land Management outlined this report in detail and the General Manager provided further information. The following resolution was then presented.

**FA-87-07**

**MOVED BY:** G. Burroughs

**SECONDED BY:** B. Heit

**THAT:** Report No. 54-07 regarding the Ontario Municipal Board Hearing – Reeb Quarry, be received for information purposes.

**“CARRIED”**

(14) **PROJECT STATUS REPORT – REPORT NO. 55-07**

The following resolution was presented.

**FA-88-07**

**MOVED BY:** M. DiFruscio

**SECONDED BY:** C. D'Angelo

**THAT:** Report No. 55-07, outlining the status of Authority projects be received for information.

**“CARRIED”**

(15) **NATURE CONSERVANCY OF CANADA – PHILLIPS ACQUISITION – REPORT NO. 56-07**

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

**FA-89-07**

**MOVED BY:** A. Fevez

**SECONDED BY:** C. D'Angelo

**THAT:** Report No. 56-07 regarding the Nature Conservancy of Canada – Phillips Acquisition be received; and

That staff be authorized to notify the Nature Conservancy of Canada that the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority will accept title to the property; and further

That staff be authorized to sign the landholding agreement with the Nature Conservancy of Canada for the Phillips Property.

**“CARRIED”**

**(16) FORT ERIE CREEKS FLOODPLAIN MAPPING – REPORT NO. 57-07**

The Director, Water Management outlined the staff report and responded to questions. The General Manager provided additional comments and responded to questions. The following resolution was then presented.

**FA-90-07**

**MOVED BY:** N. Johnson

**SECONDED BY:** G. Burroughs

**THAT:** Report No. 57-07 regarding the Fort Erie Creeks Floodplain Mapping be received and the mapping approved.

**“CARRIED”**

**(18) QUINTE CONSERVATION – PESTICIDE POLICY – REPORT NO. 58-07**

The General Manager outlined the staff report and responded to questions after which a lengthy discussion took place. An amendment to the original motion was put forth as follows:

**FA-91-07**

**MOVED BY:** B. Butters

**SECONDED BY:** A. Fevez

**THAT:** the words “and supported” be added to the original motion.

**“DEFEATED”**

The original motion was then presented.

**FA-92-07**

**MOVED BY:** M. DiFruscio

**SECONDED BY:** C. D'Angelo

**THAT:** Report No. 58-07 regarding the Quinte Conservation – Pesticide Policy and the June 15, 2007 correspondence from the Quinte Conservation be received.

**“CARRIED”**

**(17) OTHER BUSINESS**

Gary Burroughs asked if the Conservation Authority has any plans to spray for gypsy moth which are becoming a problem in this area. The General Manager advised that we are not planning to do anything at this time.

Gary Burroughs asked if the Authority does water testing for heavy metals in our water systems. The Director, Water Management responded that we do not, however, the General Manager advised that a report will be brought to a future meeting regarding this. Carmen D'Angelo advised that we could reference the Environmental Commission's report on Municipal Treatment Plants.

Andy Fevez requested an update on the dog situation at Woodend Conservation Area. The General Manager advised that although an attempt was made to get the dog owners together, it was not possible to do so, however, the problems seemed to have diminished.

**(18) IN-CAMERA - VIOLATION AND COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT – REPORT NO. CR-05-07**

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

**FA-93-07**

**MOVED BY:** G. Burroughs  
**SECONDED BY:** B. Heit  
**THAT:** this meeting do now move in-camera.

**Received at 8:27 p.m. "CARRIED"**

**FA-94-07**

**MOVED BY:** B. Heit  
**SECONDED BY:** B. Butters  
**THAT:** this meeting do now move back into open session.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**FA-95-07**

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

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