

**NIAGARA PENINSULA CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

**AUGUST 15, 2007**

**7:00**

**WELLAND  
p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

G. Burroughs (with regrets)  
B. Greenwood (with regrets)  
D. Martin (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

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Ms. Grace Malinowski

**BUSINESS:**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:08 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.

**MINUTES**

**(a) FULL AUTHORITY MEETING – JUNE 27, 2007**

The following resolution was presented.

**FA-96-07**

**MOVED BY:** T. Dalimonte  
**SECONDED BY:** C. D'Angelo

**THAT:** the Minutes of the Full Authority meeting held June 27, 2007, be received and approved as printed.

**"CARRIED"**

(b) **BALL'S FALLS HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING –  
August 1, 2007**

**FA-97-07**

**MOVED BY:** B. Butters

**SECONDED BY:** B. Heit

**THAT:** the Minutes of the Ball's Falls Heritage Advisory Committee meeting held August 1, 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 Chairman commended staff on the recent post card promotional advertisement for the Binbrook Conservation Area.

The Chairman advised that on September 15<sup>th</sup> the Foundation was participating in Rock 'N Ribs at Harbour Estates winery in Jordan. There will be a silent auction and Kim Mitchell will be performing. He noted that proceeds from the silent auction are going to the Conservation Foundation.

The Chairman thanked the Vice-Chairman Brian Baty for chairing the June meeting.

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

The General Manager reminded the members that September 17 – 20 is the Children's Water Festival at Ball's Falls. Also there is a public day on Sunday September 16<sup>th</sup> for the public to experience the various demonstrations. The General Manager noted that any members interested in volunteering at any of the demonstrations should see Mary Stack.

The General Manager noted that the lottery for seasonal campsites will not be carried out as in the past and the Authority will be implementing a new system where seasonal campers are able retain their present site and a waiting list would be created for new campers or those who would like a different site. Over 80% of the seasonal campers at both Long Beach and Chippawa Creek have indicated they would prefer the new system.

The General Manager noted that with the extended warm weather and lack of precipitation, significant algae growth has occurred on Lake Erie which is affecting the water treatment system at Long Beach Conservation Area. In the interim, water is being trucked in for use by our campers and visitors.

The General Manager noted that the OMB has approved the per diem and honourarium adjustments previously approved by the Board and retroactive payments will be made for the next payment period.

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The General Manager outlined the reasons for the Niagara Peninsula Source Protection Authority (SPA) meeting occurring immediately following the full Authority meeting noting that under the legislation, the Clean Water Act the SPA meetings must be held separate from meetings of the Conservation Authority.

(5) **ACCOUNTS – JUNE, 2007 – REPORT NO. 59-07**

The following resolution was presented.

**FA-98-07**

**MOVED BY:** B. Heit

**SECONDED BY:** B. Butters

**THAT:** The list of accounts for the month of June, 2007, in the amount of \$901,949.07 be received and approved.

**"CARRIED"**

(6) **ACCOUNTS – JULY, 2007 – REPORT NO. 60-07**

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

**FA-99-07**

**MOVED BY:** A. Fevez

**SECONDED BY:** T. Dalimonte

**THAT:** The list of accounts for the month of July, 2007, in the amount of \$681,630.08 be received and approved.

**"CARRIED"**

(7) **CURRENT & CAPITAL BUDGETS – STATUS TO JUNE 30 - REPORT NO. 61-07**

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

**FA-100-07**

**MOVED BY:** M. DiFruscio

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

**THAT:** Report No. 61-07 regarding the Current & Capital Budgets - Status to June 30, be received for information.

**"CARRIED"**

(8) **2008 BUDGET SCHEDULE – REPORT NO. 62-07**

The Chairman requested volunteers to sit on the Ad Hoc Budget Review Committee. Mickey DiFruscio and Carmen D'Angelo volunteered. Brian Heit indicated that if his schedule permitted he would also volunteer. The General Manager advised that Gary Burroughs has been part of the Committee in past years. The following resolution was presented.

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**FA-101-07**

**MOVED BY:** A. Fevez

**SECONDED BY:** B. Butters

**THAT:** Report No. 62-07 regarding the 2008 Budget Schedule be received and the recommendations contained therein approved; and

That the Ad Hoc Budget Review Committee be comprised of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Mickey DiFruscio, Gary Burroughs and Carmen D'Angelo.

**"CARRIED"**

(9) **AMENDMENT TO ADMINISTRATIVE RULES & PROCEDURES – REPORT NO. 63-07**

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

**FA-102-07**

**MOVED BY:** B. Henderson

**SECONDED BY:** B. Butters

**THAT:** The Report No. 63-07 regarding an Amendment to Administrative Rules & Procedures be received; and

That Section 19 of the Conservation Authority's Administrative Rules and Procedures be amended to read "a quorum is defined as being one-half (1/2) of the members appointed by the participating municipalities, except where there are fewer than six (6) such members, in which case three (3) such members constitute a quorum."

**"CARRIED"**

(10) **PROPOSED POLICY – EXISTING LOTS OF RECORD (WETLANDS) – REPORT NO. 64-07**

The Director, Water Management outlined the staff report and responded to questions. A lengthy discussion took place with it being decided that this matter should be referred to another meeting pending review with the municipalities and our legal council. The following resolution was presented.

**FA-103-07**

**MOVED BY:** B. Butters  
**SECONDED BY:** C. D'Angelo

**THAT:** Report No. 64-07 regarding the Proposed Policy – Existing Lots of Record (Wetlands) be received, and

That the matter be taken back to the area municipalities for review and

That the Authority obtain a legal opinion with respect to this matter.

**“CARRIED”**

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(11) **NIAGARA WATER STRATEGY – 2006 ANNUAL REPORT — REPORT NO. 65-07**

The following resolution was presented.

**FA-104-07**

**MOVED BY:** B. Bentley  
**SECONDED BY:** B. Heit

**THAT:** Report No. 65-07 regarding the Water Quality Strategy 2006 Annual Report be received for information.

**“CARRIED”**

(12) **PROJECT STATUS REPORT – REPORT NO. 66-07**

Carmen D'Angelo reiterated the Chairman's earlier comments on the Binbrook post card noting it, as well as the billboards in the area of the park, were well done. A question was raised on what activities would be available at the Children's Water Festival Family Day. Mary Stack provided an outline of the events which included a puppet show developed specifically for the Water Festival messaging, Sciensational Snakes, Earth Rangers, Lenny Graf as well as participating municipalities and other agencies.

Andy Fevez noted that it was important to highlight that the education bursaries are provided by the Fort Erie Conservation Women's Auxiliary.

Brian Heit was suggested that the mayors of the area municipalities might be contacted for donations for the silent auction at the Rock 'N Ribs event.

The following resolution was then presented.

**FA-105-07**

**MOVED BY:** M. DiFruscio  
**SECONDED BY:** A. Fevez

**THAT:** Report No. 66-07, outlining the status of Authority projects be received for information.

**“CARRIED”**

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

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

**FA-106-07**

**MOVED BY:** B. Heit

**SECONDED BY:** M. DiFruscio

**THAT:** this meeting do now move in-camera.

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

**“CARRIED”**

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**FA107-07**

**MOVED BY:** M. DiFruscio

**SECONDED BY:** B. Butters

**THAT:** this meeting do now move back into open session.

**Received at 8:40 p.m.**

**“CARRIED”**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**FA-108-07**

**MOVED BY:** B. Greenwood

**SECONDED BY:** A. Fevez

**THAT:** this meeting do now adjourn.

**Received at 8:40 p.m.**

**“CARRIED”**

**"L. Sawatzky, Recording Secretary**

**D. Ransom, Chairman"**