

**NIAGARA PENINSULA CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

**WELLAND**

**OCTOBER 17, 2007**

**7:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

G. Burroughs (with regrets)  
B. Butters (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:**

Mark Neufeld, Chair, Source Protection Committee  
Len & Lida Greenaway  
Linda Johnston

**BUSINESS:**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. He welcomed everyone in attendance and introduced Mr. Bob Steckley who had been appointed to replace Doug Martin on the Board. Bob thanked the Chair and noted that as a member of Fort Erie Council and a founding member of the Friends of Fort Erie Creeks he was looking forward to serving on the Conservation Authority. The Chairman then requested that if anyone had a conflict of interest to declare it and Brian Heit declared a conflict with any items that included Telus or Talk Wireless.

**(1) MINUTES - FULL AUTHORITY MEETING –SEPTEMBER 19, 2007**

There were no errors or omissions. The following resolution was presented.

**FA-126-07**

**MOVED BY:** T. Dalimonte

**SECONDED BY:** B. Baty

**THAT:** the Minutes of the Full Authority meeting held September 19, 2007, be received and approved as printed.

**"CARRIED"**

**(2) BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

**(3) DELEGATION**

The Chairman advised that Mr. & Mrs. Greenaway were in attendance to speak to the Board about access to the Gord Harry Memorial Trail to have water delivered to their property. They provided the Board members with an 8 page letter outlining their concerns and reasons why this access was necessary. The Board discussed this matter in great detail and provided Mr. & Mrs. Greenaway with several options they could look into. The Chairman thanked the Greenaways for their presentation.

**(4) CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

The Chairman began by thanking the staff of both the Authority and the Foundation for their assistance at the Thanksgiving Festival. He also thanked those members who attended to help as well. He noted that although the weather was not great on Saturday and Sunday, Monday was very busy.

The Chairman reminded the members of the Elimination Dinner and Draw being held on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Welland Lions Hall. He encouraged members to get together a group for a chance at \$1,000.00 as well as good food and drink.

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

The General Manager echoed the remarks of the Chairman with respect to the Thanksgiving Festival noting that numbers were down approximately 30% from 2006 which was attributed to the wet weather.

The General Manager advised that on Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup> he and Earl Sibbald of the Wainfleet Lions Club as well as Mary Stack attended the Ontario Trillium Foundation's 2007 Great Grant Awards reception in Niagara Falls. He noted that the Authority and the Wainfleet Lion's Club received the OTF's 2007 Environment Award for the joint restoration project at Morgan's Point Conservation Area.

The General Manager noted that a meeting had been held with representatives of the Niagara North and Niagara South Federation of Agriculture to discuss the transfer of the tree conservation by-law to the Authority and other areas of interest. He noted that the discussions were very positive and it was agreed that regular meetings would be beneficial for everyone. The next meeting has been scheduled for February, 2008.

Brian Baty thanked the General Manager for dealing with this matter and keeping the lines of communication open, which he felt was important.

(6) **ACCOUNTS – SEPTEMBER, 2007 – REPORT NO. 79-07**

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

**FA-127-07**

**MOVED BY:** B. Greenwood

**SECONDED BY:** T. Dalimonte

**THAT:** The list of accounts for the month of September, 2007, in the amount of \$1,237,546.69 be received and approved.

**"CARRIED"**

(7) **BINBROOK DAM EMERGENCY SPILLWAY TENDER AWARD - REPORT NO. 80-07**

The Director, Water Management outlined the results of the tenders received and responded to questions. The following resolution was presented.

**FA-128-07**

**MOVED BY:** M. DiFruscio

**SECONDED BY:** T. Dalimonte

**THAT:** Report No. 80-07 regarding the Binbrook Dam Emergency Spillway Tender Award be received; and

That the contract be awarded to CRL Campbell Construction and Drainage Limited, for the tendered price of \$873,809.68 including GST; and

That Philips Engineering be retained to provide site supervision for the project at an upset cost of \$30,000.

**"CARRIED"**

(8) **WATER QUALITY MONITORING FOR METALS - REPORT NO. 81-07**

The Director, Water Management provided a detailed outline of this report and responded to questions. The following resolution was presented.

**FA-129-07**

**MOVED BY:** B. Bentley

**SECONDED BY:** B. Baty

**THAT:** Report No. 81-07 regarding the Water Quality Monitoring for Metals be received for information.

**"CARRIED"**

**(9) REQUEST FOR EASEMENT – PENINSULA WEST UTILITIES – REPORT NO. 82-07**

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

**FA-130-07**

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

**SECONDED BY:** T. Dalimonte

**THAT:** No. 82-07 regarding a Request for Easement – Peninsula West Utilities be received; and

That the requested easement be granted in accordance with the Authority's Policy on Easements Across Conservation Authority Lands.

**"CARRIED"**

**(10) PROJECT STATUS REPORT – REPORT NO. 83-07**

Brian Baty suggested that in order for the Board members to be more familiar with the Authority's conservation areas and projects, perhaps a tour could be arranged in the spring. The following resolution was presented.

**FA-131-07**

**MOVED BY:** A. Fevez

**SECONDED BY:** M. DiFruscio

**THAT:** Report No. 83-07, outlining the status of Authority projects be received for information.

**"CARRIED"**

**(11) OTHER BUSINESS**

**(a) 2007 CONSERVATION ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS – REPORT NO. 84-07**

The Director, Communications outlined the report and responded to questions. Several members provided nominations for the group award and agreed that staff should meet to discuss and decide on one for the award. Brian Heit nominated Gord Harry for the individual award noting that although he was a member of the Conservation Authority Board, his conservation efforts extended beyond his association with the Authority. The following resolutions were presented.

**FA-132-07**

**MOVED BY:** N. Johnson

**SECONDED BY:** B. Steckley

**THAT:** Report No. 84-07 regarding the Conservation Achievement Awards of Merit be received for information purposes.

**"CARRIED"**

**FA-133-07**

**MOVED BY:** B. Heit

**SECONDED BY:** B. Henderson

**THAT:** Gord Harry be awarded the Individual Conservation Achievement Award of Merit posthumously.

**“CARRIED”**

**(b) CHILDREN’S WATER FESTIVAL**

Bob Bentley, the Mayor of Grimsby advised that he received a letter of thanks from Grade 4 students who attended the Water Festival.

**(c) GORD HARRY MEMORIAL TRAIL**

Barb Henderson advised that there have been incidences on the Trail where persons have been shooting guns and empty cartridges have been found on the trail. She indicated it was the area close to the golf course. Staff advised this would be looked into.

**(d) MISCELLANEOUS**

The General Manager advised that with respect to Mr. & Mrs. Greenaway, he would speak to them further on this matter in hopes that it can be resolved amicably.

**(12) IN-CAMERA - VIOLATION AND COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT – REPORT NO. CR-09-07**

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

**FA-134-07**

**MOVED BY:** N. Johnson

**SECONDED BY:** B. Steckley

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

**Received at 8:35 p.m.**

**“CARRIED”**

**FA-135-07**

**MOVED BY:** B. Bentley

**SECONDED BY:** M. DiFruscio

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

**Received at 8:35 p.m.**

**“CARRIED”**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**FA-136-07**

**MOVED BY:** B. Steckley

**SECONDED BY:** A. Fevez

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

**Received at 8:55 p.m.**

**“CARRIED”**

**"L. Sawatzky, Recording Secretary**

**D. Ransom, Chairman"**