

**NIAGARA PENINSULA CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
FULL AUTHORITY MEETING**

WELLAND

AUGUST 20, 2008

7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

D. Ransom, (Chairman)
B. Baty (Vice-Chairman)
G. Burroughs
B. Butters
T. Dalimonte
D. DiFruscio
A. Fevez
D. Goulbourne
B. Greenwood
B. Heit
B. Henderson
N. Johnson
B. Steckley

MEMBERS ABSENT:

B. Bentley (with regrets)
C. D'Angelo (with regrets)

STAFF PRESENT:

T. D'Amario, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer
D. Bois, Acting Recording Secretary
D. Baker, Director, Land Management
J. Kukalis, Director, Water Management
M. Stack, Director Communications
T. McDougall, Executive Director Conservation Foundation

OTHERS PRESENT:

M. Neufeld, Chairman, Source Protection Committee

BUSINESS:

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

(1) MINUTES

(a) FULL AUTHORITY MEETING – JUNE 18, 2008

There were no errors or omissions with respect to the minutes. The following resolution was presented.

FA-96-08

MOVED BY: M. DiFruscio

SECONDED BY: A. Fevez

THAT: the Minutes of the Full Authority meeting held June 18, 2008, be received and approved.

"CARRIED"

(b) BALL'S FALLS HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING – AUGUST 6, 2008

There were no errors or omissions with respect to the minutes. The following resolution was presented.

FA-97-08

MOVED BY: B. Butters

SECONDED BY: B. Steckley

THAT: the Minutes of the Ball's Falls Heritage Advisory Committee meeting held August 6, 2008, be received and approved.

"CARRIED"

(2) BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

(3) CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

The Chairman welcomed John Kukalis who is now officially the new Director of Water Management and Mark Neufeld, Chairman of the Source Protection Committee.

The Chairman thanked Darcy Baker for his presentation and all staff involved in the Cave Springs Master Plan Open House, at the Ball's Falls Centre for Conservation on August 19, 2008. He advised the members that 35 people had attended. He noted that Margaret Reed will be remembered at the site. Activities will be low profile and if the park is misused, it will be closed to protect the ecologically significant aspect of the area. He also noted that there was a very good article in the Standard on the meeting.

The Chairman noted that the tour of CA sites before the last meeting had been very worthwhile but acknowledged that not all members could attend due to work schedules, etc.

The Chairman advised that next year is the Authority's 50th anniversary and that staff are working on a plan to make the event memorable.

The Chairman advised that this year is Hamilton's 50th anniversary and that on October 17 - 19 there will be an opportunity to visit different sites. Barb Henderson said that she could bring more information forward on their events as they came to her attention.

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The Chairman advised that he and the CAO met with the Regional Chair to update him on the Authority's recent efforts. He said that the discussions were worthwhile and they were encouraged by the interest and enthusiasm shown by the Regional Chair.

The Chairman congratulated Ellen Mitchinson and Linda Holmes on their receiving Ontario Volunteer Service Awards for 15 years and 5 years of service at Ball's Falls, respectively.

(4) CAO'S REPORT

The CAO noted the handouts on the table for the members. The ROM is bringing a bat display to Ball's Falls from September 6 to November 2. The Water Quality Monitoring program, 2007 Annual Report and the Niagara River RAP Update 2008 were handed out for the members information.

The CAO advised that as of August 1, 2008 the Authority has taken over the administration of the Tree and Forest Conservation By-Law Program. As such, 2 new staff persons have been hired. Dan Drennan has been hired as Forester and Jeff Vlasman has been hired as the Forestry Technician. He noted that both men are already working with the public on forestry issues.

The CAO advised the members that the opening for E.C. Brown CA Wetland Project will be held on September 15, 2008. Representatives from OPG will be on hand. He also noted that the site looked very good as a result of all the rain this month.

The CAO noted the he and Suzanne McInnes, Planning Coordinator, presented the NOTL Watershed Plan to council and it was received with some reserve. There is still resistance to the objectives and implementations of the plan and staff are continuing to work with the Irrigation Committee to resolve those issues.

The CAO advised that the OMB decision on the golf course at the Vince Kerrio site in Fort Erie had been issued on August 14 and the Board decreed that a PSW does exist on the property and development will not be allowed.

(5) BUDGET STATUS REPORT - REPORT NO. 54-08

The CAO overviewed this report and after a brief discussion the following resolution was presented.

FA-98-08

MOVED BY: B. Butters

SECONDED BY: B. Steckley

THAT: The Budget Status Report for the month of May, 2008 be received.

“CARRIED”

(6) 2009 BUDGET SCHEDULE - REPORT NO. 55-08

The CAO presented this report and after a brief discussion on timing of the meeting the following resolution was presented.

FA-99-08

MOVED BY: B. Steckley

SECONDED BY: B. Butters

THAT: the Report No. 55-08 regarding the 2009 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 Carmen D'Angelo (Andy Fevez - alternate), Barbara Greenwood, Dominic DiFruscio.

“CARRIED”

(7) FEE COMPLAINT - MRS. REGIER - REPORT NO. 56-08

The CAO advised that a letter had been received from Kim Craiton, MPP, requesting that the Board consider a fee reduction for a permit to construct a storage building on the Regier property in NOTL. After a discussion it was agreed that a letter would be sent to Mr. Craiton advising him that the position of the Board is final. The following resolution was then presented.

FA-100-08

MOVED BY: D. DiFruscio

SECONDED BY: T. Dalimonte

THAT: Report No. 56-08 be received.

“CARRIED”

(8) NAMING OF NPCA ASSETS AND FACILITIES – REPORT NO. 57-08

The CAO overviewed the policy and thanked Barb Henderson, Brian Baty, and Damian Goulbourne for preparing the document. The Chairman added his thanks and the following resolution was presented.

FA-101-08

MOVED BY: D. DiFruscio

SECONDED BY: T. Dalimonte

THAT: Report No. 57-08 be received and the Naming of NPCA Assets and Facilities Policy as developed by the Board Committee be approved.

“CARRIED”

(9) DELEGATIONS POLICY - REPORT NO. 58-08

The CAO presented this report. There was a discussion on the process of coming before the Board and the wording changes required to clarify the intent of the policy. The CAO will make changes to the wording and bring this report back to the Board in September.

(10) THUNDERING WATERS DEVELOPMENT UPDATE - REPORT NO. 59-08

The Director, Water Management presented this report. There was a brief discussion and the following resolution was presented.

FA-102-08

MOVED BY: M. DiFruscio

SECONDED BY: T. Dalimonte

THAT: the Report No. 59-08 regarding the Thundering Waters Development be received for information.

“CARRIED”

(11) TERMS OF REFERENCE - BEAVERDAMS AND SHRINERS CREEK WATERSHED PLAN - REPORT, AND CHAIR FOR BEAVERDAMS AND SHRINERS CREEK WATERSHED PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE - REPORT NO. 60-08

The Director, Water Management presented the report and the Terms of Reference for this project. He noted that currently Hurricane Hazel is the regulatory standard and this area will be updated to the 100 Year Flood to come in line with the rest of our watershed. The members were then asked for a volunteer to act as Chair on the Steering Committee. Mickey DiFruscio volunteered and the following resolution was presented.

FA-103-08

MOVED BY: M. DiFruscio

SECONDED BY: B. Heit

THAT: the Terms of Reference for the Beaverdams and Shriners Creek Watershed Plan be approved;

That a copy of this report be forwarded to the Regional Municipality of Niagara, City of Thorold, City of Niagara Falls, City of St. Catharines, Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake and the Town of Pelham; and

That Mickey DiFruscio chair the Beaverdams and Shriners Creek Watershed Plan Steering Committee.

“CARRIED”

(12) NOMINATION OF IJC FOR STOCKHOLM WATER PRIZE REPORT NO. 61-08

The Director, Water Management provided background noting that the nomination reflects positively on the water quality efforts in this area. The following resolution was presented.

FA-104-08

MOVED BY: B. Heit

SECONDED BY: B. Henderson

THAT: the Board of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority endorse the Regional Municipality of Niagara's nomination of the International Joint Commission for the Stockholm Water Prize.

“CARRIED”

(13) JORDAN HARBOUR SITE - REPORT NO. 62-08

The Director, Land Management advised that no proposals were received on this project and that staff will be looking at alternative options. The following resolution was then presented.

FA-105-08

MOVED BY: B. Heit

SECONDED BY: B. Henderson

THAT: Report No. 62-08 regarding the Jordan Harbour Site be received for information.

“CARRIED”

(14) PROJECT STATUS REPORT - REPORT NO. 63-08

The Director, Water Management responded to questions and the following resolution was then presented.

FA-106-08

MOVED BY: A. Fevez

SECONDED BY: B. Heit

THAT: Report No. 63-08 outlining the status of Authority projects be received for information.

“CARRIED”

(15) IN-CAMERA

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

FA-107-08

MOVED BY: A. Fevez

SECONDED BY: B. Heit

THAT: this meeting do now move in-camera.

Received at 8:08 p.m.

“CARRIED”

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FA-108-08

MOVED BY: B. Heit

SECONDED BY: B. Greenwood

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

Received at 8:19 p.m.

“CARRIED”

(16) OTHER BUSINESS

Brian Baty spoke regarding an article in a local paper which said that the NPCA is working against the farming community. He stated that clearly there is some miscommunication between the NPCA and the OFA and urged that the Authority work to resolve this problem. There followed a brief discussion on the matter.

ADJOURNMENT

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

FA-109-08

MOVED BY: B. Greenwood

SECONDED BY: B. Heit

THAT: this meeting do now adjourn.

Received at 8:32 p.m.

“CARRIED”

"D. Bois, Acting Recording Secretary

D. Ransom, Chairman"