

**NIAGARA PENINSULA CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
FULL AUTHORITY MEETING**

WELLAND

SEPTEMBER 17, 2008

7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

G. Burroughs (with regrets)
D. Goulbourne (with regrets)

STAFF PRESENT:

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

BUSINESS:

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:06 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 - FULL AUTHORITY MEETING – AUGUST 20, 2008

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

FA-110-08

MOVED BY: N. Johnson

SECONDED BY: T. Dalimonte

THAT: the Minutes of the Full Authority meeting held August 20, 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 indicated that the Biennial Tour which he and Mickey DiFruscio attended was very informative and appreciated the opportunity to be a part of it. He noted that part of the tour included a history of Sudbury and the many changes which have taken place in the city over the years including the planting of 12,000,000 trees since 1978.

The Chairman thanked the Budget Review Committee who met recently to discuss the 2009 budget.

The Chairman noted that the E.C. Brown opening was very successful with approximately 68 persons attending. He thanked the members who attended as well. He indicated that Jocelyn provided an excellent talk, noting, in particular that all departments of the Authority were involved in this project.

The Chairman advised there is a bat display from the Royal Ontario Museum at the Centre for Conservation at Ball's Falls which will remain until November 2nd and encouraged anyone who could to attend.

The Chairman noted that at the end of this week, approximately 5,000 students will have attended the Niagara Children's Water Festival at Ball's Falls.

The Chairman indicated that the Elimination Draw information was handed out at the meeting and that the members should make every effort to attend and if possible get a table together. He noted that proceeds go to the Conservation Foundation.

(4) CAO'S REPORT

The CAO noted the weather was great for the Water Festival public day which had about 1,000 persons attending. According to weather reports it should be great for the rest of the week for the students.

The CAO advised that the first meeting of the Advisory Committee for the new Tree By-law is being held Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m.

The CAO noted that preparations are underway for the upcoming Thanksgiving Festival at Ball's Falls from October 10 - 13. He requested the members' assistance if possible.

The CAO advised that the campgrounds are closing as of this weekend.

The CAO noted that the Watershed Report Card has been distributed this past week.

The CAO provided an update of the sign at Ball's Falls noting that there has been a delay due to the Region requiring the sign be placed further away from the road which would necessitate the removal of several trees. Staff are continuing to work with the Region to move it to the other side of the road. He also noted that quotations have been requested for the construction of the sign.

(5) **2008 CURRENT BUDGET STATUS AND ESTIMATES TO YEAR END - REPORT NO. 64-08**

The CAO overviewed this report in detail noting that at this point there are no significant variances and is within the approved budget. After questions and a discussion the following resolution was presented.

FA-111-08

MOVED BY: B. Butters

SECONDED BY: N. Johnson

THAT: Report No. 64-08 regarding the 2008 Current Budget – Estimates to Year End be received and approved.

“CARRIED”

(6) **2008 CAPITAL BUDGET STATUS AND REPORT ESTIMATES TO YEAR END – REPORT NO. 65-08**

The CAO presented this report in detail and after questions and a brief discussion, the following resolution was presented.

FA-112-08

MOVED BY: M. DiFruscio

SECONDED BY: T. Dalimonte

THAT: Report No. 65-08 regarding the 2008 Capital Budget – Estimates to Year End be received and approved.

“CARRIED”

(7) **PRELIMINARY 2009 CURRENT BUDGET - REPORT NO. 66-08**

The CAO advised that the budget had been discussed and approved by the Budget Review Committee. He outlined the 2009 current budget in detail and responded to questions. The following resolution was then presented.

FA-113-08

MOVED BY: B. Steckley

SECONDED BY: M. DiFruscio

THAT: Report No. 66-08 regarding the 2009 Preliminary Current Budget be received; and

That the 2009 Preliminary Current Budget with a total expenditure of \$6,731,553 and levies of \$4,287,141 to the Niagara Region, \$208,493 to the City of Hamilton and \$26,358 to Haldimand County be approved; and

That staff be authorized to submit the 2009 Preliminary Current Budget to the member municipalities and the Ministry of Natural Resources.

“CARRIED”

(8) PRELIMINARY 2009 CAPITAL BUDGET - REPORT NO. 67-08

The CAO overviewed the 2009 Capital Budget in detail and responded to questions. After a lengthy discussion, the following resolution was presented.

FA-114-08

MOVED BY: B. Bentley

SECONDED BY: B. Steckley

THAT: Report No. 67-08 regarding the 2009 Preliminary Capital Budget be received; and

That the 2009 Preliminary Capital Budget with a total expenditure of \$5,614,758 and levies of \$2,690,844 to the Niagara Region, \$293,229 to the City of Hamilton and \$85,326 to Haldimand County be approved; and

That staff be authorized to submit the 2009 Preliminary Capital Budget to the member municipalities and the Ministry of Natural Resources.

“CARRIED”

(9) DELEGATIONS POLICY - REPORT NO. 68-08

The CAO advised that this matter was presented at the August meeting and at the request of the Board be reconsidered and brought to this meeting. The CAO outlined his recommendations and the following resolution was presented.

FA-115-08

MOVED BY: B. Greenwood

SECONDED BY: B. Steckley

THAT: the Report No. 68-08 be received and that the policy as outlined in the report be included under Item X1 DELEGATIONS of the Administrative Rules and Procedures as set out by the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority.

“CARRIED”

(10) WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES REPORT NO. 69-08

The Director, Land Management advised this was a confirmation of the Authority's policy adopted in June of 2007 and is to be done on an annual basis. He also noted that a Health and Safety Procedures Manual was being developed and should be brought to the board at the November meeting. The following resolution was presented.

FA-116-08

MOVED BY: A. Fevez

SECONDED BY: T. Dalimonte

THAT: the Report No. 69-08 regarding the Health and Safety Program be received; and

That the Health and Safety Policy Statement for the Conservation Authority dated September 17, 2008 be adopted.

“CARRIED”

(11) PROJECT STATUS REPORT - REPORT NO. 70-08

The CAO responded to questions and the following resolution was then presented.

FA-117-08

MOVED BY: C. D’Angelo

SECONDED BY: B. Bentley

THAT: Report No. 70–08 outlining the status of Authority projects be received for information.

“CARRIED”

(12) IN-CAMERA

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

FA-118-08

MOVED BY: B. Steckley

SECONDED BY: T. Dalimonte

THAT: this meeting do now move in-camera.

Received at 8:28 p.m.

“CARRIED”

FA-119-08

MOVED BY: N. Johnson

SECONDED BY: T. Dalimonte

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

Received at 8:34 p.m.

“CARRIED”

(16) OTHER BUSINESS

Brian Baty indicated that the Department of National Defense property along Lake Ontario is perhaps becoming available and would the Authority be in a position to look at obtaining the property.

Brian Baty commended staff on the E.C. Brown opening and indicated that both sons of the original owner of the property were in attendance.

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Brian Baty also commended the staff at the Niagara Children's Water Festive which he noted was well organized.

The Chairman thanked Brian for attending the opening at E.C. Brown on his behalf.

ADJOURNMENT

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

FA-120-08

MOVED BY: B. Heit

SECONDED BY: B. Butters

THAT: this meeting do now adjourn.

Received at 8:38 p.m.

"CARRIED"

"L. Sawatzky, Recording Secretary

D. Ransom, Chairman"