

## NIAGARA PENINSULA CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

WELLAND

JANUARY 21, 2009

7:15 p.m.

### MINUTES

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

T. Dalimonte (with regrets)

**STAFF PRESENT:**

T. D'Amario, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer  
L. Sawatzky, Recording Secretary  
M. Stack, Director Communications  
J. Kukalis, Director, Water Management  
D. Baker, Director, Land Management  
T. McDougall, Executive Director Conservation Foundation  
C. Hayward, Curator, Ball's Falls  
J. Douglas, Superintendent, Binbrook CA  
B. Frith, Assistant Superintendent, Chippawa Creek CA  
M. Germain, Superintendent, Central Workshop

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Karen Douglas  
Patty, Chris and Lindsay Frith

**BUSINESS:**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:17 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 regarding Telus or Talk Wireless items.

**(1) MINUTES - FULL AUTHORITY MEETING – DECEMBER 10, 2008**

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

**FA-06-09**

**MOVED BY:** B. Steckley

**SECONDED BY:** D. DiFruscio

**THAT:** the Minutes of the Full Authority meeting held December 10, 2008, be received and approved as printed.

**"CARRIED"**

**(2) BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

Barb Henderson requested further information regarding item number 12 in the minutes with respect to the Bruce Trail Club and parking fees at Ball's Falls. The Director, Land Management advised he has arranged with other CA's to meet and see if we can come to an agreement soon.

Andy Fevez requested a copy of the fees for Binbrook from the December meeting. The Director Land Management advise he has updated them and will circulate.

**(3) CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

The chairman commended person or persons that have removed the plastic water bottles and are now using glasses and municipal water.

The Chairman wish to draw attention to the tree and forest conservation by-law booklet provided to the members, made possible by staff and the board support. Good things are happening with respect to this program and he indicated he is pleased that his has come about.

The Chairman provided a copy of the January 16<sup>th</sup> Glanbrook Gazette where on the front page was a picture of Jim Douglas, Superintendent of Binbrook CA and Mike Boyko regarding ice fishing at Binbrook. Andy Fevez noted that the 7" pickerel at Binbrook in June were 17" when caught in January.

**(4) CAO'S REPORT**

The CAO advised that staff and the Authority's auditors are currently working on 2008 year end which will be provided at the February meeting. He noted that the 2009 budget will be brought for final approval to the February meeting as well. He advised that the Region Niagara portion has been approved after a number of meetings and discussions, and the staff will be meeting on Friday to make a budget presentation to Hamilton council.

The CAO invited the members who may be interested to attend February 8<sup>th</sup> for the Binbrook ice fishing derby with the Glanbrook Conservation Club.

**(5) STAFF RECOGNITION**

The CAO began with Christine Hayward who was celebrating 30 years of service with the Authority. He provided a background on the history of Chris' time with the Authority. He then presented Christine with a token of appreciation from this Authority and thanked her for her efforts.

The CAO then advised that Jim Douglas was in attendance and celebrating 30 years of service as well with the Authority. He then asked Jim to introduce his guest, who he indicated was his wife Karen. The CAO then provided a background on Jim's time with the Authority. He then presented Jim with a token of appreciation from the Authority and thanked him for his efforts.

Finally, the CAO advised that Brian Frith was in attendance and celebrating 35 years of service with the Authority. He then asked Brian to introduce his guests, who he advised were his wife Patty, his son Chris and his daughter, Lindsay. The CAO provided background on Brian's history with the Authority and then presented him with a token of appreciation and thanked him for all his efforts.

**(6) BORROWING RESOLUTION – REPORT NO. 01-09**

The CAO advised that this resolution was required by the Bank of Montreal should the need to borrow funds become necessary. He did advise that over the last several years, it has not been necessary for the Authority to borrow funds. After responding to questions, the following resolution was presented.

**FA-07-09**

**MOVED BY:** B. Butters

**SECONDED BY:** B. Greenwood

**THAT:** WHEREAS Section 3(5) of The Conservation Authorities Act authorizes Conservation Authorities to borrow such monies as may be required until the payment of any grants and levies; and

WHEREAS the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority deems it appropriate to borrow such sums, with the total borrowed amount not to exceed \$800,000 at any one time in the year of 2009 to meet approved administration, maintenance and capital expenditures;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority be authorized to borrow from time to time from the Bank of Montreal by way of overdraft as per a Bank of Montreal overdraft agreement executed and signed by the Chairman and the Secretary-Treasurer of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, with the total amount not exceeding \$800,000 at any one time in 2009 to meet approved administration, maintenance and capital expenditures.

**"CARRIED"**

(7) **NPCF APPOINTMENT – REPORT NO. 02-09**

The Executive Director provided an outline of the proposed new board member for the Foundation. The following resolution was presented.

**FA-08-09**

**MOVED BY:** B. Greenwood

**SECONDED BY:** B. Butters

**THAT:** Mr. Roger Jette be appointed to the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Foundation for a term of 3 years to expire December 31, 2011.

"CARRIED"

(8) **BALL'S FALLS HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS – REPORT NO 03-09**

The CAO provided an explanation of this report. The Chairman added that Ellen Mitchinson has been very involved for many years with Ball's Falls and Linda Holmes is currently the Vice-Chair of the committee. The following resolution was presented.

**FA-09-09**

**MOVED BY:** B. Butters

**SECONDED BY:** B. Henderson

**THAT:** Linda Holmes and Ellen Mitchinson be appointed to the Ball's Falls Heritage Advisory Committee for a 3 year term to expire December 31, 2011.

"CARRIED"

(9) **10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE – REPORT NO. 04-09**

The Director Communications provide the board members with a copy of the proposed activities for the celebration of the Authority's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. She also noted that Len Pennachetti is in the process of looking into the possibility of producing a wine from grapes grown on the Cave Springs property he leases from the Authority. The committee is also looking at producing a commemorative calendar through a photo contest. She noted that many of the events will be piggybacked with events already ongoing for this year. She also will be looking for volunteers to assist with the events.

A discussion took place on possible other events and Damien Goulbourne noted that for the April 22<sup>nd</sup> kickoff with the area mayors many of them will be away at another function and perhaps another date could be looked at. The Director Communications advised that April 30<sup>th</sup> could be an alternate date.

It was also suggested that Enbridge Gas have large BBQ's which they provide for use in public events free of charge and will also do the cooking and we should look into arranging this ASAP.

The following resolution was presented.

**FA-10-09**

**MOVED BY:** G. Burroughs

**SECONDED BY:** D. DiFruscio

**THAT:** Report No. 04-09 regarding the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee be received.

**“CARRIED”**

**(10) NPCA PERMIT FEE REDUCTION REQUEST – REPORT NO. 05-09**

The Director, Water Management advised that this report was in response to an inquiry. He outlined the reasoning for the costs in particular the number of staff and their technical expertise required in order to adequately respond to permit applications.

A lengthy discussion took place and a concern was raised with respect to setting a policy wherein municipalities would be able to waive or request lower fees.

Bob Steckley requested that this matter be tabled until February in order to have the Drainage Superintendent and Director of Infrastructure come to the meeting to provide further input.

The following resolution was presented.

**FA-11-09**

**MOVED BY:** B. Steckley

**SECONDED BY:** B. Henderson

**THAT:** this matter be tabled to be brought back at the February meeting.

**“CARRIED”**

**(11) CENTRAL WELLAND RIVER FLOODPLAIN MAPPING – AWARD OF WORK – REPORT NO. 06-09**

The Director, Water Management outlined the report noting that the project has been included in the budget and responded to questions. Barb Henderson requested that in future a map be provided to the board with this kind of report. The following resolution was presented.

**FA-12-09**

**MOVED BY:** G. Burroughs

**SECONDED BY:** D. DiFruscio

**THAT:** Report No. 06-09 regarding the Central River Floodplain Mapping Project be, received; and,

That the Board approve the retaining of Aquafor Beech Limited to undertake the Central Welland River Floodplain Mapping project at an upset cost limit of \$127,900.

**“CARRIED”**

(12) **2008 YEAR IN REVIEW**

The year in review began with the Director, Water Management providing an informative power point outline of the Water Department's activities and programs in 2008. Next, the Director, Land Management outlined the programs and activities of the Land Management Division. The Chairman thanked staff and indicated that he was truly amazed at the work Authority staff do.

(13) **IN-CAMERA**

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

**FA-13-09**

**MOVED BY:** B. Heit

**SECONDED BY:** B. Henderson

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

Received at 9:00 p.m. "CARRIED"

**FA-14-09**

**MOVED BY:** A. Fevez

**SECONDED BY:** B. Baty

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

Received at 9:10 p.m. "CARRIED"

(14) **OTHER BUSINESS**

Brian Baty suggested that staff attend at Regional Council to present the Regional Tree Bylaw brochure and requested 10 copies. Brian Baty also requested a summary of the incidents/violations with respect to the tree bylaw, without names and addresses.

Brian Baty also advised that funding from both the Federal and Provincial governments is upcoming and perhaps we should look at making an application for the Jordan Harbour property. The Director, Land Management advised that a package was being prepared to be sent.

Brian Baty also brought up the subject of tics at the Wainfleet Bog. The Director Land Management advised that of all our conservation areas, the Bog is the only place that tested positive.

Brian Baty suggested that staff look into using the Niagara Brand Concept logo whenever possible with respect to our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary promotions.

Norm Johnson advised that the tree by-law brochure did not include West Lincoln. The Director, Land Management advised that it would be corrected.

Carmen D'Angelo indicated that 2002 was the last time a multi-year land management plan was prepared and perhaps another one was in order for the next 5 years.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**FA-15-09**

**MOVED BY:** B. Baty

**SECONDED BY:** B. Greenwood

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

**Received at 9:18 p.m.**

**“CARRIED”**

**"L. Sawatzky, Recording Secretary**

**D. Ransom, Chairman"**