



WELLAND

**NIAGARA PENINSULA CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
JUNE 17, 2009**

7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: D. Ransom, (Chairman)
B. Baty
G. Burroughs
B. Butters
T. Dalimonte
D. DiFruscio
A. Fevez
D. Goulbourne
B. Greenwood
B. Heit
B. Henderson

MEMBERS ABSENT: B. Bentley (with regrets)
C. D'Angelo (with regrets)
N. Johnson (with regrets)
B. Steckley (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

BUSINESS:

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance and requested that if anyone had a conflict of interest to so declare it. Brian Heit declared a conflict with any items regarding Telus or Talk Wireless.

(1) MINUTES

(a) FULL AUTHORITY MEETING – MAY 20, 2009

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

FA-72-09

MOVED BY: T. Dalimonte

SECONDED BY: B. Henderson

THAT: the Minutes of the Full Authority meeting held May 20, 2009, be received and approved as printed.

"CARRIED"

(b) **BALL'S FALLS HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING – JUNE 3, 2009**

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

FA-73-09

MOVED BY: B. Heit

SECONDED BY: B. Henderson

THAT: the Minutes of the Ball's Falls Heritage Advisory Committee meeting held June 3, 2009, be received and approved as printed.

"CARRIED"

(c) **NIAGARA REGION TREE AND FOREST CONSERVATION BY-LAW ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING – MAY 21, 2009**

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

FA-74-09

MOVED BY: A. Fevez

SECONDED BY: G. Burroughs

THAT: the Minutes of the Niagara Region Tree and Forest Conservation By-Law Committee meeting held May 21, 2009 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 noted his pleasure with the continuing work by staff to maintain the trails in the various conservation areas to make them more accessible.

The Chairman commented that the new rail fence at Ball's Falls is almost completed and suggested that those who could should drive by to have a look at it.

The Chairman wished to thank the municipalities who have made donations to the Niagara Children's Water Festival. He noted that this is a very worthwhile program which the Authority has become well know for. He advised that the St. Catharines Standard reported that water consumption in St. Catharines is down, so the program is working. He thanked staff for all their efforts.

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The Chairman advised that he attended the unveiling of the donor wall for the Foundation at the Centre for Conservation at Ball's Falls on Thursday, June 11th and was overwhelmed by the number of persons in attendance. He noted he heard good comments from all in attendance and felt it was a very positive event. He noted it was very well organized and thanked Terry for all her efforts and indicated there was still much work left to do.

(4) CAO'S REPORT

The CAO advised that as a follow up to last meeting a letter has been sent to Conservation Ontario and MNR regarding Regulation Hearing Procedures. A letter has also been sent to the Region of Niagara to discuss a program or partnership with the Authority for septic systems.

The CAO noted that the Saine application which was denied at the last meeting has been appealed to MNR and we are required to respond by August 31st.

The CAO advised that for those who would like a copy of the native plant suppliers for the Region, Loretta had copies.

With respect to the Regional Road 20 stormwater management issues, the CAO indicated the Region has installed stormceptors prior to the channel outlet to provide water quality improvement.

The CAO noted that the Gala event originally scheduled for August 13th has been moved to Friday, October 31st.

The CAO advised the Board that Woolverton has been spelled correctly in the Budget Status report.

The CAO noted that the Foundation Golf Tournament was another successful event bringing in almost \$10,000 towards the Jordan Harbour Project.

The CAO advised that the crappy derby recently held at the Binbrook Conservation Area was very successful with over 450 persons attending.

The CAO along with the Chairman and Staff, attended the IJC 100th Celebration of the Boundary Waters Treaty on the previous Saturday at the Rainbow bridge. He noted that Hilary Clinton as well as other dignitaries were in attendance.

The CAO reminded the members of the upcoming bass derby being held at Chippawa Creek Conservation Area on July 11th to coincide with the family fishing weekend.

The CAO advised that preparations are underway for the 2010 budget and the Regional Budget Review Committee of the Whole will be meeting shortly to provide guidelines for the preparation of the budget.

As a final item, the CAO indicated that the emerald ash borer has been found in Niagara and information is being provided to the general public on how to reduce the spread of this bug.

Barb Greenwood advised that further to her Tree-mendous presentation at Niagara Falls Council recently, she will be making another presentation to her Niagara Falls Rotary group.

(5) **BUDGET STATUS REPORT TO MAY 31, 2009 - REPORT NO. 37-09**

The CAO outlined the report noting that there were a couple of items he wished to point out one of which was the \$50,000 additional revenue in corporate management which was a donation by OPG to offset expenditures for the IJC event. He advised this was an in and out transaction. He also noted that the admin fees for planning manners were lower than expected and staff will monitor this and if necessary make adjustments at a later date. The following resolution was presented.

FA-75-09

MOVED BY: B. Greenwood

SECONDED BY: B. Butters

THAT: the Budget Status Report for the period ending May 31, 2009 be received.

"CARRIED"

(6) **STATUS REPORT SOURCE WATER PROTECTION PROGRAM UPDATE – REPORT NO. 38-09**

The Director, Water Management outlined the report giving background on how the program is proceeding and noting that the Authority board will be receiving a detailed Assessment Report for review and comment at the September board meeting. A lengthy discussion took place and the following resolution was presented.

FA-76-09

MOVED BY: M. DiFruscio

SECONDED BY: T. Dalimonte

THAT: the Report No. 38-09 be received for information.

"CARRIED"

(7) **PICNIC PAVILION CONTRACT – BINBROOK CONSERVATION AREA - REPORT NO. 39-09**

The Director, Land Management outlined the results of this contract request. He advised that since he did not receive the response he was looking for he was proposing that the contract be for just the labour component. He noted that Authority staff could complete the work and subcontract where necessary. After responding to questions, the following resolution was presented.

FA-77-09

MOVED BY: T. Dalimonte

SECONDED: B. Greenwood

THAT: Report No. 39-09 be received for information purposes; and

That JB Korten be contracted for a price of \$6,094.00 to erect the pavilion structure.

"CARRIED"

(8) REQUESTS FOR USE OF NPCA FACILITIES – REPORT NO. 40-09

The Director, Land Management outlined the report noting he would like to maintain the current practice of assessing each request. The following resolution was presented.

FA-78-09

MOVED BY: A. Fevez

SECONDED: B. Greenwood

THAT: Report No. 40-09 be received, and;

That the current practice of considering events be supported.

"CARRIED"

(9) TOWNSHIP OF WAINFLEET REQUEST FOR FREE DAY USE – REPORT NO. 41-09

The Director, Land Management outlined the report noting that after having provided free day use in the past, it created many difficulties for staff and most users were from out of town, not local residents. Barb Henderson thanked staff for the detailed report and requested that it be forwarded to the members of Wainfleet Council. The following resolution was presented.

FA-79-09

MOVED BY: T. Dalimonte

SECONDED: M. DiFruscio

THAT: Report No. 41-09 be received; and,

That the Township of Wainfleet be advised that the Conservation Authority is not able to offer free day-use privileges to residents.

"CARRIED"

(10) CHAIR FOR THE UPPER WELLAND RIVER WATERSHED PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE – REPORT NO. 42-09

The Director, Water Management provided an outline of the report noting that he was hoping to have a member from either Hamilton or Haldimand as chair. It was suggested

that Carmen D'Angelo, who was absent from the meeting be offered the position. The following resolution was presented.

FA-80-09

MOVED BY: B. Butters

SECONDED: B. Greenwood

THAT: Carmen D'Angelo of the NPCA Board be nominated as Chair of the Upper Welland River Watershed Plan Steering Committee.

"CARRIED"

(11) TREE BY-LAW IMPLEMENTATION REPORT

The Director Land Management provided a power point presentation to get members to provide feedback before going to the Region. He outlined the activities to date and the composition and role of the committee as well as the responsibility of authority staff. He noted he would like to go to Public Works on July 7th and would like to have the revisions by next week.

It was suggested that as part of the presentation the region be provided with copies of the violations and numbers without the specifics of who and where.

Barb Butters advised that she had two occurrences when she required the assistance of Dan Drennan, the Forester for the Authority and noted how competent he was in his job and commended him for his enthusiasm.

The Chairman noted that he felt it was important to note in the presentation that our staff are qualified foresters.

It was also suggested that the Chairman be in attendance when the presentation is made to the Region to make opening comments.

A question was raised on whether it is possible to check and see if when trees have been cut down, a permit was issued. The Director, Water Management advised that there is a tracking ability in place.

The Director, Land Management advised that while all the municipalities were sent a notice that staff would be willing to attend to provide an outline of the by-law to municipal staff, five municipalities did not respond. Barbara Henderson noted that her municipality was one of them and indicated she would like to have the presentation made.

The Chairman thanked Darcy for the update.

(12) PROJECT STATUS REPORT – REPORT NO. 43-09

There were no questions with respect to this report.

FA-81-09

MOVED BY: M. DiFruscio

SECONDED BY: G. Burroughs

THAT: Report No. 43-09 outlining the status of Authority projects be received for information.

"CARRIED"

(13) IN-CAMERA

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

FA-82-09

MOVED BY: T. Dalimonte

SECONDED BY: G. Burroughs

THAT: this meeting do now move in-camera.

Received at 8:20 p.m. **"CARRIED"**

FA-83-09

MOVED BY: T. Dalimonte

SECONDED BY: G. Burroughs

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

Received at 8:32 p.m. **"CARRIED"**

(14) OTHER BUSINESS

Damian Goulbourne advised that an event had taken place in St. Catharines which recognized the Centre for Conservation at Ball's Falls for Breaking the Barrier-Education Award. Mayor Goulbourne presented the award to the Chairman.

Andy Fevez requested an update on the progress with respect to the dock permits in Binbrook. The Director, Land Management advised they are in the process of being sent out and residents will be receiving them shortly.

Barb Henderson advised that one of the Wainfleet Councillors is expressing concerns regarding the Gord Harry Trail noting there should be a stop sign there since the horses are using the trail and causing traffic problems. She also asked if there was much response to the Simply Tree-Mendous challenge. The Director, Communications advised that there has been a large positive response from the public and the media.

Gary Burroughs noted that there has been some concerns on the boundary waters treaty being amended. The CAO advised he is aware of this and will continue to monitor and report on progress.

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A question was raised on whether the municipal councils should also be apprised of the tree cutting bylaw. The CAO advised it could be done if need be.

The chairman advised that the next meeting will be Wednesday, July 15th and there will be no meeting in August.

ADJOURNMENT

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

FA-84-09

MOVED BY: B. Greenwood

SECONDED BY: B. Butters

THAT: this meeting do now adjourn.

Received at 8:42 p.m.

“CARRIED”

"L. Sawatzky, Recording Secretary

D. Ransom, Chairman"