

NIAGARA PENINSULA CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
OCTOBER 21, 2009

WELLAND

7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** D. Ransom, (Chairman)
B. Baty (Vice-Chairman)
B. Bentley
G. Burroughs
T. Dalimonte
C. D'Angelo
D. DiFruscio
A. Fevez
D. Goulbourne
B. Greenwood
B. Henderson
N. Johnson
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** B. Butters (with regrets)
B. Heit (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 7:05 p.m. He welcomed everyone in attendance and requested that if anyone had a conflict of interest to so declare it.

(1) **MINUTES**

(a) **FULL AUTHORITY MEETING – SEPTEMBER 16, 2009**

There was an error regarding members shown as absent who were in attendance. They were B. Bentley, C. D'Angelo, N. Johnson and B. Steckley. The minutes will be revised accordingly. The following resolution was presented.

FA-102-09

MOVED BY: B. Greenwood

SECONDED BY: G. Burroughs

THAT: the Minutes of the Full Authority meeting held September 16, 2009, be received and approved as amended.

"CARRIED"

(b) **NIAGARA REGION TREE AND FOREST CONSERVATION BY-LAW ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING - SEPTEMBER 17, 2009**

There was a typographical error on page 12. It read a woodlot tour should be “arraigned” instead of “arranged”. The following resolution was presented.

FA-103-09

MOVED BY: N. Johnson

SECONDED BY: T. Dalimonte

THAT: the Minutes of the Niagara Region Tree and Forest Conservation by-law committee meeting held September 17, 2009, be received and approved as amended.

"CARRIED"

(2) **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

(3) **CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

The Chairman began by thanking Brian Baty for Chairing the September meeting in his absence.

The Chairman advised that at the recent Doors Open event, staff assisted and directed people to have them visit our sites including the Centre for Conservation at Ball's Falls. He noted that attendance was good and at 12:30 on Sunday there were 37 cars in the parking lot and at 3:30 there were 99.

The Chairman reminded the members of the upcoming 50th anniversary gala and if they wanted tickets, they were very limited and should not wait. Terry McDougall advised that they have currently sold 150. The Chairman advised that it will be an excellent evening and thanked the efforts of Terry and Mary.

(4) **CAO'S REPORT**

The CAO advised that the Region has scheduled flu immunization clinics for the H1N1 virus and all of the information is available on their website.

The CAO noted that the Thanksgiving Festival was successful despite the low numbers, rain on Friday and economic situation. He thanked the board for the prompt approval of the new road, which was met with enthusiasm and kept the traffic moving. He anticipated that when word gets out that there will be no waiting perhaps the numbers will improve. He noted that attendance was down 5,000 from last year.

(5) **BUDGET STATUS REPORT - REPORT NO. 61-09**

The CAO advised that there a no major variances relative to the projected year end provided at the September meeting and the budget is on target.

After responding to questions, the following resolution was presented.

FA-104-09

MOVED BY: G. Burroughs

SECONDED BY: T. Dalimonte

THAT: the Budget Status Report for the period ending September 30, 2009 be received.

"CARRIED"

(6) **ALTERNATIVE COSTS FOR PROVISION OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES REPORT NO. 62-09**

The CAO outlined this report noting that this had been discussed at the last meeting. He did a rough comparison of services and found that the costs were very much in line and in fact, we would likely pay more for an outside service. He recommended that this matter not be pursued further at this time. The following resolution was presented.

FA-105-09

MOVED BY: A. Fevez

SECONDED BY: G. Burroughs

THAT: Report No. 62-09 be received and the recommendations regarding IT Services be approved.

"CARRIED"

(7) **GENERAL LEVY APPORTIONMENT – REPORT NO. 63-09**

The CAO advised that items, 7, 8 and 9 would be presented together. He began with item 7 outlining the proposed changes and the reasons for the phase in period. He noted that because of this change it was necessary to make adjustments to the 2010 operating and capital budgets. After responding to questions, the following resolution was presented.

FA-106-09

MOVED BY: T. Dalimonte

SECONDED: N. Johnson

THAT: Report No. 63-09 regarding the General Levy Appointment be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved for implementation.

"CARRIED"

(8) REVISED PRELIMINARY 2010 OPERATING BUDGET – REPORT NO. 64-09

The CAO outlined the reasons for the change in this budget and the new resolution. It was noted that there was a change needed regarding the amount for the total expenditure which should have been \$7,409,720. The following resolution was presented as amended.

FA-106-09

MOVED BY: D. Goulbourne

SECONDED: B. Greenwood

THAT: Report No. 64-09 regarding the Revised Preliminary 2010 Operating Budget be received; and

That the Revised Preliminary 2010 Operating Budget with a total expenditure of \$7,439,060 and a general levy of \$2,165,650 and special levies of \$2,868,300 to the Region of Niagara, \$125,000 to the City of Hamilton and \$9,590 to Haldimand County be approved; and

That the 2010 matching levy in the amount of \$174,500 and the total non-matching levy in the amount of \$1,991,150 for the 2010 Operating Budget be apportioned to the member municipalities on the basis of the CA Levy Regulation (O Reg. 670/2000) for the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority modified in accordance with the 4 Year Levy Implementation Plan for the Years 2010 – 2013 (NPCA Report No. 63-09); and

That the special levies for the 2010 Operating Budget be assessed in the amount of \$2,868,300 to the Region of Niagara, \$125,000 to the City of Hamilton and \$9,590 to Haldimand County.

"CARRIED"

(9) REVISED PRELIMINARY 2010 CAPITAL BUDGET – REPORT NO. 65-09

This was also changed as a result of the change to the levy apportionment report previously. There were no questions with respect to this report. The following resolution was presented.

FA-107-09

MOVED BY: C. D'Angelo

SECONDED: G. Burroughs

THAT: Report No. 65-09 regarding the Revised Preliminary 2010 Capital Budget be received; and

That the Revised Preliminary 2010 Capital Budget with a total expenditure of \$4,581,025 and a general levy of \$648,400 and special levies of \$1,198,350 to the Region of Niagara, \$271,400 to the City of Hamilton and \$68,750 to Haldimand County be approved; and

That the 2010 general levy in the amount of \$648,400 be apportioned to the member municipalities on the basis of the CA Levy Regulation (O Reg. 670/2000) for the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority modified in accordance with the 4 Year Levy Implementation Plan for the Years 2010 – 2013 (NPCA Report No. 63-09); and

That special levies for the 2010 Capital Budget be assessed in the amount of \$1,198,350 to the Region of Niagara, \$271,400 to the City of Hamilton and \$68,750 to Haldimand County.

"CARRIED"

(10) LAND ACQUISITION STRATEGY - UPDATE – REPORT NO. 66-09

The Director, Water Management provided a power point presentation outlining this matter. There were numerous questions and a lengthy discussion. A suggestion was made that perhaps the Board could tour some of the possible acquisition properties. The following resolution was presented.

FA-108-09

MOVED BY: M. DiFruscio

SECONDED: C. D'Angelo

THAT: Report No. 66-09 be received for information.

"CARRIED"

(11) PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE TENDER STEVENSVILLE CONSERVATION AREA – REPORT NO. 67-09

The Director, Land Management outlined the results of the report noting that it had been advertised in several local newspapers. After responding to questions, the following resolution was presented.

FA-109-09

MOVED BY: N. Johnson
SECONDED: T. Dalimonte
THAT: Report No. 67-09 be received; and

That the tender submission, received from Stevensville Lawn Service, to construct a pedestrian bridge at the Stevensville Conservation Area for a price of \$87,091.20 be accepted.

"CARRIED"

12) CYO LAND USE AGREEMENT – BINBROOK CONSERVATION AREA– REPORT NO. 68-09

The Director, Land Management outlined the report due to a request from the September meeting for more information on this matter. As a result of this, there was a lengthy discussion and further questions on some issues not covered by the agreement. Finally, it was agreed to defer this matter until a meeting could take place with the concerned board members and staff. The following resolution was presented.

FA-110-09

MOVED BY: B. Bentley
SECONDED: B. Henderson
THAT: the recommendation regarding Report No. 68-09 be deferred; and

That Carmen D'Angelo, Andy Fevez and appropriate Authority staff meet to further discuss their concerns and bring a revised report to the November meeting.

"CARRIED"

(13) PROJECT STATUS REPORT – REPORT NO. 69-09

There were no questions with respect to this report. The following resolution was presented.

FA-111-09

MOVED BY: A. Fevez
SECONDED: D. Goulbourne
THAT: Report No. 69-09 outlining the status of Authority projects be received for information.

"CARRIED"

(14) IN-CAMERA

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

FA-112-09

MOVED BY: T. Dalimonte
SECONDED BY: N. Johnson
THAT: this meeting do now move in-camera.

Received at 8:37 p.m. **“CARRIED”**

FA-113-09

MOVED BY: M. DiFruscio
SECONDED BY: C. D’Angelo
THAT: this meeting do now move back into open session.

Received at 9:03 p.m. **“CARRIED”**

As a result of the in-camera session, the following resolution was presented.

FA-114-09

MOVED BY: B. Baty
SECONDED BY: B. Henderson
THAT: staff be directed to carry out the recommendations contained within report CR-22-09.

“CARRIED”

(15) OTHER BUSINESS

The CAO provided the members with a report regarding the Conservation Ontario budget noting that it was in excess of the Authority’s limit imposed by the Region of Niagara and that we should not support it. The Board members concurred and the following resolution was presented.

FA-115-09

MOVED BY: T. Dalimonte
SECONDED BY: C. D’Angelo
THAT: the revised Conservation Ontario Operating Budget dated October 15, 2009 not be supported and that Conservation Ontario be requested to revise the Operating Budget in accordance with the economic constraints as outlined in the staff report.

“CARRIED”

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ADJOURNMENT

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

FA-116-09

MOVED BY: B. Greenwood

SECONDED BY: B. Bentley

THAT: this meeting do now adjourn.

Received at 9:07 p.m.

“CARRIED”

"L. Sawatzky, Recording Secretary

D. Ransom, Chairman"