

NIAGARA PENINSULA CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

WELLAND

NOVEMBER 18, 2009

7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

D. Ransom, (Chairman)
B. Baty (Vice-Chairman)
B. Bentley
T. Dalimonte
D. DiFruscio
A. Fevez
B. Greenwood
B. Heit
B. Henderson
N. Johnson

MEMBERS ABSENT:

G. Burroughs (with regrets)
B. Butters (with regrets)
C. D'Angelo (with regrets)
D. Goulbourne (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
S. Miller, Coordinator, Watershed Regulation
G. Verkade, Coordinator GIS Services

BUSINESS:

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. He welcomed everyone in attendance and requested that if anyone had a conflict of interest to so declare it. Brian Heit declared a conflict with Telus or Talk Wireless.

(1) MINUTES

(a) FULL AUTHORITY MEETING – OCTOBER 21, 2009

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

FA-118-09

MOVED BY: T. Dalimonte

SECONDED BY: B. Heit

THAT: the Minutes of the Full Authority meeting held October 21, 2009, be received and approved as printed.

"CARRIED"

(b) **BALL'S FALLS HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING - NOVEMBER 4, 2009**

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

FA-119-09

MOVED BY: M. DiFruscio

SECONDED BY: A. Fevez

THAT: the Minutes of the Ball's Falls Heritage Advisory Committee meeting held November 4, 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 began by thanking the staff and the Gala Committee for the Forks and Corks Gala noting it was an excellent evening. He also thanked the Board members who attended the event.

The Chairman reminded the members of the Conservation Achievement awards reception being held on Wednesday, November 25th at the Centre for Conservation at Ball's Falls and invited the board members to attend.

(4) **CAO'S REPORT**

The CAO referred the members to the Media Release provided to them noting there had been a fire at the Authority's property at Jordan Harbour, formerly Campbell's Marina on Friday, November 13th around 11:00 p.m. He noted that by the time fire fighters arrived the building was fully engulfed in flames and had to be demolished. He noted that staff are preparing to clean up the site. He advised that most of the Authority's signage for the Festival, Water Festival and conservation areas were stored inside and completely destroyed. He also indicated that the cause is unknown, however considered suspicious.

The CAO noted that he will be attending a meeting at Conservation Ontario with the Chairman on December 7th and they will be presenting the letter regarding the Authority's position on Conservation Ontario's levy request at that time.

The CAO advised that authority staff will be meeting with Public Works and Planning to present our 2010 budget on Wednesday, November 25th.

The CAO also noted that he and Jeff Vlasman will be speaking to the Woodlot Owners Association on Saturday, November 21st, at the Glendale Campus of Niagara College.

The CAO reminded the Board that the next meeting will be held on December 9th, the second Wednesday of the month instead of the 3rd Wednesday due to the proximity of Christmas.

(5) **BUDGET STATUS REPORT - REPORT NO. 71-09**

The CAO outlined the report and the year end position noting that, all and all, the Authority is in good shape and will not deviate much from the approved budget.

After responding to questions, the following resolution was presented.

FA-120-09

MOVED BY: B. Baty

SECONDED BY: B. Heit

THAT: the Budget Status Report for the period ending October 31, 2009 and;

That the year end projections as outlined in the Operating and Capital Budget summaries be received.

"CARRIED"

(6) **SEWAGE SYSTEM - CHIPPAWA CREEK CONSERVATION AREA - REPORT NO. 72-09**

The Director, Land Management outlined the report noting that further information would be provided in the power point presentation. He outlined where they were proposing to place the new system and how it works. After responding to questions, the following resolution was presented.

FA-121-09

MOVED BY: A. Fevez

SECONDED BY: M. DiFruscio

THAT: Report No. 72-09 be received; and

That the quote from Aqua Treatment Technologies for the design and construction of a sewage treatment system for the Chippawa Creek Conservation Area for a price of \$348,403.00 (plus taxes) be approved.

"CARRIED"

(7) **CYO LAND USE AGREEMENT – BINBROOK CONSERVATION AREA– REPORT NO. 73-09**

The Director, Land Management outlined the report noting that following the October meeting, he met with volunteers active with the Glanbrook Conservation Committee. He indicated that the concerns have been address and will continue to monitor this matter. Andy Fevez thanked Darcy for dealing with the concerns expressed by the Committee. The following resolution was presented.

FA-122-09

MOVED BY: B. Henderson
SECONDED: B. Heit
THAT: Report No. 73-09 be received; and

That staff be authorized to complete the acquisition of a 10 metre corridor of land from the Catholic Diocese of Hamilton; and,

That staff be authorized to enter into a licence agreement with the Catholic Diocese of Hamilton for access to the Binbrook Reservoir and development of a dock facility.

"CARRIED"

(8) MEMBERSHIP PASS SALES PROGRESS REPORT – REOPRT NO. 74-09

The Director, Land Management outlined the progress of the season's pass program, noting the increase over the past several years and ways to increase sales for 2010. After responding to questions, the following resolution was presented.

FA-123-09

MOVED BY: T. Dalimonte
SECONDED: B. Heit
THAT: Report No. 74-09 regarding the status of Season Pass sales be received.

"CARRIED"

(9) FORKS & CORKS GALA SUMMARY – REPORT NO. 75-09

The Executive Director of the Foundation outlined the report noting that it was a sellout at 150 attending. She outlined the evening which included a silent auction that raised \$2,400 to support the Jordan Harbour initiative. The following resolution was then presented.

FA-124-09

MOVED BY: M. DiFruscio
SECONDED: A. Fevez
THAT: Report No. 75-09 be received for information purposes.

"CARRIED"

(10) JORDAN HARBOUR PROJECT – REPORT NO. 77-09

The Executive Director of the Foundation outlined this report and a power point presentation was provided by the Director, Land Management. The CAO advised that in order to be able to provide the public access a minimum of \$360,000.00 was required in order to proceed. After responding to questions, the following resolution was presented.

FA-125-09

MOVED BY: B. Bentley
SECONDED: N. Johnson
THAT: Report No. 77-09 be received for information.

"CARRIED"

(11) RESERVOIR AND STREAM GAUGE SYSTEM

The Coordinator of Watershed Regulation and Coordinator of GIS provided a power point demonstration of the Capabilities of the Authority's recently upgraded and web based Reservoir and Stream Gauging System. They showed how it works and where and how the public can access this information. The Board members were impressed with this information and the staff responded to questions. The Chairman thanked them for their presentation.

(12) PROJECT STATUS REPORT – REPORT NO. 76-09

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

FA-126-09

MOVED BY: B. Heit
SECONDED: B. Baty
THAT: Report No. 76-09 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-127-09

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

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

FA-128-09

MOVED BY: N. Johnson
SECONDED BY: T. Dalimonte
THAT: this meeting do now move back into open session.

Received at 8:35 p.m. **"CARRIED"**

(14) OTHER BUSINESS

A question was raised on whether the Authority has any property that is historic to the 1812 -2012 celebrations. The Director, Land Management advised that the mill at Ball's Falls was protected by the British during the war of 1812 at Ball's Falls.

ADJOURNMENT

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

FA-129-09

MOVED BY: J. Johnson
SECONDED BY: T. Dalimonte
THAT: this meeting do now adjourn.

Received at 8:39 p.m. "CARRIED"

"L. Sawatzky, Recording Secretary

D. Ransom, Chairman"