

NIAGARA PENINSULA CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

WELLAND

DECEMBER 9, 2009

7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT :

B. Bentley (with regrets)
G. Burroughs (with regrets)
B. Butters (with regrets)
T. Dalimonte (with regrets)
B. Henderson (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
J. Campbell, Acting Coordinator, Source Water Protection

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mark Neufeld, Chairman, Source Protection Committee

BUSINESS:

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:07 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 any Telus or Talk Wireless items.

(1) **MINUTES**

(a) **FULL AUTHORITY MEETING – NOVEMBER 19, 2009**

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

FA-130-09

MOVED BY: C. D'Angelo

SECONDED BY: B. Baty

THAT: the Minutes of the Full Authority meeting held November 19, 2009, be received and approved as printed.

"CARRIED"

(b) NIAGARA REGION TREE AND FOREST CONSERVATION BY-LAW COMMITTEE MEETING - NOVEMBER 19, 2009

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

FA-131-09

MOVED BY: B. Baty

SECONDED BY: A. Fevez

THAT: the Minutes of the Niagara Region Tree and Forest Conservation By-law Committee meeting held November 19, 2009 be received and approved as printed.

"CARRIED"

(2) BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

A question was raised regarding the status of the insurance matters regarding the fire at the Jordan Harbour property.

The Director, Land Management advised that the Police had completed their investigation and staff are in the process of completing an inventory of the contents for the insurance company.

(3) CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

The Chairman began by expressing condolences to Bob Steckley and his family on the recent loss of his brother.

The Chairman advised that there was a lengthy article in the St. Catharines Standard on November 27th regarding the Authority's 50th Anniversary. He thanked the Town of Lincoln, City of Welland and City of St. Catharines for their sponsorship of this article. He noted he had received many positive comments from the general public regarding the thoroughness of the services provided by the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority.

The Chairman thanked those who attended the Conservation Achievement awards ceremony recently held at the Centre for Conservation at Ball's Falls, particularly board members Any Fevez, Brian Baty and Mickey DiFruscio for attending. He noted it was well organized and fast paced, but still permitted lots of time for socializing. Andy Fevez noted that those he spoke with indicated they preferred the new format.

The Chairman wished all a Merry Christmas and all the best for the New Year.

(4) CAO'S REPORT

The CAO advised that he and the Chairman attended the Conservation Ontario General Annual Meeting and presented the Authority's objection to the proposed 12% budget increase. He noted that the budget has been referred back to the Budget Committee for review and will be brought back to the next meeting.

The CAO provided a pamphlet regarding the 2010 biennial tour which is being held in the Ottawa Valley September 19-22, 2010. He requested that if any members were interested in attending to please advise him.

The CAO noted that the Authority's annual meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 20th to be followed by a regular meeting.

The CAO advised that he will be attending a budget presentation in Hamilton on January 13th which Andy Fevez and Carmen D'Angelo will be attending as well.

The CAO indicated that the Region of Niagara has requested that the Authority provide electronic copies of the Full Authority meetings and minutes to be posted on their website. Brian Baty indicated the reason for this is to decrease the noticeable gap between the various boards and agencies and the Region.

(5) CORRESPONDENCE

The CAO advised that correspondence has been received with respect to wetland mapping. He noted that this was for information and discussion purposes only and a resolution was not required. Brian Baty suggested that part of the problem is due to a lack of understanding as to what MNR and the Authority does and perhaps clarification is required.

(6) HOUSEKEEPING AMENDMENTS TO THE NPCA'S LAND USE PLANNING POLICY DOCUMENT - REPORT NO. 78-09

The Director, Water Management outlined the report which provides clarity to the current policy. The following resolution was presented.

FA-132-09

MOVED BY: A. Fevez

SECONDED BY: B. Baty

THAT: the Board approve the housekeeping amendments to the Land Use Planning Policy document and that staff be authorized to revise the policy accordingly.

"CARRIED"

(7) **TRAVEL OVER ICE – NPCA SAFETY MANUAL– REPORT NO. 79-09**

The Director, Land Management outlined the report noting that this item was not in the original safety manual. A question was raised on whether signs could be posted at Binbrook when ice conditions are unsafe. The Director, Land Management advised this could be done.

FA-133-09

MOVED BY: M. DiFruscio
SECONDED: A. Fevez
THAT: Report No. 79-09 be received; and

That the Travel Over Ice Policy (November 2009) be approved and added as Section 24 of the NPCA Safety Manual.

"CARRIED"

(8) **2010 CONSERVATION AREAS FEE SCHEDULE – REPORT NO. 80-09**

The Director, Land Management outlined the report noting that comparisons were difficult since other agencies have not yet prepared their 2010 fees. After responding to questions, the following resolution was presented.

FA-134-09

MOVED BY: M. DiFruscio
SECONDED: C. D'Angelo
THAT: the proposed 2010 Conservation Area Fee Schedule be approved.

"CARRIED"

(9) **CONSERVATION AREAS REGISTRATION SYSTEM – REPORT NO. 81-09**

The Director, Land Management outlined the report and the reasons for requiring a new system and the type of system which is needed. He also indicated that the system they were recommending was felt to be the best one to meet the Authority's needs. After a discussion, the board requested that a copy of the contract be provided to be reviewed prior to approving the system, however, agreed that staff should enter into negotiations with Mediamix. After a discussion the following resolution was presented.

FA-135-09

MOVED BY: C. D'Angelo
SECONDED: M. DiFruscio
THAT: Report No. 81-09 be received, and

That staff be authorized to negotiate a 5 year agreement with Mediamex Interactive Inc. to supply reservation services and systems for Long Beach, Chippawa Creek and Binbrook Conservation Areas.

"CARRIED"

(10) ARTIFACT STORAGE SYSTEM - REPORT NO. 82-09

The Director, Land Management provided the information received regarding this system, noting that three quotes were requested, however, only one was received. He advised that there would be no cost to the Authority for this system since a grant had been approved through the Museum Assistance Program, and the remainder would be provided by the Foundation. The following resolution was presented.

FA-136-09

MOVED BY: B. Steckley
SECONDED: C. D'Angelo
THAT: Report No. 82-09 be received; and

That Carr-McLean Limited be awarded the contract to install a compact storage system at the Centre for Conservation, for a contract price of \$66,017.52 (incl. taxes).

"CARRIED"

(11) APPOINTMENTS – BALL'S FALLS HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE – REPORT NO. 83-09

The Director, Land Management advised that the two appointments were very valuable to Ball's Falls and have been volunteer members for many years. The following resolution was presented.

FA-137-09

MOVED BY: B. Baty
SECONDED: B. Greenwood
THAT: April Petrie and Marion Homan be appointed to the Ball's Falls Heritage Advisory Committee for 3 year terms effective January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2012.

"CARRIED"

(12) PROJECT STATUS REPORT – REPORT NO. 84-09

A question was raised regarding the Giles property and an update was requested. The CAO advised that the application has not been received, therefore a decision on the matter could not be made.

A question was raised as to why the deer exclosures were being maintained at Shorthills Provincial Park. The Director, Land Management advised it was to protect the flora and fauna. The following resolution was presented.

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FA-138-09

MOVED BY: N. Johnson

SECONDED: B. Baty

THAT: Report No. 84-09 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-139-09

MOVED BY: B. Greenwood

SECONDED BY: B. Steckley

THAT: this meeting do now move in-camera.

Received at 8:02 p.m.

"CARRIED"

FA-140-09

MOVED BY: B. Baty

SECONDED BY: B. Steckley

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

Received at 8:19 p.m.

"CARRIED"

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

FA-141-09

MOVED BY: N. Johnson

SECONDED BY: M. DiFruscio

THAT: the recommendations contained within Report CR-26-09 be received and approved.

"CARRIED"

(14) OTHER BUSINESS

There was no further business.

ADJOURNMENT

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

FA-142-09

MOVED BY: J. Johnson

SECONDED BY: B. Steckley

THAT: this meeting do now adjourn.

Received at 8:20 p.m.

“CARRIED”

"L. Sawatzky, Recording Secretary

D. Ransom, Chairman"