



NIAGARA PENINSULA CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

WELLAND

FEBRUARY 17, 2010

7:00 p.m.

FULL AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

B. Baty (Vice-Chairman)
B. Bentley
B. Butters
G. Burroughs
T. Dalimonte
C. D'Angelo
D. DiFruscio
A. Fevez
D. Goulbourne
N. Johnson
B. Steckley

MEMBERS ABSENT:

D. Ransom (Chairman) (with regrets)
B. Greenwood (with regrets)
B. Heit (with regrets)
B. Henderson (with regrets)

STAFF PRESENT:

T. D'Amario, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer
L. Sawatzky, Recording Secretary
T. McDougall, Executive Director Conservation Foundation
M. Stack, Director Communications
J. Kukalis, Director, Water Management
D. Baker, Director, Land Management
S. McInnes, Coordinator, Watershed Planning
D. Lindblad, Natural Areas Inventory Project Coordinator

DELEGATIONS:

Tom Richardson
Leslie Farrar
James Farrar
Dorothy Christie
Ian Christie
John Pellow
Todd Barber

BUSINESS:

The Chairman was not able to attend the meeting, therefore the Vice-Chairman assumed the chair and called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

(1) **MINUTES**

(a) **ANNUAL MEETING – JANUARY 20, 2010**

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

FA-18-10

MOVED BY: T. Dalimonte

SECONDED BY: G. Burroughs

THAT: the Minutes of the Annual Authority meeting held January 20, 2010, be received and approved as printed.

"CARRIED"

(b) **FULL AUTHORITY MEETING – JANUARY 20, 2010**

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

FA-19-10

MOVED BY: A. Fevez

SECONDED BY: B. Butters

THAT: the Minutes of the Full Authority meeting held January 20, 2010, be received and approved as printed.

"CARRIED"

(c) **BALL'S FALLS HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING – FEBRUARY 3, 2010**

The CAO pointed out a notation made in the minutes that stated several volunteers whose names were forwarded to receive a Conservation Achievement award were inadvertently omitted from the office mailing list. He noted that upon looking into the matter further only one name had been omitted and had been rectified. The other volunteers were sent an invitation, however, for unknown reasons did not receive it. He noted that all volunteers not in attendance have been sent their awards. The following resolution was presented.

FA-20-10

MOVED BY: T. Dalimonte

SECONDED BY: G. Burroughs

THAT: the Minutes of the Ball's Falls Heritage Advisory Committee meeting held February 3, 2010 received and approved as amended.

"CARRIED"

(2) **DELEGATION**

The Vice-Chairman indicated that as this delegation appeared at the January meeting, he would allow presentations in reverse order. He then asked Mr. Christie to come forward to make his presentation, noting he had ten minutes for his presentation.

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Mr. Christie advised he would be commenting on the letter from Mr. Richardson to the NPCA as well as the comments made by Ken Gonyou regarding the responses to the concerns raised by the neighbours, copies of which had been provided to everyone prior to the meeting. He outlined his concerns in particular, around the fact that the property designation was still being reviewed by the Town.

The Vice-Chairman then asked Mr. Pellow to come forward to make his presentation.

Mr. Pellow advised he is also a neighbour adjacent to the property. He noted his concerns surrounding the displacement of the area wildlife as well as the removal of trees.

The Vice-Chairman asked Leslie Farrar to come forward to make her presentation.

Mrs. Farrar spoke on how their plan is designed to impact the environment as little as possible and gave some examples such as cutting down noxious trees. She also provided new pictures which were included in the submission in January, however, were not clear and the new ones were. Mrs. Farrar then asked Mr. Todd Barber another neighbour to speak on her behalf. Mr. Barber indicated how he built his home to protect the environment and has built many homes in such environments with no problems.

The Vice-Chairman then asked Mr. Richardson to come forward.

Mr. Richardson advised he is the solicitor for Mr. & Mrs. Farrar. He commented on his letter and the reasons that this matter should go forward. He reiterated that it is not designated as hazard lands according to the Town's official plan. He also stated that the neighbours will not be adversely affected by this plan.

There were no questions of any of the presenters. The Vice-Chairman thanked all for their presentations.

(3) **APPLICATION FOR SEVERANCE BY MR. & MRS. FARRAR; GILES CRESCENT, FONTHILL – REPORT NO. 06-10**

John Kukalis, Director, Water Management noted that with respect to this application the Authority is not un-sympathetic, however, it is completely contrary to O.Reg. 155/06 and the Conservation Authority's policies. He also indicated that the new legislation is ultimately the overriding legislation on which this application must be assessed, not prior to May of 2006. The following resolution was presented.

FA-21-10

MOVED BY: G. Burroughs

SECONDED BY: C. D'Angelo

THAT: the report be received for information, and,

That the owner/agents of the subject lands be advised that the Authority's position with respect to this matter is confirmed as per the staff correspondence dated January 10, 2010.

"CARRIED"

(4) **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

(5) **CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

The Vice-Chairman advised that the Chairman is away in a warmer climate which is the reason he is acting Chair.

The Vice-Chairman also advised that he had discussions with the CAO regarding the 2010 budget and there are no changes from the preliminary budget.

The Vice-Chairman noted that he had just received confirmation of being accepted to the Board of Directors for the Niagara Escarpment Commission.

(6) **CAO'S REPORT**

The CAO began by advising the Board that long time board member and former Chairman of the Authority, Charlie Ort had passed away on January 25th at the age of 91. He noted that Charlie was well liked by all and he will be missed.

The CAO reminded all that the Foundation's Elimination Draw is March 27th and the Foundation golf tournament is June 1st.

The CAO indicated that February 7th was the ice fishing derby at Binbrook and just shy of 300 people attended.

The CAO noted that there was a recent announcement by the District School Board surrounding major improvements at the Woodend Conservation Area. He advised that the Authority has not been advised of this and have been in touch with the School Board who has indicated they will meet with us to provide information on the proposed changes.

(7) **2009 CURRENT AND CAPITAL BUDGET YEAR END REPORT – REPORT NO. 07-10**

The CAO briefly outlined the report and noted that it is an unaudited report and there were some minor changes as a result of under expenditures. He responded to questions, and the following resolution was presented.

FA-22-10

MOVED BY: M. DiFruscio

SECONDED BY: C. D'Angelo

THAT: Report No. 07-10 regarding the 2009 Current and Capital Budgets – Unaudited Year End be received; and

That the recommended appropriations be approved.

"CARRIED"

(8) 2010 PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET - REPORT NO. 08-10

The CAO outlined the report noting that the proposed budgets are in line with the Region of Niagara, City of Hamilton and Haldimand County. The following resolution was presented and a recorded vote taken.

FA-23-10

MOVED BY: D. Goulbourne

SECONDED BY: B. Butters

THAT: Report No. 08-10 regarding the Proposed 2010 Operating Budget be received; and

That the Proposed 2010 Operating Budget with a total expenditure of \$7,525,148 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.

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Douglas Ransom	absent	
Brian Baty	x	
Bob Bentley	x	
Gary Burroughs	x	
Barbara Butters	x	
Tony Dalimonte	x	
Carmen D'Angelo	x	
Dominic DiFruscio	x	
Andy Fevez	x	
Damian Goulbourne	x	
Barbara Greenwood	absent	
Brian Heit	absent	
Barbara Henderson	absent	
Norm Johnson	x	
Robert Steckley	x	

"CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY"

(9) 2010 PROPOSED CAPITAL BUDGET - REPORT NO. 09-10

The CAO outlined the report noting that this budget is similar to the Operating Budget. Gary Burroughs indicated he was not in agreement with reserves for Land Acquisitions. The following resolution was presented and a recorded vote taken.

FA-24-10

MOVED BY: B. Butters

SECONDED: A. Fevez

THAT: Report No. 09-10 regarding the Proposed 2010 Capital Budget be received; and

That the Proposed 2010 Capital Budget with a total expenditure of \$6,212,705 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.

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Douglas Ransom	absent	
Brian Baty	x	
Bob Bentley	x	
Gary Burroughs	x	
Barbara Butters	x	
Tony Dalimonte	x	
Carmen D'Angelo	x	
Dominic DiFruscio	x	
Andy Fevez	x	
Damian Goulbourne	x	
Barbara Greenwood	absent	
Brian Heit	absent	
Barbara Henderson	absent	
Norm Johnson	x	
Robert Steckley	x	

"CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY"

(10) **CONSERVATION ONTARIO STATISTICAL SURVEY INFORMATION – REPORT NO. 10-10**

The CAO advised that this information was requested at the last meeting. He noted that it gives a general comparison of the Conservation Authorities' land holdings, financial situation and Foundations. A more detailed comparison regarding the CA's budgets was requested. The CAO will follow up. The following resolution was presented.

FA-25-10

MOVED BY: B. Steckley
SECONDED: B. Butters
THAT: Report No. 10-10 be received.

"CARRIED"

(11) **NATURAL AREAS INVENTORY – UPDATE, 2009 – REPORT NO. 11-10**

The Director, Water Management introduced Authority staff, Suzanne McInnes, Coordinator, Watershed Planning and Deanna Lindblad, Natural Areas Inventory Project Coordinator to make a presentation.

Deanna Lindblad began by noting that the project was funded through several organizations including the Region of Niagara. She stated that the main goal of this project was to inventory natural areas to verify the information provided from the Ministry of Natural Resources. Combined with the GIS information, staff was able to produce a very comprehensive inventory. She provided a power point presentation to outline the project and the funding partners. The Vice-Chairman thanked Deanna for a very impressive presentation.

Suzanne McInnes responded to questions and a brief discussion took place. The Vice Chairman advised that this information would be helpful to other groups as well and was advised that staff is in the process of making presentations to other groups. The following resolution was presented.

FA-26-10

MOVED BY: M. DiFruscio
SECONDED: G. Burroughs
THAT: Report No. 11-10 be received for information, and further that the final draft of the Natural Areas Inventory be adopted.

"CARRIED"

(12) **YEAR IN REVIEW**

The Vice-Chairman suggested due to the time and the weather conditions, the year in review will be presented at a future meeting. The CAO suggested that perhaps this could be done at the April meeting which will be the member tour with the meeting to follow at the Ball's Falls Centre for Conservation.

(13) **PROJECT STATUS REPORT – REPORT NO. 12-10**

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

FA-27-10

MOVED BY: C. D'Angelo

SECONDED BY: T. Dalimonte

THAT: Report No. 12-10 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-28-10

MOVED BY: M. DiFruscio

SECONDED BY: G. Burroughs

THAT: this meeting do now move in-camera.

Received at 8:45 p.m.

"CARRIED"

FA-29-10

MOVED BY: D. Goulbourne

SECONDED BY: A. Fevez

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

Received at 8:57 p.m.

"CARRIED"

(15) **OTHER BUSINESS**

Carmen D'Angelo requested another look at having the agendas via e-documents or a secure portion of the Authority's web page where this information could be accessed. The CAO advised it would be looked into.

Mr. D'Angelo also requested a report on the Foundation's activities, past history and long term objectives. The CAO advised that this would be done.

Andy Fevez noted that in the project status report there is a marketing plan for Ball's Falls, however, there is no budget for promotional purposes for the other Conservation Areas. He questioned whether this could be looked into and the CAO advised that it could.

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ADJOURNMENT

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

FA-30-10

MOVED BY: B. Butters

SECONDED BY: D. Goulbourne

THAT: this meeting do now adjourn.

Received at 9:00 p.m.

“CARRIED”

"L. Sawatzky, Recording Secretary

B. Baty, Vice-Chairman"