



**NIAGARA PENINSULA CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

**WELLAND**

**MARCH 17, 2010**

**7:00 p.m.**

**FULL AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** D. Ransom (Chairman)  
B. Baty (Vice-Chairman)  
B. Bentley  
G. Burroughs  
T. Dalimonte  
D. DiFruscio  
A. Fevez  
D. Goulbourne  
B. Greenwood  
B. Heit  
B. Henderson  
N. Johnson

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** B. Butters (with regrets)  
C. D'Angelo (with regrets)  
B. Steckley (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

**BUSINESS:**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance. He then requested that if anyone had a conflict of interest to so declare it. Brian Heit declared a conflict with Telus or any wireless communication items.

**(1) MINUTES - FULL AUTHORITY MEETING – FEBRUARY 17, 2010**

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

**FA-31-10**

**MOVED BY:** T. Dalimonte

**SECONDED BY:** G. Burroughs

**THAT:** the Minutes of the Full Authority meeting held February 17, 2010, be received and approved as printed.

**"CARRIED"**

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

There was no business arising from the minutes.

**(3) IN-CAMERA**

The Chairman requested that the meeting move in-camera at this time in order to deal with a matter which the members had received information on upon arriving for the meeting. The following resolution was presented.

**FA-32-10**

**MOVED BY:** M. DiFruscio  
**SECONDED BY:** G. Burroughs  
**THAT:** this meeting do now move in-camera.

Received at 7:07 p.m. **“CARRIED”**

**FA-33-10**

**MOVED BY:** B. Heit  
**SECONDED BY:** M. DiFruscio  
**THAT:** this meeting do now move back into open session.

Received at 8:08 p.m. **“CARRIED”**

**(4) CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

The Chairman thanked Brian Baty for chairing the February meeting in his absence.

The Chairman advised that on Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Beamer Conservation Area will be hosting the annual Hawkwatch. He advised that there will be a food vender there who will be donating a portion of the sale proceeds to the Foundation.

The Chairman reminded the members of the Foundation's Elimination Draw on March 27<sup>th</sup>. He thanked those members who have already purchased tickets and encouraged others who have not to do so if possible. Tickets can be obtained from either Terry McDougall or Mary Stack. He noted that the proceeds from this event go to the Foundation. He commented that it is a tremendous meal and a chance to win \$1,000.

The Chairman also reminded the members of the upcoming Bob Welch Memorial Golf Tournament on June 1<sup>st</sup> at the Whirlpool Golf Course. He indicated that if anyone wished more information, they could speak to Terry McDougall.

**(5) CAO'S REPORT**

The CAO began by reminding the Board that the April board meeting will be held at Ball's Falls. He noted that prior to the meeting there will be a tour of the St. Johns Centre, Woodend, Stevensville and Jordan Marina and others if time permits. He indicated that all will meet at Ball's Falls and leave at 2:30, returning and having a light meal prior to the meeting.

The CAO noted that at the last meeting Carmen D'Angelo requested an overview of the Foundation, however, since he would not be at the meeting, he would be deferring it to the next meeting.

The CAO was pleased to announce that the E.C. Brown Conservation Area recently received an Award of Merit from the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects. This was one of 4 awards presented in this category. He also noted that Binbrook Conservation Area received 2 awards recently, a green sustainable award and Tourism Business of the Year from Tourism Hamilton.

The CAO noted that there were no funds allocated in the 2010 budget for fish stocking at the St. Johns Conservation Area. He advised that Foundation staff have been working to obtain outside funding and recently received a donation from the Lions Club of Fonthill, with the balance to be provided by the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Foundation.

**(6) BUDGET STATUS REPORT – REPORT NO. 13-10**

The CAO advised that it is still very early in the year and that adjustments will be made as required. The following resolution was presented.

**FA-34-10**

**MOVED BY:** B. Henderson

**SECONDED BY:** B. Greenwood

**THAT:** the Budget Status Report for the period ending February 28, 2010 be received.

**"CARRIED"**

**(7) PAPERLESS AGENDA OPTIONS REVIEW - REPORT NO. 14-10**

The CAO noted that this was a request from Carmen D'Angelo at the last meeting. He outlined the report noting the savings and additional costs which would be incurred. He also advised that this could also be optional for those who wanted to continue with paper copies. A brief discussion took place noting that perhaps this could be looked at by the next board since it was late in the term for the members. The following resolution was presented.

**FA-35-10**

**MOVED BY:** B. Heit

**SECONDED BY:** B. Greenwood

**THAT:** Report No. 14-10 be received.

**"CARRIED"**

**(8) 2010 SALARY SCHEDULE ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT - REPORT NO. 15-10**

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

**FA-36-10**

**MOVED BY:** G. Burroughs

**SECONDED:** T. Dalimonte

**THAT:** a 2.5% economic adjustment to the Authority's salary schedule be approved retroactive to January 1, 2010.

**"CARRIED"**

**(9) 2010 HONOURARIUM & PER DIEM ADJUSTMENT – REPORT NO. 16-10**

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

**FA-37-10**

**MOVED BY:** T. Dalimonte

**SECONDED:** G. Burroughs

**THAT:** the Report No. 16-10 regarding the Honourarium and Per Diem Economic Adjustment be received; and

That subject to the approval of the Ontario Municipal Board in accordance with Section 37 of The Conservation Authorities Act, the Chairman's honourarium be adjusted to \$4,682 per annum and the member per diem be adjusted to \$69.09 per meeting, retroactive to January 1, 2010.

**"CARRIED"**

**(10) NPCA STORMWATER MANAGEMENT POLICIES AND GUIDELINES – REPORT NO. 17-10**

The Director, Water Management advised that he did not provide the whole document due to the size of it. He provided background on this matter, noting that this will be a very valuable document. A brief discussion took place and the following resolution was presented.

**FA-38-10**

**MOVED BY:** B. Henderson

**SECONDED:** D. Goulbourne

**THAT:** Report No. 17-10 be received for information; and further that the NPCA Stormwater Management Policies and Guidelines, dated January 2010, be approved.

**"CARRIED"**

**(11) PROJECT STATUS REPORT – REPORT NO. 18-10**

A question was raised on why we have to pay taxes on our properties. Darcy provided a response on why we pay taxes noting the elimination by MNR of a full tax refund to Authorities. A request was made to provide a total amount of taxes paid by the Authority, which Darcy advised he would provide at the next meeting.

A question was raised on how information on our many programs and projects get out to the public. Mary Stack advised there are many avenues used including the media, mailings and word of mouth. It was suggested that perhaps an annual visit to each municipality would be an idea to keep them up-to-date on our programs and activities.

Barbara Henderson commented on what an excellent document the Lake Erie North Shore Watershed Plan was.

A question was raised on whether or not something could be done to enhance the habitat for the massassaga rattlesnake at the Wainfleet Bog. Darcy Baker advised that attempts have been made to narrow down what their habitat environment is and have found that it has many components, making it very challenging.

The following resolution was presented.

**FA-39-10**

**MOVED BY:** A. Fevez

**SECONDED:** B. Baty

**THAT:** Report No. 18-10 outlining the status of Authority projects be received for information.

**"CARRIED"**

**(12) IN-CAMERA**

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

**FA-40-10**

**MOVED BY:** T. Dalimonte

**SECONDED BY:** M. DiFruscio

**THAT:** this meeting do now move in-camera.

Received at 8:42 p.m. **"CARRIED"**

**FA-41-10**

**MOVED BY:** D. Goulbourne

**SECONDED BY:** A. Fevez

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

Received at 8:55 p.m. **"CARRIED"**

**(13) OTHER BUSINESS**

Damian Goulbourne expressed how impressed he was at Deanna Lindblad's presentation at the last meeting and asked if it could be shortened to present it at the Region.

Brian Heit suggested a resolution with respect to the presentation and information provided by the Authority regarding the West Niagara News article. It was also suggested to thank Tom Wilkinson of the West Niagara News on his editorial comments and that no further action be taken. The following resolution was presented.

**FA-42-10**

**MOVED BY:** B. Heit

**SECONDED BY:** B. Bentley

**THAT:** the article from the West Lincoln News provided by the NPCA and the editorial comments from Tom Wilkinson of the West Lincoln News be received; and

No further action be taken.

**“CARRIED”**

Brian Baty also complemented the presentation made at the last meeting and suggested that Cogeco be contacted and that the presentation, as well as other projects of the Authority be shown in a 5 – 10 minute presentation.

Brian Baty also requested in a future agenda what the impact of the HST will be on the Authority budget and the potential for capital purchases.

The CAO advised that a series of articles on the role and activities of the Authority will be printed by the West Lincoln News.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**FA-43-10**

**MOVED BY:** B. Baty

**SECONDED BY:** D. Goulbourne

**THAT:** this meeting do now adjourn.

**Received at 8:59 p.m.**

**“CARRIED”**

**"L. Sawatzky, Recording Secretary**

**D. Ransom, Chairman"**