

NIAGARA PENINSULA CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

WELLAND

NOVEMBER 17, 2010

7:00 p.m.

**FULL AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES**

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** D. Ransom, (Chairman)  
B. Baty, (Vice-Chairman)  
B. Bentley  
B. Butters  
D. DiFruscio  
T. Dalimonte  
C. D'Angelo  
A. Fevez  
D. Goulbourne  
B. Heit  
B. Henderson
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** G. Burroughs (with regrets)  
B. Greenwood (with regrets)  
N. Johnson (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, NPCF

**BUSINESS:**

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

**(1) MINUTES**

**(a) FULL AUTHORITY MEETING – OCTOBER 20, 2010**

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

**FA-122-10**

**MOVED BY:** T. Dalimonte

**SECONDED BY:** B. Baty

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

**"CARRIED"**

**(b) BALL'S FALLS HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING – November 3, 2010**

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

**FA-123-10**

**MOVED BY:** B. Baty

**SECONDED BY:** A. Fevez

**THAT:** the Minutes of the Ball's Falls Heritage Advisory Committee meeting held November 3, 2010, be received and approved as printed.

**"CARRIED"**

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

There was no business arising from the minutes.

**(3) CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

He noted that he and the Director, Land Management attended the Region's ribbon cutting ceremony in Wainfleet. He indicated that Barb Henderson was also in attendance. He commented on how lovely a spot it is and the Authority will be involved in looking after it. He noted that the Region has done an excellent job with the property which will be held in perpetuity for people to enjoy.

He reminded the members that the Conservation Achievement Awards reception will be held on Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at the Centre for Conservation at Ball's Falls. He indicated that many people attend this event which is our way to say thanks for their assistance. He encouraged both the board members and staff to attend this worthwhile evening.

Regarding the centre, the Chairman advised that there are a number of 2010 fall and winter education programs shown in the program produced for the Centre. He noted that there are more programs are being initiated and interest in the Centre is increasing.

The Chairman noted that he just heard that we received \$6,800.00 to bring in an exhibition entitled "Our Feathered Friends" to the centre from April to September of next year, and that it will be a valuable exhibit.

The Chairman read a letter received from the Friends of One Mile creek regarding Jocelyn Baker and the watershed restoration staff noting in particular, staff assistance for past 7 years. It praised the stewardship guide and thanked staff Rob Diermair and Kelly Jamieson for their guidance and assistance over the years

The Chairman then called upon the Director, Communications to update members on the process of applying to become an Authority member.

Mrs. Stack advised that the Region has placed ads in local papers for persons who were interested in sitting on various boards and agencies, including the NPCA. Anyone who wants to come back has to go through the process of applying. She indicated that the application form is on the NPCA website. She also noted that the process in Hamilton is different and she is attending a meeting on December 8<sup>th</sup>. She responded to various questions on the process.

**(4) CAO'S REPORT**

The CAO advised that on Thursday evening the Region is hosting a Public Engagement Session to inform the public of the cost of regional services including the NCPA, and staff will be in attendance.

The CAO received correspondence from the City of Hamilton advising that the Authority will be making a budget presentation on February 25<sup>th</sup> and he will contact the Hamilton board members closer to the date for their attendance.

The CAO attended the Budget Presentation at the Region's CMT meeting noting the 1.4% increase was well received. He advised that some capital budget issues need to be sorted out and further meetings will be taking place in this regard.

The CAO noted that at the last meeting, presentations from delegations were made regarding dynamic beaches in Fort Erie. The OMB hearing is completed and one staff member gave evidence, however, a decision won't be available until January or February next year.

With respect to the resolution put forward from the Town of Fort Erie requesting the Region investigate and report on the future of the NPCA, he noted it has not been presented yet. He did note that when it goes before Regional Council, he will attend.

Brian Heit questioned the salary freeze and whether it was included in the budget, to which, the CAO replied that with the exception of merit increases, it is.

Brian Baty asked how many parking spots there were at the new beach in Wainfleet and Barb Henderson indicated 50 with a bicycle area. He also questioned if there would be washrooms included and Barb Henderson indicated there are 3 Johnny-on-the spots being installed.

Brian Baty asked the CAO the reason behind the Public Engagement Session tomorrow, noting he has not been advised in any committee meetings. The CAO advised it is a transparency move by the Region to advise the public what they are paying for, including all departments, agencies boards and commissions. A discussion took place.

**(5) BUDGET STATUS REPORT TO OCTOBER 31, 2010 – REPORT NO. 66-10**

The CAO outlined the report and monthly status reports. Revenues and expenditures are generally in line with those presented last meeting. A brief discussion took place and after responding to questions, the following resolution was presented.

**FA-124-10**

**MOVED BY:** B. Butters

**SECONDED BY:** B. Baty

**THAT:** the Budget Status Report for the period ending October 31, 2010 be received.

**"CARRIED"**

**(6) APPOINTMENT OF ENFORCEMENT OFFICER - REPORT NO. 67-10**

The Director, Land Management advised this is a legislated process. After responding to questions, the following resolution was presented.

**FA-125-10**

**MOVED BY:** A. Fevez

**SECONDED BY:** T. Dalimonte

**THAT:** Ms. Amy Brant be appointed as an Enforcement Officer under the Conservation Authorities Act.

**"CARRIED"**

**(7) MODIFICATION TO JORDAN HARBOUR C.A. MASTER PLAN – REPORT NO. 68-10**

The Director, Land Management outlined the report noting the reasons for the change and responded to questions. It was noted that this should be entitled a concept plan as opposed to a master plan and it will be amended accordingly. A discussion took place and the following resolution was presented.

**FA-126-10**

**MOVED BY:** B. Heit

**SECONDED BY:** B. Butters

**THAT:** the Jordan Harbour Conservation Area Master Plan be modified to include a roofed shelter near the boat launch; and,

That the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Foundation be notified of the plan change.

**"CARRIED"**

**(8) 2011 HUNTING PERMIT FEES – REPORT NO. 69-10**

The Director, Land Management outlined the report noting it is being presented in advance of the fees for all other Conservation Areas for timing purposes and responded to questions. The following resolution was presented.

**FA-127-10**

**MOVED BY:** A. Fevez  
**SECONDED BY:** M. DiFruscio  
**THAT:** Report Number 69-10 be approved; and,

That the 2011 Fee for a Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority Hunting Permit be set at \$25.00.

**"CARRIED"**

**(9) PROJECT STATUS REPORT – REPORT NO. 70-10**

Staff responded to various questions and comments. The following resolution was presented.

**FA-128-10**

**MOVED BY:** B. Henderson  
**SECONDED BY:** B. Bentley  
**THAT:** Report No. 70-10 outlining the status of Authority projects be received for information.

**"CARRIED"**

**(10) OTHER BUSINESS**

**(a) 2010 Vehicle purchase – Report No. 71-10**

The Director, Land Management brought a new report to the meeting noting that the results of this had just been received earlier in the day. He outlined the report and responded to questions. It was requested it be revisited and that green (hybrid) vehicles be included in the quote process. A lengthy discussion took place and it was requested that this matter be deferred to the next meeting pending more information on alternative vehicles.

**FA-129-10**

**MOVED BY:** B. Baty  
**SECONDED BY:** D. Goulbourne  
**THAT:** report No. 71-10 regarding the 2010 vehicle purchase be deferred until the December meeting pending further information on alternative types of vehicles.

**"CARRIED"**

**(11) IN-CAMERA**

In accordance with Authority policy, the following resolutions were presented. B. Baty declared a conflict of interest with respect to Report CR-23-10.

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**FA-130-10**

**MOVED BY:** B. Butters  
**SECONDED BY:** B. Henderson  
**THAT:** this meeting do now move in-camera.

**Received at 8:05 p.m. "CARRIED"**

**FA-131-10**

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

**Received at 8:09 p.m. "CARRIED"**

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

Brian Baty advised that a survey has been done by Chamber of Commerce regarding duplication of services. He requested a followup report from NPCA staff in a future meeting.

**FA-132-10**

**MOVED BY:** T. Dalimonte  
**SECONDED BY:** B. Baty  
**THAT:** this meeting do now adjourn.

**Received at 8:10 p.m. "CARRIED"**

**"L. Sawatzky, Recording Secretary**

**D. Ransom, Chairman"**