

**FULL AUTHORITY MEETING**

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** B. Timms (Vice-Chairman)  
B. Baty  
C. D'Angelo  
D. DiFruscio  
T. Easton  
D. Eke  
A. Fevez  
A. Jeffs  
D. Joyner  
D. Ransom  
B. Sharpe  
B. Steckley
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** B. Maves (Chairman)  
D. Barrick (with regrets)  
T. Dalimonte (with regrets)
- STAFF PRESENT:** T. D'Amario, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer  
L. Sawatzky, Recording Secretary  
D. Baker, Director, Land Management  
M. Stack, Director Communications  
T. McDougall, Executive Director Conservation Foundation  
S. McInnes, Coordinator, Watershed Planning
- STAFF ABSENT:** J. Kukalis, Director, Water Management
- OTHERS PRESENT:** R. Momot, MacGillivray Partners  
N. Kobylka, MacGillivray Partners  
K. Graham, DSBN  
C. Fast, DSBN  
M. Janssen, DSBN

**BUSINESS:**

The Chairman was not able to attend the meeting, therefore the Vice-Chairman assumed the chair and called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. He then requested anyone who had a conflict of interest to declare it.

(1) **MINUTES**

(a) **FULL AUTHORITY MEETING – FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

There being no errors or omission, the following resolution was presented.

**FA-31-11**

**MOVED BY:** B. Steckley

**SECONDED BY:** D. Ransom

**THAT:** the Minutes of the Full Authority meeting held February 16, 2011, be received and approved.

**"CARRIED"**

**(b) NIAGARA REGION TREE AND FOREST CONSERVATION BY-LAW ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING – JANUARY 20, 2011**

There being no errors or omissions, the following resolution was presented.

**FA-32-11**

**MOVED BY:** A. Fevez

**SECONDED BY:** T. Easton

**THAT:** the Minutes of the Niagara Region Tree and Forest Conservation By-law Advisory Committee meeting held January 20, 2011, be received and approved.

**"CARRIED"**

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

Brian Baty requested that a staff report be prepared on the reduction in size of the Fonthill Kame ANSI. He noted he will also be requesting NEC to prepare a report and indicated that the Region of Niagara has already done so.

**(3) CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

He noted that as Vice-Chair he did not have any remarks other than he is looking forward to working with the board over the current term.

**(4) CAO'S REPORT**

The CAO advised he had several important dates he wished to remind the board members of beginning with an Earth Day event being held at E.C. Brown Conservation Area on Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. He noted that about 300 students from area schools will be in attendance to plant trees and provide environmental monitoring.

On Good Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> the annual Hawkwatch event will be held at Beamer Memorial Conservation Area in Grimsby. He noted it is a good event and well attended.

Then on April 23<sup>rd</sup> the CAO noted that it was the opening day for trout season at St. Johns Conservation Area. He advised that, depending on the weather, between 200 and 400 persons could be in attendance.

On May 15<sup>th</sup>, the annual Crappie Derby will be held at Binbrook Conservation Area with the assistance of the Glanbrook Conservation Committee.

On April 30<sup>th</sup> the Foundation will be hosting a rain barrel sale here in the parking lot. For those who wish to purchase a rain barrel, they should speak to Terry McDougall.

Finally, the CAO advised that at the Foundation's recent Elimination Draw and Dinner approximately \$2,000 was raised and over 100 persons in attendance.

**(5) DELEGATION**

Representatives from the District School Board of Niagara were in attendance to provide an update to the board on the Woodend Legacy Project.

The Director, Land Management outlined the background of the proposed project. Kevin Graham from the DSBN then came forward and introduced Colleen Fast and she outlined what the board wants to do by way of improvements.

Kevin provided further information the overall area. The proposal is to provide an update to the Thompson house and classroom additions. He provided an outline of the proposed new improvements which will complement the current buildings and natural surrounding area. He noted that the reason for this facility is to try to educate kids to respect nature. Also, the proposal will not infringe on any area outside the initial footprint of the area.

Questions were then raised on parking, the type of building and cost which Kevin responded noting that there is a small parking area for visitors, however, the buses drop off the students and return to pick them up. The building is gearing toward being a Silver LEED building at a cost of approximately \$1.5 - \$2M to be raised for the most part, through fundraising effort. He also noted that the School Board is very much in favour of this initiative.

Further questions were raised on whether it would be available for other Boards to use and the timelines for beginning this project. It was noted that at this time it is used to capacity, but may look at something in the future. They are hoping to have all permits in place and break ground in the Spring of 2012.

The Chairman thanked Kevin and Colleen for their presentation and requested that a motion be put forth to have a staff report for the next meeting.

The following resolution was presented.

**FA-33-11**

**MOVED BY:** D. Eke

**SECONDED BY:** B. Steckley

**THAT:** the information provided by the District School Board of Niagara on the Woodend Legacy Project be received, and

Staff be requested to provide a further report for the next meeting.

**"CARRIED"**

**(6) 2010 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – REPORT NO. 20-11**

Randy Momot and Nadia Kobylka were in attendance to present the Authority's 2010 draft Financial Statements. Randy provided an overview of the audit report, noting that the Authority's position is very strong.

Randy responded to questions as he was presenting the statements. A question was raised regarding the OPG funds and the CAO responded.

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Trevor Easton questioned what the deferred revenues represented and Randy responded.

Doug Ransom commented regarding acquisition funds noting it is necessary to have such a reserve for a time of need to be readily available when a property of interest becomes available.

Doug Joyner questioned the land development project at Gainsborough. The CAO advised that is was to do upgrades to the workshop, however they were not completed, but will be this year.

The Chairman thanked Randy and Nadia for their attendance and the following resolution was presented.

**FA-34-11**

**MOVED BY:** D. Ransom

**SECONDED BY:** B. Steckley

**THAT:** The Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2010 as audited by MacGillivray Partners be received and adopted as printed.

**"CARRIED"**

(7) **BALL'S FALLS HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT – REPORT NO. 12-11**

Darcy Baker presented the report and advised the board of the composition and structure of the board, noting the possibility of a third member from the Conservation Authority Board. He noted that they are looking for volunteers and Doug Ransom volunteered. There being no further volunteers, the following resolution was presented.

**FA-35-11**

**MOVED BY:** B. Baty

**SECONDED BY:** T. Easton

**THAT:** Report No. 12-11 regarding the Ball's Falls Heritage Advisory Committee Appointment be received for consideration, and

That Doug Ransom be the additional Conservation Authority Board member for the committee.

**"CARRIED"**

(8) **REQUEST FOR PARTICIPATION; BROCK UNIVERSITY CLIMATE CHANGE PROJECT – REPORT NO. 13-11**

Suzanne McInnes, Coordinator, Watershed Planning was in attendance to present the report in the absence of the Director, Water Management. She noted that although she was not at the last meeting she would be providing information on the Brock University project, which is a terrific opportunity to let others know of the information we have and also an opportunity to work with the Region of Niagara. She also noted that there will be no duplication of effort with Brock University and the Region, and no additional

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resources needed other than some staff time to attend meetings. Should this change, the board will be advised. She indicated that this is a good opportunity to show off what we do. Also, she advised that there is a broad cross section of people in the group.

Brian Baty indicated that Councillor Barrick is liaison to the group as well.

Doug Joyner noted that climate change is very important to know and understand and this is a good project.

**FA-36-11**

**MOVED BY:** B. Steckley

**SECONDED BY:** D. Ransom

**THAT:** Report No. 13-11 regarding the Brock University Climate Change Program be received for information, and

That NPCA formally participate in the Brock University Climate Change Project.

**"CARRIED"**

**(9) DRAFT BROCHURE – BUILDING NEAR NATURAL FEATURES – REPORT NO. 14-11**

Suzanne McInnes also provided information on this report and noted that the draft document has been circulated to partners and municipalities. She noted that there has been lots of change in planning and this brochure was designed try to help individuals better understand what to do and why. She noted there is lots of misunderstanding of what we do. She advised that the Authority already has a brochure called "Planning to Build" and it seemed more was needed and that is where the new brochure has come from. She noted that it serves a good purpose and staff will be making changes from the feedback received.

Several questions were raised on the contents and who would benefit from this. Also Carmen D'Angelo requested that Hamilton and Haldimand be included in this document.

Dave Eke noted that he wants to better understand what the NPCA does as well and needs clarity on how the process proceeds. He noted he would like to sit down with Suzanne to simplify and understand. Suzanne advised that this could be done.

The CAO provided clarification of what this document is, noting we are doing work for MOE, MNR, DFO, municipalities and the Region.

**FA-37-11**

**MOVED BY:** T. Easton

**SECONDED BY:** B. Baty

**THAT:** Report No. 14-11 be received for information and that the authority remind the municipalities of the request for a response to the brochure.

**"CARRIED"**

**(10) NPCA STRATEGIC PLAN – CONSULTANT SELECTION – REPORT NO. 15-11**

The CAO advised that proposals were requested from 3 firms, copies of which were included in the March agenda. He noted that all 3 consultants had strong points. From a staff prospective, Performance Concepts has a very good proposal. He noted the changes from including senior staff to a project steering committee. He indicated that he felt there was a need for a steering committee. He also felt that it should consist of himself, the Chair, Vice-Chair and 2-3 more board members.

Brian Baty noted that he supports the motion and asked if the proposed firm is local. The CAO advised they are not local, however, they are familiar with the area.

Carmen D'Angelo requested that a representative from the City of Hamilton be included on the Committee, but because his appointment has not been confirmed, cannot add his name at this time.

After discussion, the following persons agreed to sit on the steering committee:

The Chair, Vice-Chair, Brian Baty, April Jeffs, Trevor Easton, Doug Ransom and a representative from Hamilton and Haldimand.

**FA-38-11**

**MOVED BY:** B. Steckley

**SECONDED BY:** B. Baty

**THAT:** Report No. 15-11 regarding the Strategic Plan Consultant Selection be received; and

That the firm of Performance Concepts be retained to undertake the Strategic Plan Phase 1 work in accordance with their proposal dated March 8, 2011 for an upset cost not to exceed \$35,000 plus HST and inclusive of all expenses.

**"CARRIED"**

**(11) PROPOSED 2011 OPERATING BUDGET – REPORT NO. 16-11**

The CAO outlined the report, noting that it has been approved by the Region of Niagara and Hamilton.

The following resolution was then presented and a recorded vote taken.

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**FA-39-11**

**MOVED BY:** B. Baty

**SECONDED BY:** D. Ransom

**THAT:** Report No. 16-11 regarding the Proposed 2011 Operating Budget be received; and

That the Proposed 2011 Operating Budget with a total expenditure of \$8,042,923 and a general levy of \$2,222,850 and special levies of \$3,069,940 to the Region of Niagara, \$125,000 to the City of Hamilton and \$9,650 to Haldimand County be approved; and

That the 2010 matching levy in the amount of \$175,650 and the total non-matching levy in the amount of \$2,047,200 for the 2011 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 2011 Operating Budget be assessed in the amount of \$3,069,940 to the Region of Niagara, \$125,000 to the City of Hamilton and \$9,650 to Haldimand County.

	<b><u>YES</u></b>	<b><u>NO</u></b>
Bart Maves, Chairman	absent	
Bruce Timms, Vice-Chairman	X	
David Barrick	absent	
Brian Baty	X	
Tony Dalimonte	absent	
Carmen D'Angelo	X	
Dominic DiFruscio	X	
Trevor Easton	X	
Dave Eke	X	
Andy Fevez	X	
April Jeffs	X	
Douglas Joyner	X	
Douglas Ransom	X	
Barry Sharpe	X	
Bob Steckley	X	

**"CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY"**

**(12) PROPOSED 2011 CAPITAL BUDGET – REPORT NO. 17-11**

The CAO outlined the report noting that some of the capital projects were not completed in 2010 and therefore those amounts were brought forward in the 2011 capital budget.

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The following resolution was then presented and a recorded vote taken.

**FA-40-11**

**MOVED BY:** A. Fevez

**SECONDED BY:** B. Sharpe

**THAT:** Report No. 17-11 regarding the Proposed 2011 Capital Budget be received; and

That the Proposed 2011 Capital Budget with a total expenditure of \$5,366,816 and a general levy of \$614,100 and special levies of \$932,442 to the Region of Niagara, \$276,574 to the City of Hamilton and \$42,165 to Haldimand County be approved; and

That the 2011 general levy in the amount of \$614,100 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 2011 Capital Budget be assessed in the amount of \$932,442 to the Region of Niagara, \$276,574 to the City of Hamilton and \$42,165 to Haldimand County.

	<b><u>YES</u></b>	<b><u>NO</u></b>
Bart Maves, Chairman	absent	
Bruce Timms, Vice-Chairman	X	
David Barrick	absent	
Brian Baty	X	
Tony Dalimonte	absent	
Carmen D'Angelo	X	
Dominic DiFruscio	X	
Trevor Easton	X	
Dave Eke	X	
Andy Fevez	X	
April Jeffs	X	
Douglas Joyner	X	
Douglas Ransom	X	
Barry Sharpe	X	
Bob Steckley	X	

**"CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY"**

Carmen D'Angelo congratulated the CAO on always coming within guidelines.

**(13) PFOS COMPOUNDS AT THE BINBROOK RESERVOIR - REPORT NO. 18-11**

The Director, Land Management noted that this matter was noted as being in the Binbrook reservoir in the February status report. He indicated that this is an updated and more detailed report. He also advised that the fish consumption guidelines document produced by the Province of Ontario has been updated to show fish



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consumption for Binbrook. He also noted that MOE is looking into this and information will be offered to the public as it becomes available.

Carmen D'Angelo had several comments regarding this report and advised he has a six point action plan for dealing with this matter and that we have a responsibility as landowners to ensure the public is aware of the matter and kept informed.

A very lengthy discussion took place on how this should be handled, noting that it was felt the responsibility for this matter was in the hands of MOE and they should be the agency to handle this and keep everyone informed. It was suggested that the NPCA encourage MOE to deal with this matter as soon as possible.

The CAO noted that as landowners we will take all necessary steps to make sure the public knows the park is safe.

The following resolution was presented with a friendly amendment.

**FA-41-11**

**MOVED BY:** A. Fevez

**SECONDED BY:** B. Steckley

**THAT:** Report No. 18-11 regarding PFOS Compounds at the Binbrook Reservoir be received.

Dave Eke opposed

**"CARRIED"**

**FA-42-11**

**MOVED BY:** C. D'Angelo

**SECONDED BY:** A. Fevez

**THAT:** That the 6 point plan presented by Carmen D'Angelo be adopted in principle.

Dave Eke opposed

**"CARRIED"**

**(14) PROJECT/PROGRAM STATUS REPORT – REPORT NO. 19-11**

The CAO advised that he would answer any questions with respect to the water department matters. Carmen D'Angelo questioned on how the well decommissioning program was funded. The CAO advised it is the Region at the moment. The following resolution was presented.

**FA-43-11**

**MOVED BY:** M. DiFruscio

**SECONDED BY:** B. Steckley

**THAT:** Report No. 19-11 outlining the status of Authority projects and programs be received for information, as amended.

**"CARRIED"**

**(15) LEASE EXTENSION – STEVENSVILLE CONSERVATION AREA – REPORT NO. 21-11**

The Director, Land Management noted that there is a change since the preparation of this report, noting that the Town of Fort Erie has advised that the Town does not wish to be involved any more. He indicated that the Fort Erie Conservation Club and the Authority have had an excellent relationship and felt it would be no problem to continue as such.

**FA-44-11**

**MOVED BY:** D. Ransom

**SECONDED BY:** B. Steckley

**THAT:** Report No. 21-11 be received for information; and,

That the current lease with the Town of Fort Erie for a parcel of land in the Stevensville Conservation Area be extended on a month-to-month basis and Conservation Authority staff be directed to negotiate a long term lease agreement with the Fort Erie Conservation Club.

**"CARRIED"**

**(16) 2011 MOWER PURCHASE – REPORT NO. 22-11**

The Director, Land Management outlined the policy and the reasons for using a 4 year period.

Barry Sharpe asked how our policy worked and are we involved with the Regions purchasing group. The Director, Land management explained our policy and advised in this case our specifications and timelines do not coincide with the Region. We do however take advantage of the Regions purchasing capabilities in other areas.

Doug Joyner asked if we have gone with Kobota before and the Director, Land management advised we have.

After a brief discussion, the following resolution was presented.

**FA-45-11**

**MOVED BY:** B. Sharpe

**SECONDED BY:** B. Steckley

**THAT:** the quotation, received from Ben Berg Farm & Ind. Equipment, to supply two (2) 2011 Kubota F3680 front mount mowers for the total price of \$26,979.88 including trade-in allowance and all applicable taxes, be accepted.

**"CARRIED"**

**(17) 2011 TRACTOR PURCHASE – REPORT NO. 23-11**

The Director, Land Management outlined this report as well and responded to questions. The following resolution was presented.

**FA-46-11**

**MOVED BY:** B. Baty

**SECONDED BY:** B. Sharpe

**THAT:** the quotation, received from Egger Truck and Machine, to supply one (1) 2011 Kioti DK50HST Tractor with front-end loader for the total price of \$27,114.35 including all applicable taxes, be accepted.

**"CARRIED"**

**(18) OTHER BUSINESS**

Brian Baty questioned whether staff has an opportunity to investigate the Regional Chairs potential to acquire the Carolinian Forest Trail and Waterfront on the Department of National Defense (DND) site in Niagara-on-the-Lake as a War of 1812 legacy. The CAO advised that we have not.

April Jeffs noted that Wainfleet has been having drainage issues and have met with local farmers and had been working with previous council with respect to the siphons and the aqueduct. The CAO advised has been a long standing issue we can provide some info on it. The CAO will try to find info on some of the studies that have been done and we can attend a council meeting regarding concerns.

Further to April Jeffs' request, Barry Sharpe advised he would appreciate an updating report which can include a longer term plan to deal with cleaning the syphon. He asked whether another siphon to take the river under the canal bypass has ever been studied since being put in place.

Barry Sharpe asked where the NPCA fits in where surplus lands are made available by various levels of Government. The CAO advised that the Region of Niagara does advise the Authority. The Director, Land Management provided further clarification, noting that we do not receive information from other levels of Government on the sale of surplus lands.

**(19) IN-CAMERA**

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

**FA-47-11**

**MOVED BY:** D. Eke

**SECONDED BY:** B. Sharpe

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

Received at 10:00 p.m.

**"CARRIED"**

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**FA-48-11**

**MOVED BY:** T. Easton

**SECONDED BY:** B. Baty

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

Received at 10:04 p.m. **“CARRIED”**

The following items were approved in camera.

Report No. CR-05-11

**FA-49-11**

**MOVED BY:** A. Fevez

**SECONDED BY:** D. Eke **“CARRIED”**

Report No. CR-06-11

**FA-50-11**

**MOVED BY:** M. DiFruscio

**SECONDED BY:** D. Joyner **“CARRIED”**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**FA-51-11**

**MOVED BY:** B. Steckley

**SECONDED BY:** D. Ransom

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

Received at 10:05 p.m. **“CARRIED”**

**"L. Sawatzky, Recording Secretary**

**D. Bruce Timms, Vice-Chairman**