

**NIAGARA PENINSULA CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

**WELLAND**

**FEBRUARY 15, 2012**

**7:00 p.m.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** B. Maves (Chairman)  
D. Barrick  
B. Baty  
S. Beattie  
T. Dalimonte  
C. D'Angelo  
D. DiFruscio  
T. Easton  
P. Grenier  
D Joyner  
B. Steckley  
B. Timms(Vice-Chairman)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** D. Eke (with regrets)  
A. Jeffs (with regrets)  
D. Ransom (with regrets)

**STAFF PRESENT:** T. D'Amario, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer  
L. Sawatzky, Recording Secretary  
J. Kukalis, Director, Water Management  
D. Baker, Director, Land Management

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Glen Robins  
Bev Lepard  
Norm Johnson

**BUSINESS:**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m., welcomed all in attendance and requested anyone who had a conflict of interest to declare it. He then introduced those in attendance, including Paul Grenier, a Councillor for the City of Welland, who has been appointed by the Region of Niagara to replace Mayor Barry Sharpe while he recuperates.

**(1) MINUTES**

**(a) FULL AUTHORITY ANNUAL MEETING – JANUARY 18, 2012**

There were no errors or omissions in the minutes. The following resolution was presented.

**FA-18-12**

**MOVED BY:** T. Dalimonte

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

**THAT:** the Minutes of the Full Authority Annual meeting held January 18, 2012, be received and approved as printed.

**"CARRIED"**

**(b) FULL AUTHORITY MEETING – JANUARY 18, 2012**

There were no errors or omissions in the minutes. The following resolution was presented.

**FA-19-12**

**MOVED BY:** T. Easton

**SECONDED BY:** D. Barrick

**THAT:** the Minutes of the Full Authority meeting held January 18, 2012, 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**

The Chairman reported that he had spent several hours a couple of weeks ago with residents of Wainfleet regarding the new floodplain lines. He also noted that April Jeffs and Brian Baty attended a follow-up meeting. He noted that there is lots of work to do in this regard before implementation and appreciated the input of residents and the time the Director, Water Management spent on this.

The Chairman noted that he and the CAO are working with Todd Macdonald on the strategic plan and Todd should be in a position shortly to present his findings to them and then back to the Strategic Planning Committee one more time.

The Chairman advised that he attended the DSBN fundraising dinner for the Woodend Conservation Area which he noted was well attended and very successful. The highlight of the evening was the half million dollar donation to the project from John Walker. He thanked all those from the board and staff who attended.

The Chairman indicated that he had received an email earlier in the evening from Conservation Ontario on a synopsis of the Drummond report and its impact on Conservation Authorities. He noted that there were no details included other than referencing three areas that could impact CA's which were:

- a) The roles and responsibilities between levels of government
- b) The multiple entities/agencies involved in the arena of land use planning and resource management; and
- c) The area of municipal infrastructure

He noted that it appeared that perhaps they would look at streamlining these three areas.

**(4) CAO'S REPORT**

The CAO also referenced the Drummond report noting that he felt that Conservation Ontario is indicating that CA's are in a good position to do work regarding consolidation with our roles to be determined.

The CAO noted that he made a presentation to the Hamilton Budget Review Committee which went well with no issues and thanked Stew Beattie, Carmen D'Angelo and Bruce Timms for attending the meeting as well.

The CAO advised that he has provided the consultant for the Strategic Plan with more information.

The CAO advised that a meeting of the Foundation Board has been tentatively set for April 3<sup>rd</sup> to deal with ongoing items and going forward.

The CAO noted that the Binbrook Ice Fishing Derby has been cancelled due to lack of ice.

(5) **CENTRAL WELLAND RIVER FLOODPLAIN MAPPING – DRAFT FAQ – REPORT NO. 07-12**

The Director, Water Management outlined the need for the FAQ and provided an update on staff efforts in relation to this matter since January. He advised that staff had directed the Consulting Engineers to do alternative analysis to validate the model and that the Consulting Engineers would be preparing a supplemental briefing memo to address some common questions (i.e. impact of siphons/blockages, impact of flow reversal, calibration with observed flows, etc.) in a more concise manner for the public. He also advised that staff, in response to recent correspondence from Mr. Wellenreiter, a residents representative, has sent a detailed letter, supplemental reports as well as, prepared related letters to Ontario Power Generation, St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation, City of Welland and Welland Recreational Canal Corporation. Finally, he advised that staff had also sent requests to both Conservation Ontario and the Ministry of Natural Resources for information regarding social impacts raised by residents that are beyond the NPCA's jurisdiction.

Doug Joyner requested that a copy of staff's letter to Mr. Wellenreiter be forwarded to all members.

A number of Board members made suggestions on rewording the FAQ to make it clearer. The CAO noted that appropriate revisions would be made.

Paul Grenier asked if staff was satisfied with the integrity of the mapping that has been done. The Director, Water Management noted only minor anomalies had been noted which is common in any modeling/mapping project and that nothing of significant variance had been noted to date. The CAO noted that mapping was only the first step in a more detailed site specific process that occurs when a proposal is brought forward.

Doug Joyner asked about the extent of public outreach/meetings that would occur before the new lines were put into effect. The Director Water Management advised that he was of the understanding that the Boards, Implementation Sub-Committee would ultimately make that determination and that they would need to consider such things as: what the intended goal of the outreach is, how much resources could be expended on this, etc. The Chairman advised that he would be confirming the Board Members that would constitute this Sub Committee, shortly.

**FA-20-12**

**MOVED BY:** C. D'Angelo  
**SECONDED BY:** M. DiFruscio  
**THAT:** Report No. 07-12 be received for information.

**"CARRIED"**

**(6) NPCA LEASE TO THE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA - REPORT NO. 08-12**

The Director, Land Management responded to questions including who owns the premises following the expiration of the lease since new buildings are being built. The Director, Land Management advised that the buildings would belong to the NPCA. It was suggested that it should be referenced in the lease.

A question was raised with respect to the ownership of the buildings during the lease. The Director, Land Management advised that this will be brought to the Authority's lawyer and there may be many changes that need to be made. He noted that the terms and conditions will remain the same, however, fine details need to be ironed out.

The following resolution was then presented.

**FA-21-12**

**MOVED BY:** T. Easton  
**SECONDED BY:** M. DiFruscio  
**THAT:** Report No. 08-12 be received for information purposes.

**"CARRIED"**

**(7) 2011 YEAR END (UNAUDITED) & 2012 OPERATING SUMMARY AND DETAILED BUDGETS – REPORT NO. 09-12**

The CAO provided an outline noting changes in revenues and expenditures. The following resolution was presented and a recorded vote was taken.

**FA-22-12**

**MOVED BY:** C. D'Angelo  
**SECONDED BY:** T. Dalimonte  
**THAT:** Report No. 09-12 regarding the Proposed 2012 Operating Budget be received; and

That the Proposed 2012 Operating Budget with a total expenditure of \$8,150,147 and a general levy of \$2,392,100 and special levies of \$3,056,500 to the Region of Niagara, \$129,306 to the City of Hamilton and \$9,900 to Haldimand County be approved; and

That the 2012 matching levy in the amount of \$175,000 and the total non-matching levy in the amount of \$2,217,100 for the 2012 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 2012 Operating Budget be assessed in the amount of \$3,056,500 to the Region of Niagara, \$129,306 to the City of Hamilton and \$9,900 to Haldimand County.

**"CARRIED"**

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

**"CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY"**

**(8) 2011 YEAR END (UNAUDITED) & 2012 PROJECT SUMMARY AND DETAILED BUDGETS – REPORT NO. 10-12**

The CAO outlined the report and responded to questions. The following resolution was presented and a recorded vote was taken.

**FA-23-12**

**MOVED BY:** M. DiFruscio

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

**THAT:** Report No. 10-12 regarding the Proposed 2012 Project Budget be received; and

That the Proposed 2012 Project Budget with a total expenditure of \$4,863,578 and a general levy of \$642,400 and special levies of \$942,892 to the Region of Niagara, \$263,708 to the City of Hamilton and \$3,000 to Haldimand County be approved; and

That the 2012 general levy in the amount of \$642,400 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 2012 Project Budget be assessed in the amount of \$942,892 to the Region of Niagara, \$263,708 to the City of Hamilton and \$3,000 to Haldimand County.

**"CARRIED"**

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

**"CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY"**

**(9) 2012 VEHICLE PURCHASE – REPORT NO. 11-12**

The Director, Land Management provided an overview of the results and the reasoning for the vehicles suggested. A suggestion was made to show maintenance costs and warranty on the chart.

Carmen D'Angelo noted his concern regarding the lack of alternative fuel options for vehicles and indicated he is not supportive of the vehicle purchase and felt we should be purchasing a hybrid vehicle.

After responding to questions the following resolution was presented.

**FA-24-12**

**MOVED BY:** B. Baty

**SECONDED BY:** D. Barrick

**THAT:** the Conservation Authority approve the quotation, dated February 7, 2012, received from Niagara Motors, to supply one 2012 GMC Sierra pick-up truck for the price of \$16,385; and,

That the Conservation Authority approve the quotation dated February 6, 2012, received from Performance Toyota, to supply one 2012 Toyota Seanna passenger van for the price of \$27,876.11.

**"CARRIED"**

**(10) 2012 MOWER PURCHASE - REPORT NO. 12-12**

There were no questions and the following resolution was presented.

**FA-25-12**

**MOVED BY:** B. Steckley

**SECONDED BY:** T. Dalimonte

**THAT:** the quote, received from Ben Berg Farm and Industrial, to supply two Kubota F3680 front mount mower for a price of \$23,988 be accepted.

**"CARRIED"**

**(11) PFOS COMPONENTS AT THE BINBROOK RESERVOIR (UPDATE) - REPORT NO. 13-12**

The Director, Land Management presented this report and after a brief discussion the following resolution was presented. Carmen wanted it noted that PFOS is a very bad substance and is recognized by the Federal Government as being caustic. After a brief discussion, the following resolution was presented.

**FA-26-12**

**MOVED BY:** B. Steckley

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

**THAT:** Report No. 13-12 regarding PFOS Compounds at the Binbrook Reservoir be received.

**"CARRIED"**

**(12) REPRESENTATION ON THE GREATER NIAGARA CIRCLE ROUTE COMMITTEE – REPORT NO. 14-12**

The Director, Land Management presented this report. Brian Baty noted the continuation of the committee is being looked into. It was agreed that the resolution would go forth, and if the committee disbanded it would be irrelevant.

There being no further questions or comments, the following resolution was presented.

**FA-27-12**

**MOVED BY:** T. Easton

**SECONDED BY:** S. Beattie

**THAT:** Report No. 14-12 regarding the Greater Niagara Circle Route be received; and,

That Brian Baty be put forward to the Region of Niagara as a representative from the NPCA on the Greater Niagara Circle Route Committee.

**"CARRIED"**

**(13) PROJECT/PROGRAM STATUS REPORT – REPORT NO. 15-12**

Regarding the Canopies for Kids program, Bob Steckley, questioned whether the program was open to schools in Hamilton and Haldimand County. The Director, Water Management advised he would look into it. Bob Steckley requested that respective members be notified when plantings are taking place in their municipality. Questions were raised with respect to the Binbrook regarding whether the valve actuators in the dam are

being replaced and whether the playground will be built this year as a result of the strategic plan. The following resolution was presented.

**FA-28-12**

**MOVED BY:** S. Beattie

**SECONDED BY:** D. Barrick

**THAT:** Report No. 15-12 outlining the status of Authority projects/programs be received for information purposes.

**"CARRIED"**

**(14) OTHER BUSINESS**

The CAO advised it was necessary to pass the Bank resolution which was presented by the Chairman. The following resolution was presented.

**FA-29-12**

**MOVED BY:** B. Baty

**SECONDED BY:** B. Steckley

**THAT:** WHEREAS Section 3(5) of The Conservation Authorities Act authorizes Conservation Authorities to borrow such monies as may be required until the payment of any grants and levies; and

WHEREAS the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority deems it appropriate to borrow such sums, with the total borrowed amount not to exceed \$800,000 at any one time in the year of 2012 to meet approved administration, maintenance and capital expenditures;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority be authorized to borrow from time to time from the Bank of Montreal by way of overdraft as per a Bank of Montreal overdraft agreement executed and signed by the Chairman and the Secretary-Treasurer of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, with the total amount not exceeding \$800,000 at any one time in 2012 to meet approved administration, maintenance and capital expenditures.

**"CARRIED"**

**(15) IN-CAMERA**

The following resolutions were presented.

**FA-30-12**

**MOVED BY:** M. DiFruscio

**SECONDED BY:** B. Steckley

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

Received 8:32 at p.m.

**"CARRIED"**



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**FA-31-12**

**MOVED BY:** M. DiFruscio

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

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

Received at 8:37 p.m.

**"CARRIED"**

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

**FA-32-12**

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

**SECONDED BY:** D. Barrick

**THAT:** the recommendation brought forth in the In-Camera session be approved.

**"CARRIED"**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**FA-33-12**

**MOVED BY:** T. Easton

**SECONDED BY:** B. Steckley

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

Received at p.m. 8:40

**"CARRIED"**

**"L. Sawatzky, Recording Secretary**

**Bart Maves, Chairman"**