

NIAGARA PENINSULA CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

WELLAND

MARCH 21, 2012

7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: B. Maves (Chairman)
D. Barrick
B. Baty
S. Beattie
C. D'Angelo
D. DiFruscio
T. Easton
D. Eke
A. Jeffs
D. Joyner
D. Ransom
B. Sharpe
B. Steckley
B. Timms (Vice-Chairman)

MEMBERS ABSENT: T. Dalimonte (with regrets)

STAFF PRESENT: T. D'Amario, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer
L. Sawatzky, Recording Secretary
J. Kukalis, Director, Water Management
D. Baker, Director, Land Management
M. Stack, Director, Communications
S. Miller, Water Resources Engineer

OTHERS PRESENT: Norm Johnson
Bev Lepard
Lennie Aarts
John Sonneveld
Joyce Sonneveld

BUSINESS:

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m., welcomed all in attendance and requested anyone who had a conflict of interest to declare it. He then welcomed back Mayor Barry Sharpe, noting he was well represented by Paul Grenier during his absence.

(1) MINUTES - FULL AUTHORITY MEETING – FEBRUARY 15, 2012

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

FA-34-12

MOVED BY: M. DiFruscio

SECONDED BY: C. D'Angelo

THAT: the Minutes of the Full Authority meeting held February 15, 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 again welcomed back Barry Sharpe.

He then noted that there will be a Strategic Planning Committee meeting on Friday and the goal is to come back to the board with a recommendation in April.

The Chairman reminded the members of the annual Golf Tournament historically sponsored through the Foundation, which will be June 5th starting at 1:00 at the Whirlpool Golf Course in Niagara Falls. He noted that Bruce Timms, himself and Mary Stack are running it with assistance of the Foundation, and were hoping that the proceeds would go to the Jordan Harbour project. He commented that it is helpful to raise money when people know where their donation money is going. He then requested anyone who would like to serve on a committee to let him know and hoped that each board member would sell a foursome which is \$200 per person \$750 for a foursome and \$1,000 for sponsorship and foursome. 144 golfers is the goal.

The Chairman then welcomed the folks who were in attendance from the Wainfleet area. He noted that a floodplain management discussion would be provided in the form of a power point overview. He then advised that a committee will be struck to oversee the floodplain issue. He also recognized that this had affected many people in Wainfleet and thanked them for their patience.

(4) **CAO'S REPORT**

The CAO provided the members with correspondence received from the Niagara South Federation of Agriculture regarding the Welland River floodplain mapping and the Authority's response to that letter. He noted that the Authority will answer questions when public forum takes place.

The CAO noted that winter fishing at Binbrook CA did not happen this winter, due to no ice conditions, however, they will now be having a spring fishing derby at a future date to be determined. Today there was a report that there were people on the beach in bathing suits at Binbrook.

(5) **FLOOD PLAIN MANAGEMENT AND FLOOD PLAIN CALCULATIONS**

The CAO introduced John Kukalis and Steve Miller, Water Resources Engineer who provided a power point presentation with the intent to provide the board with basic floodplain management and how floodlines are calculated in Ontario and Niagara. He noted that there were a number of questions asked of the January board meeting, so he felt the board should know the basics of floodplain management. A committee will be struck and a consultant will be used and are planning a first meeting of the committee. Public process will happen shortly.

The Director, Water Management, the Water Resources Engineer and the CAO responded to questions during the presentation. The following resolution regarding the formation of a committee was then presented.

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FA-35-12

MOVED BY: B. Baty

SECONDED BY: A. Jeffs

THAT: the following board members be appointed to the Welland River Revised Floodplain Implementation Committee.

Brian Baty, April Jeffs, Doug Joyner, Barry Sharpe, Carmen D'Angelo.

"CARRIED"

(6) 2012 PROJECT BUDGET REVISION - HALDIMAND - REPORT NO. 16-12

The CAO explained the reasons for the revision being a \$3,000 error. There were no questions with respect to this matter. The following resolution was then presented. A recorded vote was taken.

FA-36-12

MOVED BY: S. Beattie

SECONDED BY: T. Easton

THAT: resolution FA-23-12 regarding the Proposed 2012 Project Budget be amended as follows:

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.

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

"CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY"

(7) **ALLOCATION OF SURPLUS/RESERVES 2011 YEAR END – REPORT NO. 17-12**

The CAO noted that the purpose of the report is to provide our auditors with direction. He outlined the changes and proposed allocations. He then responded to questions.

The following resolution was presented.

FA-37-12

MOVED BY: B. Steckley

SECONDED BY: D. Ransom

THAT: the allocation of Surplus/Reserves for the Operating and Capital/Project Budget as recommended in Staff Report No 17-12 be approved.

"CARRIED"

(8) **PFOS COMPONENTS AT THE BINBROOK RESERVOIR (UPDATE) - REPORT NO. 18-12**

At this point, the Chairman left the meeting and the Vice-Chairman assumed the Chair. The Director, Land Management presented this report. He then provided the board with additional information received regarding consumption updates for fish at Binbrook CA.

Carmen D'Angelo questioned what the communication plan was to get the information to the visitors to the park. Darcy Baker noted that the info is available on our website and will be made available to visitors as they arrive at the gate. As well, Carmen D'Angelo requested that that the sampling be done and information be received prior to opening of the beach season. Darcy Baker advised that this will definitely be done and have an organization that will be taking care of the sampling. After a brief discussion, the following resolution was presented.

FA-38-12

MOVED BY: D. Ransom

SECONDED BY: B. Steckley

THAT: Report No. 18-12 regarding PFOS Compounds at the Binbrook Reservoir be received.

"CARRIED"

(9) **PROJECT/PROGRAM STATUS REPORT – REPORT NO. 19-12**

April Jeffs made a comment regarding the planning permits residents in her municipality are applying for noting there have been complaints about the length of time it takes to get responses. It was noted that staff are doing their best considering the recent staff changes. She also questioned the flood control station at E.C. Brown and whether it was a new one The Director, Water Management responded it is new.

April Jeffs also questioned when MOE asked for the information on the long Beach lagoons? The Director, Land Management responded noting it has been ongoing since 2011 and they are looking for us to determine the capacity and improve it if required. Barry Sharpe wanted info on the engineering assessment and when it would be done. Darcy Baker noted it was designed in the mid 60's and redesigned in the mid 70's.

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A question was also raised regarding the contact person for the RAP Program. The Director, Water Management advised the contact person is Valerie Cromie.

Doug Joyner questioned where the source protection open houses were advertised. Mary Stack advised they have been in the Hamilton Spectator, the Niagara Falls Review, the Welland Tribune, the St. Catharines Standard, the Grimsby Lincoln news and will run again on Friday. She noted that they have also been sent to various public and regional agencies.

A question was raised regarding more information on the upcoming Traitors, Treason and Tunes event at Ball's Falls. The Director, Land Management provided more info, noting that the Members were offered tickets at the last meeting.

The following resolution was presented.

FA-39-12

MOVED BY: B. Baty

SECONDED BY: T. Easton

THAT: Report No. 19-12 outlining the status of Authority projects/programs be received for information purposes.

"CARRIED"

(10) OTHER BUSINESS

Carmen D'Angelo noted that he had put forward an idea some time ago to recognize Andy Fevez and wanted to know what the status of it is. Mary Stack advised that they were planning an event in time for the spring fishing derby at Binbrook and noted she will be contacting him shortly with more details.

April Jeffs thanked Darcy Baker for arranging to have the gates at Morgan's Point Conservation area open on weekends during the winter and noted it was used quite frequently. She also noted that she received a call on a property on Creek Road by the train bridge and is concerned about mosquitos and debris by the bridge. She questioned how to deal with it. Darcy Baker noted that he has been dealing with this as well and since the property is owned by CP Rail, the information has been passed onto them.

A question was raised on who was currently on the steering committee for the St. Johns Centre. It was noted there is a meeting scheduled for next Tuesday morning at the St. Johns Centre. In addition to the Chair and Vice-Chair the following are on the committee, April Jeffs, Brian Baty, Mickey DiFruscio and Carmen D'Angelo.

Brian Baty requested that the Director, Land Management follow-up with the Nature Conservancy regarding a proposed development on Haist Street in Pelham, adjacent to the Lathrop Property. In particular, he wanted staff to find out if the development would restrict access to the Lathrop Trail system which is currently being used for trail maintenance and upkeep.

The acting Chairman requested a brief update on Foundation golf tournament. Mary Stack advised that it is planned for June 5th, which is the 11th year and it began with the assistance of Bob Welch, which has been named in his memory. She stressed that they are looking for 144 golfers and this is a joint venture

between the Conservation Authority and the Foundation. She advised that registration forms can be found online. Barry Sharpe requested that Mary provide a draft letter with all details to him and the City of Welland will customize it as a City of Welland request.

Mickey DiFruscio noted that a few months ago he brought information to the Board about the Tammogami Forest and the possibility of it being developed. He advised that it is now going to be protected through provincial legislation.

(11) IN-CAMERA

The following resolutions were presented.

FA-40-12

MOVED BY: B. Sharpe
SECONDED BY: D. Eke
THAT: this meeting do now move in-camera.

Received 9:07 at p.m. **“CARRIED”**

FA-41-12

MOVED BY: S. Beattie
SECONDED BY: T. Easton
THAT: this meeting do now move back into open session.

Received at 9:25 p.m. **“CARRIED”**

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

FA-42-12

MOVED BY:
SECONDED BY:
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-43-12

MOVED BY: A. Jeffs
SECONDED BY: B. Baty
THAT: this meeting do now adjourn.

Received at 9:25 p.m. **“CARRIED”**

"L. Sawatzky, Recording Secretary

Bart Maves, Chairman”