



NIAGARA PENINSULA CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

WELLAND

JUNE 20, 2012

7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: B. Maves (Chairman)
S. Beattie
D. DiFruscio
T. Easton
D. Eke
A. Jeffs
D. Joyner
B. Sharpe
B. Steckley
B. Timms (Vice-Chairman)

MEMBERS ABSENT: D. Barrick (with regrets)
B. Baty (with regrets)
T. Dalimonte (with regrets)
C. D'Angelo (with regrets)
D. Ransom (with regrets)

STAFF PRESENT: T. D'Amario, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer
D. Gullett, Recording Secretary
J. Kukalis, Director, Water Management
M. Stack, Director, Communications

OTHERS PRESENT: L. Aarts
B. Lepard
J. Sonneveld
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D. Honey
M. Barnfield
G. Prentice

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.

(1) **MINUTES**

(A) **FULL AUTHORITY MEETING – MAY 16, 2012**

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

FA-69-12

MOVED BY: T. Easton

SECONDED BY: S. Beattie

THAT: the Minutes of the Full Authority meeting held May 16, 2012, be received and approved as printed.

"CARRIED"

(B) **DRAFT MINUTES NIAGARA REGION TREE AND FOREST CONSERVATION BY-LAW**

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

FA-70-12

MOVED BY: T. Easton

SECONDED BY: S. Beattie

THAT: the Draft Minutes of the Niagara Region Tree and Forest Conservation By-law Advisory Committee meeting held April 19, 2012, be received for information purposes.

"CARRIED"

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

There is no business arising from the minutes.

(3) **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was a copy of an article that appeared in the Glanbrook Gazette regarding the floodplain mapping by Mr. Tim Hudak, MPP.

(4) **CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

The Chairman mentioned that the Director, Land Management and Carmen D'Angelo are absent as they are attending a PFOS meeting this evening.

The Bob Welch Golf Tournament was very well attended with over 80 participants, and approximately \$15,000.00 was raised for the Jordan Harbour project. The Chairman thanked Bruce Timms and especially Mary Stack for all her hard work for coordinating this event.

Lastly, the Chairman and the CEO have a meeting with the District School Board of Niagara and hopefully by the next board meeting they will have a formal report.

(5) **CAO'S REMARKS**

The CAO confirmed the Bob Welch Golf Tournament is scheduled for Wednesday, June 5, 2013. The Central Welland River Floodplain Mapping is now available on the NPCA's website. Advertisements were placed for members to apply for the Welland River Floodplain Mapping Implementation Committee, and fourteen applications were received.

The CAO mentioned the Budget Status Reports were not included due to the computers being updated and the reports were not available in time.

(6) **PEER REVIEW – CENTRAL WELLAND RIVER FLOODPLAIN MAPPING STUDY REPORT NO. 31-12**

The Director, Water Management expressed this report is pretty straight forward, and asked if anyone had any comments or questions. Mayor Jeffs commented the Central Welland River Floodplain Mapping Implementation Committee would like to do the peer review. The Chairman responded this report is mainly a budget for the peer review. Mayor Jeffs questioned the mandate of the NPCA. The Director, Water Management responded we are mandated and delegated. The CAO referred to the Conservation Authority Act which says the Authority to carry out flood control operations in a manner specified by the Minister. Bruce Timms said we have to do the job unless it is handed back to the MNR, we can't simply abdicate the responsibility. The Chairman stated this board established a committee to deal with this issue, and may want to come back with a recommendation to stay with the old mapping.

Trevor Easton commented the committee will essentially deal with this floodplain study being updated. Mayor Sharpe mentioned the City of Welland Engineering Department did a study that may contain information which could be helpful to the floodplain committee. If this is available, he will advise staff with contact information. The following resolution was presented.

FA-71-12

MOVED BY: T. Easton

SECONDED BY: S. Beattie

THAT: Report No. 31-12 regarding the Central Welland River Floodplain Mapping Study be received for information,

That an upset budget amount of \$ 25,000.00 be approved to complete a peer review of the Central Welland River Floodplain Mapping Study, and,

That the budget for the peer review be funded from the Flood Protection Services reserve.

"CARRIED"

(7) **WOODEND LIVING CAMPUS – REPORT NO. 32-12**

The CAO reported the Environmental Impact Study has been completed by Genivar Inc. which was scoped down to a tree preservation plan. The peer review and the EIS both support the proposed design and building location along with a tree root pruning method to be implemented. This still has to be approved by the Niagara Escarpment Commission and then brought back to the NPCA for further comments. The following resolution was presented with a friendly amendment.

FA-72-12

MOVED BY: T. Easton

SECONDED BY: S. Beattie

THAT: Report No. 32-12 regarding the Woodend Living Campus be received; and

That the Conservation Authority Board approve the proposed building design and location; and

That the Authority support the District School Board of Niagara moving forward with an application to the Niagara Escarpment Commission.

"CARRIED"

(8) BINBROOK RESERVOIR PFOS UPDATE – REPORT NO. 33-12

A letter was received from Jim Bradley of the Ministry of the Environment stating ministry staff are working closely with the City of Hamilton and the Hamilton Airport Authority on an assessment on and off site. Bob Steckley asked about the attendance at the park and the CAO responded it has been fairly busy, so attendance is probably not down. Trevor Easton was disturbed by an article in the Niagara News stating the carp in the Binbrook reservoir are the most polluted in Canada. The CAO commented PFOS is found in the sediment and carp churn this up, uprooting the vegetation. The following resolution was presented.

FA-73-12

MOVED BY: D. Eke

SECONDED BY: S. Beattie

THAT: Report No. 33-12 regarding PFOS at the Binbrook Reservoir be received.

"CARRIED"

(9) NPCA AUDIT SERVICES – REPORT NO. 34-12

The CAO said it is important to put out a Request for Proposal (RFP) once in a while to check various rates. There was one firm with a slightly lower cost, but the level of service would not be as good. Mayor Joyner questioned why the names of the firms were not shown, and the CAO responded they are listed in the in-camera portion of minutes. The following resolution was then presented.

FA-74-12

MOVED BY: B. Timms

SECONDED BY: B. Steckley

THAT: Report Number 34-12 be received and that MacGillivray Chartered Accountants and Advisors be retained to undertake audit services for the NPCA over the 5 year period commencing in 2012 for the costs of:

\$ 16,500.00 for fiscal year 2012

\$ 16,800.00 for fiscal year 2013

\$ 17,000.00 for fiscal year 2014

\$ 17,300.00 for fiscal year 2015

\$ 17,750.00 for fiscal year 2016

"CARRIED "

(10) 2013 BUDGET SCHEDULE – REPORT NO. 35-12

The CAO mentioned it was time to start reviewing the 2013 budget. Historically the Conservation Authority has formed a Budget Review Committee. Mayor Joyner suggested the strategic plan should indicate what is needed for the budget. The Strategic plan is not yet complete, so it is too soon for an outline of the challenges ahead. The following resolution was then presented.

FA-75-12

MOVED BY: S. Beattie
SECONDED BY: D. Eke

THAT: Report No. 35-12 regarding the 2013 Budget Schedule and Guidance be received, and

That the Ad Hoc Budget Review Committee be comprised of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Stewart Beattie, Trevor Easton, David Barrick and Domenic DeFruscio.

"CARRIED"

(11) PROJECT STATUS REPORT – REPORT NO. 36-12

The CAO asked if there were any comments or questions on the project status report. There being none, the following resolution was presented.

FA-76-12

MOVED BY: D. DiFrusio
SECONDED BY: B. Sharpe

THAT: Report No. 36-12 outlining the status of Authority projects / programs be received for information.

(12) OTHER BUSINESS

Mickey DiFrusio announced there were two upcoming events for the Battle of Beaverdams. The first one will take place Friday, June 22 and the next is Sunday, June 24. Contact him if you would like more information.

Bruce Timms questioned the direction the Authority was receiving from Mr. Kine through the Niagara Region with regards to prosecutions and settlements. Staff will look into this and prepare a report at a later date.

(13) IN-CAMERA

The following resolutions were presented.

FA-77-12

MOVED BY: A. Jeffs
SECONDED BY: T. Easton

THAT: this meeting do now move in-camera.

Received at 8:02 p.m. **“CARRIED”**

FA-78-12

MOVED BY: D. DiFruscio

SECONDED BY: B. Timms

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

Received at 8:50 p.m. **“CARRIED”**

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

FA-79-12

MOVED BY: D. Joyner

SECONDED BY: B. Timms

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-80-12

MOVED BY: B. Sharpe

SECONDED BY: D. Eke

THAT: this meeting do now adjourn.

Received at 8:52 p.m. **“CARRIED”**

“D. Gullett, Acting Recording Secretary

Bart Maves, Chairman”