



NIAGARA PENINSULA CONSERVATION

AUTHORITY

WELLAND

JULY 18, 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
D. Eke
A. Jeffs
D. Joyner
B. Sharpe
B. Timms (Vice-Chairman)

MEMBERS ABSENT: B. Steckley (with regrets)
D. Ransom (with regrets)

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

OTHERS PRESENT: C. Fast
G. Robins
D. Honey
H. Maeberle
W. Patterson
L. Patterson
M. Edwards
L. Aarts
J. Sonneveld
J. Weinberg
B. Lepard

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.

(1) **MINUTES – JUNE 20, 2012 FULL AUTHORITY MEETING**

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

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presented.

FA-81-12

MOVED BY: B. Baty

SECONDED BY: T. Easton

THAT: the Minutes of the Full Authority meeting held June 20, 2012, be received and approved as printed.

"CARRIED"

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

There is no business arising from the minutes.

(3) **DELEGATIONS**

Mr. Maurice Edwards was in attendance to speak on issues with regards to drainage on his property in the Town of Pelham. He stated that with the installation of a culvert, it is washing away all the topsoil, and trees are dying on nearby property.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Edwards, and asked if there were any questions or comments.

Mayor Sharpe questioned this being brought up to the board, instead of the Town of Pelham. The CAO responded staff at NPCA only provides advise on drainage issues as a service, we are not regulated to do so.

The Director, Land Management stated if the issue of the dead trees is significant, we can have our tree by-law officer investigate this.

(4) **CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

The Chairman said moving forward with the Strategic Plan, five working groups have been established. These groups will consist of stakeholders, general public and technical experts. The first meeting is scheduled for August 15th at Ball's Falls, and hopefully the final reports by the consultant will be available.

The Welland River Floodplain Review and Implementation Committee met earlier this evening. Four applicants have been invited to sit on the committee, and they will be introduced after their acceptance is confirmed. Mr. Timms is working on a boat tour tentatively scheduled for August 28, 2012 and board members are invited on the working boat cruise along the Welland River.

(5) **CAO'S REMARKS**

The CAO reminded everyone that the board will not be meeting in August, so he will contact the budget review committee shortly to schedule a date prior to September's Full Authority Meeting.

(6) **BUDGET STATUS REPORT NO. 37-12**

The Chair asked is there were any questions or comments on the Budget Status Report. There being none, the following resolution was presented.

FA-82-12

MOVED BY: T. Easton
SECONDED BY: C. D'Angelo
THAT: the Budget Status Report for the period ending June 30, 2012 be received.

"CARRIED"

(7) **JORDAN TRAIL STAIRWAY - TENDER – REPORT NO. 38-12**

The CAO mentioned the staircase that links the Twenty Valley Trail with the Village of Jordan is maintained by the NPCA. In early 2012 staff inspected the structure and determined the entire structure is in need of replacement. It has been a tax on maintenance and a safety component as well.

The submissions received for replacing the stairway with galvanized steel far exceeded the amount in our budget. Carmen D'Angelo inquired if any funding or grants are available. Brian Baty suggested the Greenbelt walkway should be investigated.

Bruce Timms recommended that when the report is brought back to the board, it include a map, and context of what is included in this project. The following resolution was presented.

FA-83-12

MOVED BY: T. Easton
SECONDED BY: B. Baty
THAT: Report No. 38-12 regarding the Jordan Station Staircase be received; and

That staff be directed to investigate alternatives to provide access from Jordan Village to the Twenty Valley Trail.

"CARRIED"

(8) **AWARD OF WORK – DIGITAL TERRAIN MODEL UPDATE – REPORT NO. 39-12**

The Director, Water Management stated this is a fairly straight forward report. The Region has requested this update which will be used as base data relating to a pending OMB matter. The following resolution was then presented.

FA-84-12

MOVED BY: T. Easton
SECONDED BY: D. DiFruscio
THAT: the proposal to complete the subject project submitted by First Base Solutions Limited be accepted with an upset limit of \$ 100,000.00 (including taxes).

"CARRIED"

(9) **PFOS – BINBROOK RESERVOIR – REPORT NO. 40-12**

The Director, Land Management attended a meeting last month in Hamilton, and it was very well attended. There has been a great deal of media coverage, and Binbrook Conservation Area is overwhelmed with business. The following resolution was then presented.

FA-85-12

MOVED BY: C. D'Angelo
SECONDED BY: T. Easton
THAT: Report Number 40-12 regarding PFOS Compounds at the Binbrook Reservoir be received.

"CARRIED "

(10) PROJECT STATUS REPORT – REPORT NO. 41-12

The Chair asked if there were any questions or comments on this report. Carmen D'Angelo said how busy Binbrook was on the July long weekend.

Brian Baty attended a volunteer luncheon on June 28 at the St. John's Centre, and suggested holding a board meeting there to show the members the facilities there.

The following resolution was then presented.

FA-86-12

MOVED BY: B. Baty
SECONDED BY: D. Difruscio

THAT: Report No. 41-12 outlining the status of Authority projects / programs be received for information.

"CARRIED"

(11) OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor April Jeffs suggested to Darcy Baker the fire ban wouldn't ordinarily impact the conservation areas. He responded it was agreed that staff will enforce the fire ban at the parks, and will support the fire department. A fire ban has been announced for the majority of the municipalities, it should only be for a short time and the fire chief will advise when is safe.

(12) IN-CAMERA

The following resolutions were presented.

FA-87-12

MOVED BY: C. D'Angelo
SECONDED BY: D. DiFruscio
THAT: this meeting do now move in-camera.

Received at 8:17 p.m.

"CARRIED"

FA-88-12

MOVED BY: B. Timms
SECONDED BY: D. DiFruscio
THAT: this meeting do now move back into open session.

Received at 10:20 p.m.

"CARRIED"

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

FA-89-12

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MOVED BY: T. Easton
SECONDED BY: D. DiFruscio
THAT: the recommendations brought forth in the In-Camera session be approved.

"CARRIED"

ADJOURNMENT

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

FA-90-12

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

Received at 10:22 p.m.

"CARRIED"

"D. Gullett, Acting Recording Secretary

Bart Maves, Chairman"