

**NIAGARA PENINSULA CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

**WELLAND**

**SEPTEMBER 19, 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  
D. Baker, Director, Land Management  
J. Kukalis, Director, Water Management  
M. Stack, Director, Communications

**OTHERS PRESENT:** M. Christie  
L. Aarts  
J. Sonneveld  
B. Lepard  
N. Johnson  
H. Thiel  
W. Patterson  
L. Patterson

**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. Bruce Timms indicated a conflict with an item in the confidential report CR-13-12.

**(1) MINUTES – JULY 18, 2012 FULL AUTHORITY MEETING**

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

**FA-91-12**

**MOVED BY:** B. Baty

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

**THAT:** the Minutes of the Full Authority meeting held July 19, 2012, be received and approved as printed.

**"CARRIED"**

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

A question was raised with respect to the Jordan Valley Staircase and whether possible funding confirmation had been received from the Ontario Heritage Trust and other interested organizations. The Director Land Management responded that nothing has been received to date.

**(3) DELEGATIONS**

Mr. Harald Theil was in attendance on behalf of the Mountainview Niagara Escarpment Community Association (MNECA). An outline of his presentation was provided to the board members. The Chairman welcomed Mr. Theil and advised him he had 10 minutes for his presentation following which, the members could ask questions.

Mr. Theil thanked the board for the opportunity and introduced himself as the President of MNECA. He then outlined his concerns with respect to the placement power lines particularly the aesthetic value of the area as it currently stands and how it would impact.

Following his presentation, a lengthy discussion took place with a suggestion that staff look into this project and provide a report on the impact this would have on the area. The chairman thanked Mr. Theil for his presentation.

The following resolution was then presented.

**FA-92-12**

**MOVED BY:** B. Baty

**SECONDED BY:** D. Ransom

**THAT:** the presentation from MNETCA be received; and

That this matter be referred back to staff for a report should the project go forward as currently presented.

**"CARRIED"**

**(4) CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

The Chairman commented on the recent boat cruise for members of the Welland River Floodplain Committee and the public volunteers which was to gain a better understanding of the floodplain issues for the area. He thanked staff for their assistance in making this happen and noted that all got a clearer perspective on the floodplain mapping issues.

The Chairman advised that the Strategic Planning Committee received a peer review report from Dr. Simonovic and that the 5 sub-committees had a large inaugural meeting, which was attended by 40-50 people. Presentations were made by both himself and the CAO. He noted it was very successful and was pleased with the attendance.

The Chairman provided some background on the Wainfleet Bog fire, noting that due to the cooperation of all parties which included MNR, Welland, Wainfleet and Port Colborne with the NPCA, this matter was dealt with efficiently. He congratulated Mayor April Jeffs and NPCA staff for their diligence in assisting with this.

**(5) CAO'S REMARKS**

The CAO advised the board that Doug Elliott who was a former member and Chairman of the Authority was nominated for and received the Queen's Jubilee medal at a ceremony held on September 5<sup>th</sup>. Doug was elated to receive the award and had his family in attendance for the event.

The CAO noted that the NPCA was a partner in the Niagara Fishing Ambassadors 'Jordan Harbour Garbage Derby' on Saturday Sept. 15, 8 am to noon. The event was a clean-up of the man-made materials along the harbour shoreline, on lands outside of the CA lands. He thanked Trevor Easton and his wife for attending and assisting with the cleanup activities.

The CAO indicated that the Niagara Children's Water Festival is running all week beginning with the Public Day which was held the previous Sunday. He noted this is an event that sees approximately 5,000 students attend.

The CAO advised that they members have received additional documents with respect to the preliminary 2013 budgets.

Brian Baty commented that the River Tour provided a means for everyone to come together and get to know one another and commended the organizers. He noted he would like to see another tour that takes in EC Brown and Pelham properties due to the greater impact these properties are experiencing.

**(6) 2011 ANNUAL REPORT – REPORT NO. 42-12**

The Chairman acknowledged that all members received a report in their packages. There being no questions, the following resolution was presented.

**FA-93-12**

**MOVED BY:** B. Timms  
**SECONDED BY:** M. DiFruscio  
**THAT:** the 2011 Annual Report be received.

**“CARRIED”**

**(7) BUDGET STATUS REPORT NO. 43-12**

The CAO outlined the budgets noting they are in line with the approved budget. He noted that he will be providing a more comprehensive update in October, however, it will not include revenues from the Thanksgiving Festival. It was suggested that perhaps the more detailed report should come in November when the Festival revenues are included. After a brief discussion, the following resolution was presented.

**FA-94-12**

**MOVED BY:** D. Ransom

**SECONDED BY:** B. Baty

**THAT:** the Budget Status Report for the period ending August 31, 2012 be received.

**"CARRIED"**

**(8) PRELIMINARY 2013 OPERATING AND PROJECT BUDGET – REPORT NO. 44-12**

The CAO indicated that the resolution presented is different from the one in the report noting that slight changes were made as a result of a meeting with Regional staff. He noted that this is a preliminary budget only to adhere to the Region's timelines and more changes may be necessary prior to approval of the final budget. He also indicated that the Authority's submission was 2.52% which was in compliance with the Region's 2.57%. He noted that he had not received any requests from Hamilton or Haldimand to date, stating they are usually received later in the year.

A discussion took place, after which, the following resolution was presented.

**FA-95-12**

**MOVED BY:** B. Timms

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

**THAT:** Report No. 44-12 regarding the 2013 Preliminary Operating and Project Budgets be received; and

That the Proposed Preliminary 2013 Operating Budget with a total expenditure of \$8,127,055 and levies of \$5,422,678 to the Region of Niagara, \$230,396 to the City of Hamilton and \$66,026 to Haldimand County be approved; and

That the Proposed Preliminary 2013 Project (Capital) Budget with a total expenditure of \$3,338,908 and levies of \$1,607,352 to the Region of Niagara, \$293,031 to the City of Hamilton and \$14,227 to Haldimand County be approved; and

That staff be authorized to submit the 2013 Operating and Project Budget to member municipalities and the Ministry of Natural Resources.

**"CARRIED"**

**(9) WAINFLEET BOG FIRE REPORT – REPORT NO. 45-12**

The Director, Land Management provided an update on this matter noting that the fire was extinguished through the joint effort of MNR the Township of Wainfleet, City of Port Colborne and Conservation Authority staff. He provided a map which showed the area of the fire which consisted of more than 30 acres.

April Jeffs thanked NPCA staff and commented on how well all parties worked effectively together to deal with this.

After a brief discussion, the following resolution was than presented.

**FA-96-12**

**MOVED BY:** S. Beattie

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

**THAT:** Report No. FA-45-12 regarding the Wainfleet Bog Conservation Area Fire be received.

**"CARRIED"**

**(10) TWENTY VALLEY TRAIL – JORDAN STAIRCASE – REPORT NO. 46-12**

The Director, Land Management provided an outline of this project including three possible options for replacement. A lengthy discussion took place which included the possibility of obtaining funds from other sources including the Ontario Heritage Trust. The following resolution was then presented.

**FA-97-12**

**MOVED BY:** B. Baty

**SECONDED BY:** B. Timms

**THAT:** Report No. FA-46-12 regarding the Jordan Staircase be received; and,

That staff be authorized to proceed with the development of a Wood/Metal Staircase and Switchback Trail, linking the Jordan Historical Museum with the Twenty Valley Trail; and

That staff approach OHT, TVTA and Greenbelt Foundation for contribution to the project and report back to the board with details on design costing and funding before commencing.

**"CARRIED"**

**(11) WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES – REPORT NO. 47-12**

The Chairman left the room momentarily, so the Vice-chair assumed the Chair.

The Director, Land Management advised that this is a required annual exercise. There were no questions with respect to this, the following resolution was presented.

**FA-98-12**

**MOVED BY:** S. Beattie

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

**THAT:** the Report No. 47-12 regarding the Health and Safety Program be received; and

That the Health and Safety Policy Statement for the Conservation Authority dated September 19, 2012 be adopted.

**"CARRIED "**

**(12) PFOS – BINBROOK RESERVOIR – UPDATE – REPORT NO. 48-12**

The Director, Land Management advised that there is not much new to report, however, did note that there had been very few comments by visitors on this matter over the summer. He did suggest that if the Board wished, copies of newspaper notices could be

included in future reports. The Board agreed this would be a good idea. The following resolution was then presented.

**FA-99-12**

**MOVED BY:** S. Beattie

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

**THAT:** Report No. 48-12 regarding PFOS Compounds at the Binbrook Reservoir be received.

**"CARRIED"**

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

The Chairman returned and assumed the chair. The CAO pointed out an error in the report where it noted that 60 permits have been issued and that it should be omitted.

The following resolution was then presented.

**FA-100-12**

**MOVED BY:** D. Ransom

**SECONDED BY:** B. Steckley

**THAT:** Report No. 49-12 outlining the status of Authority projects / programs be received for information.

**"CARRIED"**

**(11) OTHER BUSINESS**

April Jeffs advised that she attended the Children's Water Festival as a parent and was impressed at how well run and efficient the program was.

Doug Ransom questioned why there was no information in the project status report with respect to the Foundation. The CAO advised with the recent downsizing of the Foundation, other than the continuation of the Nevada sites, there was not much happening. The CAO added that due to the shortage of Foundation help, any assistance from the Board at the Thanksgiving Festival for the Foundation raffle would be appreciated.

Doug Joyner requested that a report be prepared on the function of the Gainsborough Conservation Area, particularly what it is used for. The CAO advised that a report will be prepared for the next meeting.

Brian Baty requested further information on what the lessening of restrictions are with respect to DFO items. It was noted that a report will be prepared.

**(12) IN-CAMERA**

The following resolutions were presented.

**FA-101-12**

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

Received at 8:55 p.m. **"CARRIED"**

**FA-102-12**

**MOVED BY:** S. Beattie  
**SECONDED BY:** B. Timms  
**THAT:** this meeting do now move back into open session.

Received at 8:59 p.m. **"CARRIED"**

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

**FA-103-12**

**MOVED BY:** D. Ransom  
**SECONDED BY:** B. Steckley  
**THAT:** the resolutions contained in the In-Camera reports be received and approved.

**"CARRIED"**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**FA-104-12**

**MOVED BY:** S. Beattie  
**SECONDED BY:** B. Timms  
**THAT:** this meeting do now adjourn.

Received at 9:00 p.m. **"CARRIED"**

**"L. Sawatzky, Recording Secretary**

**Bart Maves, Chairman"**