

## Board of Directors Meeting #8/17

July 19, 2017

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:**

Jim Campbell, David Turton, Deb Shewfelt, Art Versteeg, Alison Lobb, Wilf Gamble, Roger Watt, Matt Duncan, Paul Gowing, Bob Burtenshaw, David Blaney

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Phil Beard, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer  
Danielle Livingston, Administrative/Financial Services Coordinator  
Jayne Thompson, Communications Coordinator  
Stewart Lockie, Conservation Areas Coordinator  
Andrew Fera, Environmental Planning/Regs Assistant

**COMMUNITY ATTENDEES:**

Shannon Huigenbos, Ben Huigenbos, Bob Illman, Rick Lashbrook, Roxanne Lashbrook, Dennis Dosman, Jan Morris, Fern Wylie, Dale Edgar, Gordon Stephenson, Kathy Stephenson, Kathy Edgar, Wayne Brown, Shawn Jankura, Don Watson

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Jim Campbell called the meeting to order at 8:15 pm and referred the Board to the agenda for the meeting objectives.

**2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

There were no pecuniary interests at this time.

**3. Approval of the Minutes**

The minutes from the Board of Directors meeting #6/17 held on June 21, 2017 and meeting #7/17 held on June 26, 2017 have been circulated to the Directors for their information and approval. The Directors agreed with the minutes and the following motion was made.



**THAT** the minutes from the Board of Directors meeting #7/17 held on June 21, 2017 be approved;  
**AND THAT** the minutes from the Board of Directors meeting #8/17 held on June 26, 2017 be approved.

**(carried)**

**4. Business Out of the Minutes**

a) Follow Up on Flood Event Delineation: Harriston: **Report #42/17**

This motion was passed at meeting #7/17 held on June 26, 2017.

*THAT staff be authorized to proceed with the retention of a consultant and surveyor to delineate the flood plain and to determine the magnitude of the flood event.*

Phil Beard, GM/ST presented Report #42/17 on behalf of Steve Jackson, Flood/Erosion Safety Services Coordinator. The GM/ST advised that the June 23<sup>rd</sup> flood event did exceed the 1:100 year flood in the North Maitland watershed. A surveyor has been retained to survey the elevation of the flood event in Harriston.

Vice Chair, Dave Turton and Director for the Town of Minto, Wellington North and Mapleton provided the Board with an update on the impact of the flood in Harriston. There have been 111 businesses and homes affected to date, however the municipality anticipates that once final reports are in that the figure will be closer to 150. Damages are estimated to exceed \$11 million dollars. The Town of Minto doesn't know as yet if they will qualify for Disaster Relief Assistance or how many homes and businesses will be covered by insurance.

b) Conservation Areas Follow Up:

Stewart Lockie, Conservation Areas Coordinator presented Reports #43/17 and #44/17 to the Board

i) Bluevale & Brussels Conservation Areas: **Report #43/17**

The broken gates and stems along with the debris that was washed against the dam by the floodwaters have been removed from the Bluevale dam. New stems and materials to construct new splash boards have been purchased. Staff expects to have the new splash boards installed by early August.

One stop log was removed from the Brussels dam to allow staff to rotate the board that had flipped during the flood. Debris has been removed from the island and walkway and the trail across the bridge has been reopened.

ii) Gorrie Conservation Area: **Report #44/17**

Staff have removed stop logs to help redirect flow away from the breach in berm. Trees have been re-staked on the north side of the conservation area. The south side of the conservation area is still not safe so it has been closed to the public until the hazards can be addressed. Fencing and signage has also been installed. MNRF has identified the follow up actions that MVCA is to undertake in order to deal with

the scour hole, berm, mill race and stone in the channel. MNRF requires that an engineering firm be retained to prepare plans and a report on how to address their concerns. Staff stressed that these issues need to be addressed as soon as possible.

The Director's opened the floor to questions from people in the gallery.

These motions followed.

**Motion FA #67/17**

**Moved by: Alison Lobb**

**Seconded by: Paul Gowing**

**THAT** staff retain the services of B.M. Ross and Associates Ltd. to prepare the plans for addressing MNRF's requirements under the Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act.

(carried)

**Motion FA #68/17**

**Moved by: Art Versteeg**

**Seconded by: David Blaney**

**THAT** MVCA staff replace the snow fence barricade with a gate at the entrance to the Gorrie Conservation Area.

(carried)

c) Waiver for Emergency Repairs to Culverts/Roads: **Report #45/17**

At the June 26, 2017 meeting, the following motion was passed.

*THAT the emergency repairs to culverts and roads damaged during the June 23, 2017 flood be permitted as outlined in Report #41/17 with an open-ended date, to be reviewed at the July 19th Board Meeting.*

The GM/ST advised the Board that MVCA has received very few requests for emergency repairs since June 26<sup>th</sup> therefore staff recommended that the waiver be ended.

**Motion FA #69/17**

**Moved by: Alison Lobb**

**Seconded by: Dave Turton**

**THAT** MVCA rescinds the exemption for emergency repairs to roads and culverts approved by the Board on June 26, 2017.

(carried)

d) Communications follow up: **Report #46/17**

This report from Jayne Thompson updates the Director's on the communications work completed following the flood event and outlined the proposed follow up work.

The Directors were pleased with the information that has been distributed to date and discussed the future communication approaches with the community regarding next steps with the conservation area and dam in Gorrie. The Board recommended that adding email communication would further expand efforts to keep people informed and invited attendees at the Board meeting to provide their email addresses before departing if they would like to receive further communication by this method.

**Motion FA #70/17**

**Moved by: Deb Shewfelt**

**Seconded by: Art Versteeg**

**THAT** the communications follow up for the Gorrie Conservation Area be adopted and implemented as outlined in Report #46/17.

**(carried)**

**Motion FA #71/17**

**Moved by: Alison Lobb**

**Seconded by: Art Versteeg**

**THAT** staff contact MNRF to obtain information about the engineering assessments that are required for the three options outlined in Report #44/17.

**(carried)**

**5. In Camera Session: Legal Matter**

All attendees except the Board Members, the GM/ST and the Administrative/Financial Services Coordinator were excused from the meeting at this time.

**Motion FA #72/17**

**Moved by: Alison Lobb**

**Seconded by: Dave Turton**

**THAT** the Board of Directors move in camera for a legal matter.

**(carried)**

**Motion FA #73/17** to resume regular session was made in-camera

**(carried)**

**Motion FA #74/17**

**Moved by: Paul Gowing**

**Seconded by: Alison Lobb**

**THAT** MVCA appoints solicitor Steve O'Melia of Miller Thomson to represent the Authority for a legal matter.

**(carried)**

6. **Review of Meeting Objectives/Follow-up Actions/Next meeting: Tour of the Garvey Glenn Watershed August 23, 2017 at 7pm**

Prior to reviewing the meeting objectives, Chair Jim Campbell reminded the Director's that the Garvey Glenn watershed tour is scheduled for August 23rd and that a meeting will not be held following the tour unless other business comes up before then. The ACW council will be invited to this tour.

The Chair along with the two Vice Chairs will be meeting with local MPP's in Perth - Wellington and Huron-Bruce next week to discuss the proposed changes to the Conservation Authority Act and partnership with the Province along with an overview of the impact of the June 23<sup>rd</sup> flood event and the National Disaster Mitigation Program.

7. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:25pm with this motion.

**Motion FA #75/17**

**Moved by: Roger Watt**

**Seconded by: Deb Shewfelt**

**THAT** the meeting be adjourned.

**carried)**

Jim Campbell  
Chair

Danielle Livingston  
Administrative/Financial  
Services Coordinator