

## Meeting of the Membership #8/18

October 17, 2018

**MEMBER's PRESENT:** Jim Campbell, Dave Turton, Roger Watt, Art Versteeg, Deb Shewfelt, Paul Gowing, Bob Burtenshaw, David Blaney

**ABSENT WITH REGRETS:** Alison Lobb

**ABSENT:** Wilf Gamble, Matt Duncan

**STAFF PRESENT:** Phil Beard, General Manager-Secretary-Treasurer (GM-ST)  
Danielle Livingston, Financial Services Coordinator  
Geoff King, Stewardship Services Coordinator  
Jayne Thompson, Communications Coordinator  
Stewart Lockie, Conservation Areas Coordinator  
Stephen Jackson, Flood/Erosion Safety Coordinator

### 1. Call to Order

Chair Jim Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm and announced the meeting objectives.

### 2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no pecuniary interests at this time.

### 3. Minutes

The minutes from the General Membership Meeting #7/18 held on September 19, 2018 were circulated for information and approval. The Members agreed with the minutes and the following motion was made.



**Motion FA #88/18**

**Moved by: Deb Shewfelt**

**Seconded by: Dave Turton**

**THAT** the minutes from the General Membership meeting #7/18 held on September 19, 2018 be approved.

(carried)

**4. Business Out of the Minutes**

a) Water and Erosion Control Infrastructure (WECI) Cost Sharing Policy: **Report #52/18**

After reviewing the feedback from municipalities to the WECI cost-sharing policy at the September meeting, direction was given to staff to contact those member municipalities who didn't provide comments before proceeding with finalizing a policy. Report #52/18 summarizes the responses received. The Municipality of South Bruce as well as the Township of Mapleton are the only member municipalities who did not provide a response.

Phil Beard advised the Members that the majority of our municipalities support the draft cost sharing policy and that only one municipality is not in support of the draft policy.

The Members decided that based upon the response from their member municipalities that the cost sharing policy should be adopted.

The Members directed staff to notify all municipalities that the WECI policy has been adopted. Staff were directed to postpone the development of agreements until there is some assurance by the Provincial Government that the Water and Erosion Control Infrastructure Program will be continued in 2019. If it is not continued the cost sharing policy will need to be revised.

**Motion FA #89/18**

**Moved by: David Blaney**

**Seconded by: Art Versteeg**

**THAT** the MVCA adopt the WECI policy as outlined in Report #52/18.

(carried)

**5. Business Requiring Direction/Decision**

a) 2019-2021 Work Plan & Budget Projections: **Report #53/18**

Phil Beard provided a presentation to highlight the major activities and projects planned in each of the service areas over the next three years as outlined in Report 53A/18. The three main priorities of the MVCA continue to be;

- Strengthen Flood/Erosion Safety Services
- Strengthen Watershed Stewardship Extension Services
- Developing a stable financial base

Report #53B/18 outlines the financial resources required to undertake the activities and projects over the next three years.

The GM-ST noted that the forecast doesn't capture the items that are currently under review such as some authority infrastructure and structures. Once the Members have made a decision on the future of this infrastructure the forecast will be updated.

The Members agreed with the proposed work plan and budget forecast for 2019-2021 therefore the following motion was made.

**Motion FA #90/18**

**Moved by: Deb Shewfelt**

**Seconded by: Roger Watt**

**THAT** the 2019-2021 Work Plan and Financial Forecast be approved; **AND THAT** the 2019 Draft Budget and Work Plan be developed based upon the budget for 2019; **AND FURTHER THAT** the 2019 Draft Budget for Authority funded projects be presented at the November 21, 2018 meeting for review and direction; **AND FURTHER THAT** the draft 2019 budget and Work Plan be presented to the Members at the December 19, 2018 meeting for review and direction.

**(carried)**

b) Wawanosh Nature Centre/Workshop Building: Report #54/18

Stewart Lockie presented Report #54/18 to outline how equipment and tree storage could be consolidated in a new storage building constructed at the Admin. Centre. The Board agreed with the proposed actions for dealing with both buildings. Stewart noted that a new storage building would need to be constructed first so that equipment could be moved into it from the WNC. The second step would entail the refurbishment of the admin workshop and the last step would be the decommissioning of the buildings at Wawanosh Valley Conservation Area. The timing for proceeding with this work will have to wait until decisions have been made on the MVCA's surplus infrastructure so that a strategy and financial plan can be developed for the Members to review.

**Motion FA #91/18**

**Moved by: David Blaney**

**Seconded by: Roger Watt**

**THAT** Report #54/18 be accepted as presented; **AND THAT** staff proceed with the items as outlined in the report.

**(carried)**

c) Harriston Flood Plain Mapping Update: Report #55/18

This report requires the Members direction to circulate the updated 2018 Harriston Flood Plain mapping for public notification. Steve Jackson outlined the process taken to update the mapping and advised the Members that the administrative policies for implementing O. Reg. 164/06 requires MVCA to inform

landowners with a sufficient notice period of the proposed changes. This process gives the public opportunity to voice any concerns before the mapping is approved by the authority.

The Members agreed with the process for notifying the public as outlined in Report #55/18 and passed the following motion.

**Motion FA #92/18**

**Moved by: Deb Shewfelt**

**Seconded by: Dave Turton**

**THAT** the Harriston residents be notified of the updated flood plain mapping as per MVCA's Administrative Policies.

(carried)

d) Proposed Revisions to Personnel and Healthy/Safety Policies: Report #56A/18 & #56B/18

The Personnel and Health and Safety Committees review the Personnel Policy and Occupational Health and Safety Policies annually. Recommendations for changes are made by staff which are then reviewed by both committees depending upon the type of request that is received. The remainder are changes required by changes to legislation.

Reports #56/A/18 and #56B/18 were reviewed by the Member's to outline the proposed revisions and the rationale behind each proposed change. The Members agreed with the proposed changes and passed the following motion.

**Motion FA #93/18**

**Moved by: Dave Turton**

**Seconded by: Art Versteeg**

**THAT** the proposed amendments to the Personnel Policy be approved as outlined in Report 56A/18.

(carried)

**Motion FA #94/18**

**Moved by: Art Versteeg**

**Seconded by: Roger Watt**

**THAT** the Board approve the amendments as recommended in report #56B/18.

(carried)

**6. Reports**

a) Chair's Report

Jim Campbell and the First Vice-Chair Dave Turton along with the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer, Phil Beard attended the Conservation Ontario meeting last month. Jim reported that it was a productive meeting and there is a summary of the business that was conducted in Report #59/18.

## b) Member's Reports

Deb Shewfelt reported that the CFI (Carbon Footprint Initiative) held a meeting last week that he and Phil Beard attended. Deb said that it was exciting to learn of all the things that EFS Plastics Recycling is implementing in their operations in Listowel and at their Pennsylvania location in order to reduce the use of energy and save money. The innovative ideas that EFS are exploring are very inspiring and they will be a welcome member in the CFI once they develop their carbon footprint strategy.

Molesworth Farm Supply was also noted to add valuable input to the meeting when they explained their plans to replace their fleet with electric feed trucks as soon as they are available.

Dianne Saxe, Environmental Commissioner of Ontario will be speaking at the CFI meeting that is being held on December 4, 2018.

Paul Gowing added that members of Huron County Council visited DuPont Corteva Agriscience in Wingham recently to view their storm water management system and the naturalizing of their grounds.

Dave Turton noted his experience traveling to Conservation Ontario in MVCA's electric car and took this opportunity to encourage the Member's to assist anyone considering the purchase of an electric vehicle to look at any incentives that are available.

## 7. Consent Agenda

The following items were circulated to the Member's for their information.

- a) Revenue/Expenditure Report – September Report #57/18
- b) Trillium Mutual Funding: Report #58/18
- c) Conservation Ontario Council Meeting: Report #59/18
- d) Correspondence for Directors Information

The following motion was made.

### Motion FA #95/18

Moved by: Paul Gowing

Seconded by: Roger Watt

THAT reports #57/18 through #59/18 along with their respective recommended motions and correspondence as outlined in the Consent Agenda be accepted as presented.

(carried)

## 8. Review of Meeting Objectives/Follow-up Actions/Next meeting: November 21, 2018 at the Admin. Centre in Wroxeter

Chair Campbell reviewed the meeting objectives and confirmed that all have been met.

## 9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:55pm with this motion.


**Motion FA #96/18**

**Moved by: Art Versteeg**

**Seconded by: Bob Burtenshaw**

**THAT** the general membership meeting be adjourned.

carried)

  
Jim Campbell  
Chair



Danielle Livingston  
Administrative/Financial  
Services Coordinator