

General Membership Meeting #5-19

May 15, 2019

- Member's Present:** Roger Watt, Deb Shewfelt, Alison Lobb, Ed McGugan, Zoey Onn, Kevin Freiburger, Anita van Hittersum, Cheryl Matheson,
- Absent With Regrets:** Dave Turton, Megan Gibson
- Absent:** Matt Duncan
- Staff Present:** Phil Beard, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer  
Danielle Livingston, Administrative/Financial Services Coordinator  
Stewart Lockie, Conservation Areas Coordinator
- Community Member's Present:** Doug Hargrave, Dennis Dosman, Don Watson, Lorne & Rita Mann, Gord & Joyce Mann, Bill Ilman

There were two other community member's that were in attendance that did not sign in.

**1. Call to Order**

Vice-Chair Roger Watt called the meeting to order at 8:02 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 Maitland Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA) General Membership Meeting #4-19 held on April 17, 2019 have been circulated for information and approval. The Members agreed with the minutes and the following motion was made.

#### **Motion FA #52-19**

**Moved by: Alison Lobb**

**Seconded by: Zoey Onn**

**That** the minutes from the General Membership meeting #4-19 of April 17, 2019 be approved.

**(carried)**

### 4. Business Out of the Minutes

#### a) Education Schedule for Members: **Report #28-19**

Report #28-19 was presented. The Members set Thursday, August 22nd at 7pm to hold a tour of some of MVCA's infrastructure. The following motion was made.

#### **Motion FA #53-19**

**Moved by: Deb Shewfelt**

**Seconded by: Alison Lobb**

**That** the proposed education schedule for 2019 be accepted as presented.

**(carried)**

#### b) Healthy Lake Huron: **Report #29-19**

Report #29-19 was presented and this motion followed.

#### **Motion FA #54-19**

**Moved by: Zoey Onn**

**Seconded by: Anita van Hittersum**

**That** the Healthy Lake Huron funding be included as one of the topics to be discussed with MPP, Lisa Thompson in 2019.

**(carried)**

### 5. Business Requiring Direction and Decision

#### a) Gorrie Conservation Area Maintenance-Picnic Shelter and Public Consultation Gorrie Dam Future Studies Report: **Report #30A&B-19**

Report #30A-19 was presented and extensive discussion took place amongst the members with feedback from the community and council members who were in attendance. Discussion focussed on maintenance work that was feasible to undertake that would improve the appearance of the south side of the park downstream of the breach. Staff are proposing to remove the dead trees in the conservation area in the near future. Discussion was held on the feasibility of grading the stones that have accumulated in the conservation area downstream of the breach. The following motion was made:

**Motion FA #55-19**

**Moved by: Alison Lobb**

**Seconded by: Deb Shewfelt**

**That** staff obtain estimates for the cost of grading the area downstream of the breach; **And That** staff move the picnic tables to the north side of the conservation area; **And Further That** the dead trees be removed.

**(carried)**

Discussion continued about the picnic shelter at the Gorrie Conservation Area. The structure is currently sound and if further damage occurs, the member's will revisit this topic then or when further direction has been provided on the future of the Gorrie Dam. The following motion was made:

**Motion FA #56-19**

**Moved by: Zoey Onn**

**Seconded by: Ed McGugan**

**That** the picnic shelter be left as is at this time.

**(carried)**

Further discussion continued about maintaining the grounds at the Gorrie Conservation Area. There is a verbal agreement between MVCA and the Township of Howick for grass cutting and staff advised the members that some adjacent landowners are also undertaking some grass cutting upstream of the dam on authority lands. With the concern of this being a liability issue, this motion followed.

**Motion FA #57-19**

**Moved by: Zoey Onn**

**Seconded by: Cheryl Matheson**

**That** staff develop an agreement with the Township of Howick to formalize the existing verbal agreement to cut the grass at the Gorrie Conservation Area; **And That** staff research terms for the purpose of an agreement that would allow landowners to cut the grass while excluding MVCA from liability for the members to review.

**(carried)**

Report #30B-19 was presented and this motion followed.

**Motion FA #58-19**

**Moved by: Deb Shewfelt**

**Seconded by: Anita van Hittersum**

**That** the MVCA table further discussion about public consultation regarding the Gorrie Dam Future Plans Study until the June 19<sup>th</sup> Members meeting.

**(carried)**

b) Government Relations Strategy for 2019: **Report #31-19**

Report #30B-19 was presented and the following motion was made:

**Motion FA #57-19**

**Moved by: Alison Lobb**

**Seconded by: Anita van Hittersum**

**THAT** the government relations strategy for Maitland Conservation be developed as outlined in Report #31-19.

**(carried)**

c) Keeping Plastics in the Circular Economy: **Report #32-19**

A number of plastic and municipal recycling companies are recommending that provincial and federal government mandate that plastic garbage bags and shopping bags have a certain percentage of recycled plastic content and that government procurement policies require a certain percentage of recycled plastic content in order to increase the market demand for recycled plastic materials and to keep plastic bags from being sent to landfill sites. The Members supported the group's recommendation and the following motion was made:

**Motion FA #58-19**

**Moved by: Deb Shewfelt**

**Seconded by: Ed McGugan**

**That** MVCA supports the recommendation listed in the report entitled: "Keeping plastics in the circular economy: Recommendation for Recycled Content Mandate for Plastic Bags".

**(carried)**

## **6. Reports**

### a) Chair's Report

Roger Watt MVCA Vice-Chair and a member of the Ashfield Colborne Wawanosh Lakefront Association reported that he attended the ACLA meeting on May 11<sup>th</sup>. MVCA staff also attended and presented information on the status of Healthy Lake Huron; Garvey Glen Priority Watershed Project; High Lake Levels and the proposed changes to the Conservation Authorities Act.

Roger also advised the Members that the County of Huron is in the process of developing a new strategic plan. One of the County's possible strategic priorities is making the County more growth-friendly!

### b) Member's Reports

Member Zoey Onn reported that she has received quotes and support from other services clubs to replace the playground equipment at the Brussels Conservation Area. Zoey will consult with Stewart Lockie, Conservation Areas Coordinator for next steps in replacing the existing equipment.

## 7. Consent Agenda

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

- a) Revenue/Expenditure Report for April: **Report #33-19**
- b) Carbon Footprint Initiative Leaders Meeting: **Report #34-19**
- c) Correspondence: Climate Change Forum: May 31<sup>st</sup>

The following motion was made.

**Motion FA #59-19**

**Moved by: Deb Shewfelt**

**Seconded by: Cheryl Matheson**

**THAT** reports #33-19 through #34-19 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:

Vice-Chair Watt reviewed the meeting objectives and announced that they have been met.

The next meeting of the membership will take place on June 19, 2019 at 7:00pm at the Administration Centre in Wroxeter.

## 9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:35pm with this motion.

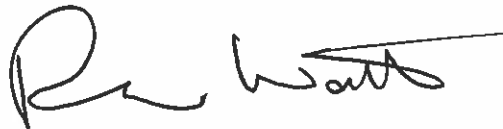
**Motion FA #60-19**

**Moved by: Anita van Hittersum**

**Seconded by: Cheryl Matheson**

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

**carried)**



Roger Watt  
Vice-Chair



Danielle Livingston  
Administrative/Financial  
Services Coordinator

