

## General Membership Meeting #8-19

September 18, 2019

**Member's Present:** David Turton, Deb Shewfelt, Alison Lobb, Ed McGugan, Zoey Onn, Kevin Freiburger, Anita van Hittersum, Megan Gibson, Cheryl Matheson

**Absent With Regrets:** Roger Watt

**Absent:** Matt Duncan

**Staff Present:** Phil Beard, General Manager-Secretary-Treasurer  
Danielle Livingston, Admin and Financial Services Coordinator  
Geoff King, Stewardship Services Coordinator  
Stewart Lockie, Conservation Areas Coordinator  
Steve Jackson, Flood and Safety Services Coordinator  
Jason Moir, Park Superintendent  
Donna Clarkson, Co-Supervisor DWSP

### 1. Call to Order

Chair Dave Turton called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 #7-19 held on July 17, 2019 have been circulated for information and approval. The Members agreed with the minutes and the following motion was made.



**Motion FA #80-19**

**Moved by: Deb Shewfelt**

**Seconded by: Alison Lobb**

**THAT** the minutes from the General Membership meeting #7-19 of July 17, 2019 be approved.

**(carried)**

**4. Presentations**

a) 2019 Services and Projects Update

The Coordinators from Conservation Areas, Flood and Erosion and Watershed Stewardship service areas presented the work plan progress made to date for the Member's information.

**5. Business Requiring Direction and Decision**

a) Letter from Minister Yurek and Meeting with Lisa Thompson, MPP, Huron-Bruce: **Report #43-19**

The Chair and the GM-ST de-briefed the Member's on the recent meetings that MVCA had with MPPs Lisa Thompson and the Minister of the Environment Conservation and Parks, Jeff Yurek.

The Members discussed that it will be important for MVCA to participate in the consultations that are expected to take place throughout the process of finalizing the mandatory and non-mandatory levy services to ensure that the services that rural conservation authorities need are included in the proposed levy regulation.

**Motion FA #81-19**

**Moved by: Alison Lobb**

**Seconded by: Megan Gibson**

**That** the <sup>above</sup>MVCA send a letter to Minister Yurek thanking him for meeting with MVCA and listening to the concerns and challenges of rural Conservation Authorities; **And that** the challenges and concerns are recapped in the letter.

**(carried)**

b) Additional Capital Development: Falls Reserve Conservation Area: **Report #44-19**

Report #44-19 was presented and this motion followed.

The Members congratulated staff on the operations of the Falls Reserve Conservation Area (FRCA) over the past 5 years that has resulted in allowing the Falls to develop funding for the infrastructure upgrades at the park. The following motion was made.

**Motion FA #82-19**

**Moved by: Megan Gibson**

**Seconded by: Deb Shewfelt**

**That** MVCA proceed with the proposed electrical upgrades in 2019 as outlined in Report 44-19; **And that** funding for the electrical upgrade be allocated from the FRCA working capital surplus.

**(carried)**

## 6. Reports

### a) Member's Reports

Member Zoey Onn announced that there is a Memorial Grove ceremony at the George Taylor Conservation Area on Saturday September 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 pm and that all are welcome to attend.

Zoey provided an update to the Members and announced that the Leo's group have reached their fundraising goal to replace the playground equipment at the Brussels Conservation Area and that is expected to be completed in 2020.

Member Ed McGugan announced that the municipality of Huron-Kinloss discussed at council that the Conservation Authority jurisdiction be changed so that their watershed is under the jurisdiction of the MVCA rather than split between the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority. Huron-Kinloss will be seeking the approval of the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks for the proposed change.

### b) Chairs Report

There were no further reports from the Chair at this time.

## 7. Consent Agenda:

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

- a) Revenue/Expenditure Report for June, July & August: **Report #45-19**
- b) 2019 Budget-Work Plan Progress Report: **Report #46-19**
- c) Agreements Signed: **Report #47-19**
- d) Carbon Footprint Initiative Meeting Summary: **Report #48-19**
- e) Correspondence for Members Information: (attached)

The following motion was made.

### **Motion FA #83-19**

**Moved by: Alison Lobb**

**Seconded by: Megan Gibson**

**THAT** reports #45-19 through #48-19 along with their respective recommended motions and correspondence as outlined in the Consent Agenda be accepted as presented.

**(carried)**

## 8. In-Camera Session: Legal Matter

All attendees except the Member's, the GM-ST, the Administrative/Financial Services Coordinator and the Flood and Erosion Safety Services were excused from the meeting at this time.

### **Motion FA #84-19**

**Moved by: Megan Gibson**

**Seconded by: Zoey Onn**

**That** the Member's move in camera to review a legal matter.

**(carried)**

The following motion was made at the in camera session.

**Motion FA #85-19**

**Moved by: Megan Gibson**

**Seconded by: Alison Lobb**

**That** the Members resume regular session.

**(carried)**

Attendees that were excused from the closed session were invited back to regular session.

**Motion FA #86-19**

**Moved by: Deb Shewfelt**

**Seconded by: Kevin Freiburger**

**THAT** the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority Members move into a Maitland Source Protection Authority meeting.

**(carried)**

**9. Review of Meeting Objectives**

Chair Turton reviewed the meeting objectives and announced that they have been met.

The next meeting of the membership will take place on October 16, 2019 at 7:00pm at the Administration Centre in Wroxeter.

**10. Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm with this motion.

**Motion FA #87-19**

**Moved by: Megan Gibson**

**Seconded by: Anita van Hittersum**

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

**carried)**



Dave Turton  
Chair



Danielle Livingston  
Administrative-Financial  
Services Coordinator