

General Membership Meeting #8-2020

October 21, 2020

Member's Present: David Turton, Roger Watt, Alison Lobb, Ed McGugan, Kevin Freiburger, Megan Gibson, Cheryl Matheson, Alvin McLellan

Absent With Regrets: Anita van Hittersum, Matt Duncan, Erinn Lawrie

Staff Present: Phil Beard, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer
Danielle Livingston, Administrative/Financial Services Coordinator
Jayne Thompson, Communications Coordinator
Stewart Lockie, Conservation Areas Coordinator
Stephen Jackson, Flood/Erosion Safety Coordinator
Chris Van Esbroeck, Stewardship Services Coordinator

Community Attendees:

1. Call to Order

Chair Dave Turton called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and outlined 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 #7-20 held on September 16, 2020 have been circulated for information and approval. The Members agreed with the minutes and the following motion was made.

Motion FA #72-20

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Alvin McLellan

That the minutes from the General Membership meeting #7-20 of September 16, 2020 be approved.

(carried)



4. **Presentation: Healthy Watersheds-Healthy People and Wildlife:**

Dr. Justina Ray, President and Chief Scientist for the Wildlife Conservation Society of Canada made a presentation to the Members outlining the connections between a healthy watershed and healthy people and wildlife. Dr. Ray also identified the need for a One Health approach to be developed and that conservation authorities should consider leading the development of this approach at the watershed level. Dr. Ray further advised that she is willing to help conservation authorities develop the One Health Initiative across Ontario.

The GM-ST outlined how MVCA plans to follow up on the development of a One Health Initiative in the watersheds in our jurisdiction. MVCA is a member of Health Lake Huron (HLH). The HLH steering committee is comprised of all the agencies and levels of government who would be needed to develop and implement a One Health initiative. Staff will follow up with the steering committee for HLH to determine if they would be interested in investigating the One Health initiative. Staff will also contact Conservation Ontario to incorporate a discussion of One Health as part of their Strategic Planning process.

5. **Business Requiring Direction and Decision**

- a) 2021-2023 Work Plan and Budget Forecast: **Report #44A-20** and **Report #44B-20**

Report #44A-20 and 44B-20 were presented and these motions followed.

Motion FA #73-20

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Alvin McLellan

That the 2021-2023 work plan and budget forecast be accepted for planning purposes; **And that** the 2021 draft budget and work plan be developed based upon this forecast.

(carried)

Motion FA #74-20

Moved by: Kevin Freiburger

Seconded by: Megan Gibson

That the 2021 draft budget for authority funded projects be presented at the November meeting for review and direction; **And that** the draft 2021 budget and work plan be presented to the Members at the December meeting for review and direction; **And that** staff prepare a draft levy schedule with a \$58,000 increase in 2021 for further review and direction by the membership.

- b) Conservation Ontario Council Meeting: Strategic Planning Priorities: **Report #45-20**

Report #45 was presented and this motion followed.

Motion FA #75-20

Moved by: Ed McGugan

Seconded by: Kevin Freiburger

That MVCA update and recirculate the letter of February 2016 as outlined in Report #45-20 to Conservation Ontario and all Conservation Authorities in the province.

(carried)

c) Celebrating MVCA's 70th Anniversary in 2021: **Report #46-20** (attached)

Report #46 was presented and the following motions were made.

Motion FA #76-20

Moved by: Alison Lobb

That MVCA proceed with planning anniversary celebrations for FRCA and MVCA based upon the activities outlined in Report #46-20

The motion was not seconded, therefore didn't carry.

Motion FA #77-20

Moved by: Ed McGugan

Seconded by: Kevin Freiburger

That staff begin tentative planning for celebrating the FRCA 50+1 anniversary in 2021 based upon the activities outlined in Report #46-20; **And that** MVCA incorporate messaging of 70 years of operation into social media releases when possible; **And that** celebrations for the MVCA anniversary be postponed to commemorate 75 years in 2026.

(carried)

6. Reports

a) Chairs Report

Chair Turton reported that he and the GM-ST attended the Conservation Ontario meeting on September 28, 2020.

7. Consent Agenda

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

- a) Revenue – Expenditure Report for September: Report #47-20
- b) Correspondence received for information: Article from The Globe and Mail on "Climate change threatens Canada's dams"

The following motion was made.

Motion FA #78-20

Moved by: Megan Gibson

Seconded by: Roger Watt

THAT report #47-20 along with the 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:

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

The next meeting of the membership will take place on November 18, 2020 at 7:00pm.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm with this motion.

Motion FA #79-20

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Megan Gibson

That the general membership meeting be adjourned.

(carried)



Dave Turton
Chair



Danielle Livingston
Administrative/Financial
Services Coordinator