

**Board of Directors Meeting #4/16**

**April 20, 2016**

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Art Versteeg, Deb Shewfelt, Alison Lobb, Alvin McLellan, Roger Watt, Matt Duncan, Bob Burtenshaw, David Turton

**ABSENT WITH REGRETS:** Jim Campbell, Wilf Gamble, Paul Gowing

**STAFF PRESENT:** Phil Beard, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer  
Danielle Livingston, Administrative/Financial Services Coordinator  
Geoff King, Stewardship Services Coordinator  
Jayne Thompson, Communications Coordinator  
Stewart Lockie, Conservation Areas Coordinator  
Doug Hocking, Water Quality Specialist  
Donna Clarkson, ABCA Source Protection Technician

**COMMUNITY ATTENDEES:** Paul Nichol, Charlie Hoy, Linda Henhoeffler, Laura Dent

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Art Versteeg called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

There were no pecuniary interests at this time.

**3. Maitland Source Protection Authority**

**Motion FA #35/16**

**Moved by: Deb Shewfelt**

**Seconded by: Alvin McLellan**

**THAT** the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority Board of Directors move into a Maitland Source Protection Authority meeting.

**(carried)**



#### 4. Minutes

The minutes from the Board of Directors meeting #3/16 held on March 16, 2016 have been circulated to the Directors for their information and approval. The Directors agreed with the minutes and the following motion was made.

#### Motion FA #36/16

Moved by: Deb Shewfelt

Seconded by: Bob Burtenshaw

**THAT** the minutes from the Board of Directors meeting #3/16 held on March 16, 2016 be approved.

(carried)

#### 5. Presentation: Community Groups: Restoration of Gorrie/Brussels Mill Buildings (delegation and project brief attached)

Jayne Thompson, Communications Coordinator provided a photo presentation and outlined the historical background of the Gorrie and Brussels Mills.

Following introduction from Stewart Lockie, Conservation Areas Coordinator, the Maitland Mills Project Steering Committee presented this delegation to the Board to provide information about restoring the Brussels and Gorrie Mills and to request monetary and staff support toward the groups project initiatives.

During a discussion and question period about the feasibility of this project, the committee requested that 10 hours per month for one year of Stewart Lockie's time as well as a \$5,000.00 contribution be directed to this project from Maitland Valley Conservation Authority. The following motion was made.

#### Motion FA #37/16

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Matt Duncan

**THAT** staff prepare a report outlining the feasibility of this request; **AND THAT** this report be presented at the May Board meeting.

(carried)

#### 6. Business Requiring Direction/Decision

- i) Huron Clean Water Agreement: **Report #20/16** (attached)

At the November 18, 2015 Board meeting, direction was given to staff to review the Huron Clean Water Program agreement between Maitland Valley Conservation Authority and the County of Huron annually.

In this report, Geoff King, Stewardship Services Coordinator along with Doug Hocking, Water Quality Specialist outlined the new agreement as well as the funding for the project in 2016. The Directors supported the new agreement and the following motion was made.

**Motion FA #38/16**

**Moved by: Roger Watt**

**Seconded by: David Turton**

**THAT** the revised Huron Clean Water Program agreement between the County of Huron and the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority/Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority be approved; **AND THAT** the Huron Clean Water Program budget for 2016 be approved; **AND FURTHER THAT** the Board recommend that the County consider identifying a 3-year budget forecast for this program starting in 2017 and that this forecast be updated annually so that the County is always planning three years ahead for this program.

(carried)

ii) Conservation Ontario Governance: **Report #21/16** (attached)

This report provides the outcome after Maitland Valley Conservation Authority recommended to Conservation Ontario Council that they amend the Associations bylaws.

Chair Art Versteeg explained that while the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority's motion was not supported by Conservation Ontario Council there appeared to be better attendance of Conservation Authority Board members representing their Conservation Authorities and fewer GM's/CAO's listed as voting delegates. The Board agreed that MVCA should continue to encourage improvements in governance and meeting agendas. Conservation Ontario has identified in its strategic plan that it plans to improve governance however there are no details or timeframe around the process for identifying changes.

iii) Board Training/Tours: **Report #22/16** (attached)

Phil Beard, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer outlined options for training and education in this report to gain direction from the Board on their preferences for 2016. After review and consideration of several options, the Board made this motion.

**Motion FA #39/16**

**Moved by: Alison Lobb**

**Seconded by: Roger Watt**

**THAT** staff proceed with initiating Board training events that focus on Water Quality Trends, Smart Prosperity and Agriculture in a Changing Climate.

(carried)

iv) Morris Hill Tract Boundary Adjustment: **Report #23/16** (attached)

Conservation Areas Coordinator, Stewart Lockie presented this report to gain direction from the Board on the proposed boundary adjustment of the Morris Hill Forest Tract in the municipality of Morris/Turnberry. The following motion was made.

**Motion FA #40/16**

**Moved by: Alison Lobb**

**Seconded by: Bob Burtenshaw**

**THAT** Maitland Valley Conservation Authority accepts the boundary adjustment proposal; **AND THAT** staff proceed with the process to acquire the road allowance as outlined in the report.

**(carried)**

- v) ACLA Shoreline Water Quality Monitoring Program: **Report #24/16** (attached)

Report #24/16 was presented by Phil Beard, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer. Maitland Valley Conservation Authority will be collecting water samples for the Ashfield Colborne Lakefront Association and they will pay for this work to be done. The Board supported the proposed change and the following motion was made.

**Motion FA #41/16**

**Moved by: David Turton**

**Seconded by: Alvin McLellan**

**THAT** the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority expresses its appreciation to the Ashfield Colborne Lakefront Association and Mike and Allison McElhone for their dedication and commitment to developing a better understanding of water quality along the Lake Huron.

**(carried)**

**7. Reports**

- a) Chair's Report

Chair Art Versteeg announced that he attended the Maitland Conservation Foundation annual meeting and noted that Kate Proctor will continue as Chair for another year. Vince Judge has retired following serving a lengthy term.

- b) Director's Reports

Director Roger Watt reported that Francis Hogan had approached the Ashfield Colborne Wawanosh Council on behalf of the Maitland Conservation Foundation requesting support for the Garvey Glenn Watershed project from the ACW Community Benefit Fund. Though Council isn't eager to support initiatives on private property at this time with this fund, they are looking at developing a document that outlines guidelines more clearly for fund proposals and there may be an opportunity to apply for this funding in the future.

Director Alvin McLellan reported that he attended a ditch cleanout with Joe Ryan, Drainage Superintendent for Huron East along with a representative from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. Alvin felt that this was very educational.

## **8. Consent Agenda**

The following items were circulated to the Board of Directors for their information.

- i) Agreements Signed: **Report #25/16** (attached)
- ii) Maitland Conservation Foundation: **Report #26/16** (attached)
- iii) Revenue/Expenditure Report for March: **Report #27/16** (attached)
- iv) Appointment of Regulation Officers Falls Reserve Conservation Area: **Report #28/16** (attached)

The following motion was made.

### **Motion FA #42/16**

**Moved by: Roger Watt**

**Seconded by: Matt Duncan**

**THAT** reports #25/16 through #28/16 along with their respective recommended motions and correspondence as outlined in the Consent Agenda be accepted as presented.

**(carried)**

## **9. Correspondence**

- i) Letter from Eleanor McMahon Re: the progress regarding the Conservation Authorities Act review. (attached)
- ii) Letter from North Huron Re: their approval of the MVCA draft budget and levy for 2016.
- iii) Final Conservation Ontario submission on Waukesaha Water Diversion Application.

## **10. Review of Meeting Objectives/Follow-up Actions/Next meeting: May 18, 2016**

Chair Art Versteeg reviewed the meeting objectives outlined in the agenda and reminded the Directors of the May meeting date.

## **11. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm with this motion.

### **Motion FA #43/16**

**Moved by: Roger Watt**

**Seconded by: Alison Lobb**

**THAT** the meeting be adjourned.

**(carried)**

Art Versteeg  
Chair

Danielle Livingston  
Recording Secretary