

Board of Directors Meeting #6/15

Jul 15, 2015

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Art Versteeg, Jim Campbell, Deb Shewfelt, Alison Lobb,
Alvin McLellan, David Turton, Wilf Gamble

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Roger Watt

ABSENT Matt Duncan, Paul Gowing, Bob Burtenshaw

STAFF PRESENT: Phil Beard, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer
Danielle Livingston, Administrative/Financial Services Coordinator
Geoff King, Stewardship Services Coordinator
Stephen Jackson, Flood/Erosion Safety Coordinator
Stewart Lockie, Conservation Areas Coordinator
Jason Moir, FRCA Supervisor

Call to Order

Chair Art Versteeg called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm and referred attendees to the agenda for the meeting objectives.

1. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no pecuniary interests at this time.

2. Minutes

The minutes from the Board of Directors meeting #5/15 held on May 20, 2015 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 #65/15

Moved by: Deb Shewfelt

Seconded by: Jim Campbell

THAT the minutes from the Board of Directors meeting #5/15 held on May 20,2015 be approved.

(carried)

3. Business out of the Minutes

- a) Government Relations Meeting/Tour: **Report #40/15** (attached)

The Chair, Vice Chair and Flood/Erosion Safety Services Coordinator and GM/ST met with MPPs Randy Pettapiece, Perth-Wellington and Lisa Thompson, Huron-Bruce on July 14, 2015 to outline opportunities for strengthening the Ontario component of the National Disaster Mitigation Program. The Mayor of North Perth, Julie Behrns and CAO, Kriss Snell also attended. A meeting will be held on July 28th with candidates for the upcoming Federal Election to outline opportunities for strengthening the National Disaster Mitigation Program.

4. Business Requiring Direction

- a) Falls Reserve Conservation Area Leasing Follow Up: **Report #41/15** (attached)

This report was presented by Stewart Lockie, Conservation Areas Coordinator to inform the Directors of the leasing of the FRCA requests for proposal results and seek direction about further options to investigate pertaining to the operation at FRCA in 2016.

Following discussion of the options, the following motion was made.

Motion FA #66/15

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Wilf Gamble

THAT staff research and present a report to the Directors on reducing and ceasing operations at the Falls.

(not carried)

Motion FA #67/15

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Deb Shewfelt

THAT FRCA continues to operate the Falls Reserve as a campground in 2016; **AND THAT** staff further investigate options #5 and #6 presented in report #41/15 and report back to the Board of Directors in April 2016.

(carried)

- b) Brussels Mill and Gorrie Mill: **Report #42/15** (attached)

Stewart Lockie, Conservation Areas Coordinator presented this report to advise the Directors of the interest in the Brussels and Gorrie Mills from community members and to gain direction on future

maintenance and operations of these mill buildings. Stewart advised the Board that both structures are surplus buildings and not used by the authority.

Both mill buildings have generated interest from community service groups. There is a possibility for these groups to mesh to apply for grant funds and undertake feasibility studies on the projects while moving forward with their individual initiatives separately.

Both mill buildings have deteriorated, especially the Brussels Mill and require major repairs and restoration. The Brussels Mill building has been secured to ensure that no one can get into it.

Motion FA #68/15

Moved by: Alvin MacLellan

Seconded by: David Turton

THAT the MVCA support the efforts of any community groups that may have interest in refurbishing, purchasing or leasing the Brussels and/or Gorrie mills by allowing these groups to proceed with funding applications and feasibility studies; **AND THAT** any such groups do so and present proposals by December 31, 2015.

(carried)

c) Maitland Conservation Foundation Request: **Report #43/15** (attached)

Phil Beard, GM/ST presented this report to seek direction from the Board for requests put forth by the MCF as outlined in report #43/15.

The MCF has increased their annual fundraising targets from \$25,000.00 to \$75,000.00 and will strive to raise additional funds for MVCA projects in 2017. The MCF has requested a list of additional projects that MVCA would like the MCF to raise funds for by their September 17, 2015 meeting.

From discussion, this motion was made.

Motion FA #69/15

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Jim Campbell

THAT staff prepare a list of possible projects for the Board to review at the September 16, 2015 Board meeting; **AND THAT** the MVCA agrees to include the MCF in future requests for proposals for audit services; **AND FURTHER THAT** the MVCA agrees to receive the transfer of special funds from the MCF and to use them for the purposes specified for each fund.

(carried)

d) Carbon Footprint Initiative Request: **Report #44/15** (attached)

Phil Beard, GM/ST presented this report to seek direction from the Board on developing a carbon reduction and compensation strategy for MVCA. As well, this report outlines the revised focus that was established by the Maitland Watershed Resiliency Leadership Team now to be called the Carbon Footprint Initiative (CFI).

MVCA has already started to draft a carbon footprint and reduction strategy as part of its fleet management program. The Board has already adopted a carbon compensation strategy with respect to

mileage/fuel usage and plants trees to compensate for the fuel used each year. The only additional information to be developed is the establishment of targets for fuel reduction.

The Board agreed with the request from CFI therefore the following motion was made.

Motion FA #70/15

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Jim Campbell

THAT the MVCA support the CFI; **AND THAT** staff prepare a carbon footprint and compensation strategy for review by the board at the September 16, 2015 meeting.

(carried)

- e) Equipment Purchase Request: **Report #45/15** (attached)

This report was presented by Stephen Jackson, Flood/Erosion Safety Coordinator to obtain direction on the purchase of flood forecasting equipment.

Motion FA #71/15

Moved by: Jim Campbell

Seconded by: Deb Shewfelt

THAT the Board of Directors approve the purchase of the equipment from Forest Technology Systems Limited in the amount of \$9008.70 plus tax and from Weather Innovations Incorporated in the amount of \$3654.00 plus tax.

(carried)

- f) In-Camera Session: Regulations Matter

Motion FA #72/15

Moved by: David Turton

Seconded by: Wilf Gamble

THAT the Board of Directors move in camera for a regulations matter.

(carried)

Motion FA #73/15

Moved by: Alvin MacLellan

Seconded by: Jim Campbell

THAT the Board of Directors move out of in camera session and resume the regular meeting.

(carried)

Motion FA #74/15

Moved by: Deb Shewfelt

Seconded by: Alison Lobb

THAT staff obtains paralegal services from Due Process for regulations matters; **AND THAT** the Board of Directors appoints Due Process for paralegal services in 2015.

(carried)

5. Reports

a) Chair's Report

The Chair and GM/ST attended the June 22nd meeting of Conservation Ontario Council. The major focus of the meeting was to review the recommendations for CO's Strategic Plan as developed by the four working groups. MVCA had representatives on three of the working groups. Art advised that there are still several recommendations that were referred back to the working groups for further refinement. The proposed refinements are to be brought back to the September CO Council meeting for discussion and possible adoption. CO Council has developed a consent agenda and this has allowed Council to focus their time on the business that requires discussion and direction.

b) Director's Reports

Deb Shewfelt and Jim Campbell attended the Huron Water Protection Stewardship tour on June 25, 2015. MVCA staff member Doug Hocking received a Stewardship Service Award at this event.

On July 9, 2015, a tour and ceremony was held at the Hindmarsh Farm to celebrate the completion of the wetland project that MVCA coordinated.

6. Consent Agenda:

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

- a) Revenue/Expenditure Report for May/June: **Report #46/15** (attached)
- b) Project Funding/Agreements: **Report #47/15** (attached)
- c) Correspondence: For Director's' Information
 - i) Letter of June 30, 2015 from the Township of Mapleton re Mapleton Delegation – 3 year work plan.

The following motion was made.

Motion FA #75/15

Moved by: Deb Shewfelt

Seconded by: Alison Lobb

THAT reports #46/15 through #47/15 along with their respective recommended motions and correspondence as outlined in the Consent Agenda be accepted as presented.

(carried)

7. Review of Meeting Objectives/Follow-up Actions/Next meeting: Tour and Meeting August 26, 2015 in Goderich starting at 6:30pm. Meeting to start at 8:00pm.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be on August 26, 2015 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Goderich. A tour will precede the meeting starting at 6:30pm at the parking lot of the Knights of Columbus Hall in Goderich.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm with this motion.

Motion FA #76/15

Moved by: Jim Campbell

Seconded by: Alvin MacLellan

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

(carried)

Art Versteeg
Chair

Danielle Livingston
Recording Secretary