

**Board of Directors Meeting #9/17**

**September 27, 2017**

- DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Jim Campbell, David Turton, Deb Shewfelt, Alison Lobb, Wilf Gamble, Roger Watt, Paul Gowing, David Blaney
- ABSENT WITH REGRETS:** Art Versteeg, Bob Burtenshaw
- ABSENT:** Matt Duncan
- 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  
Stephen Jackson, Flood/Erosion Safety Coordinator
- COMMUNITY ATTENDEES:** Darrell Hawreliak, Eleanore Grainger, Lloyd Townsend, Roxanne Lashbrook, Rick Lashbrook, Bob Illman, Fern Wylie, Gord Haasnoot, Melanie Macias, Ben Huigenbos, Julie Gardiner, Wayne Connor

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Jim Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and announced the meetings objectives.

**2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

There were no pecuniary interests at this time.

**3. Minutes**

The minutes from the Board of Directors meeting #8/17 held on July 19, 2017 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 #76/17**

**Moved by: Deb Shewfelt**

**Seconded by: Alison Lobb**

THAT the minutes from the Board of Directors meeting #8/17 held on July 19, 2017 be approved.

(carried)

**4. Delegation: Gorrie/Brussels Mill Committee**

The delegation was unable to attend the September Board meeting and has asked to make a presentation at the October 18, 2017 Board meeting.

**5. Presentation: Legislative/Constitutional basis for Regulating Development/Interference with Wetlands, Alteration to watercourses, shorelines under the Conservation Authorities Act: Darrell Hawreliak, Solicitor**

At the May meeting, the Board chose Legislative Authority to Protect Natural Resources as one of their topics for training in 2017.

Solicitor, Darrell Hawreliak delivered an informative presentation that reviewed the legislative authority behind Section 28 of the Conservation Authority's Act.

The Board thanked Darrell for his presentation.

**6. Business Out of the Minutes**

a) Alternative Land Use Services: **Report #47/17**

At the June Board meeting the Board directed staff to bring this matter back for further discussion and direction at the September Board meeting.

Geoff King reported that he contacted the new manager of ALUS-East, Casey Whitelock to determine if ALUS was willing to coordinate their efforts with existing Clean Water Projects. Geoff was advised that ALUS would like to continue to utilize a separate administrative structure.

The Board decided not to take any action at this time and the following motion was made.

**Motion FA #77/17**

**Moved by: Alison Lobb**

**Seconded by: Roger Watt**

THAT Report #47/17 be noted and filed.

(carried)

b) Gorrie Conservation Area Update: **Report #48/17**

At the July meeting, direction was given by the Board to address the safety and erosion issues at the Gorrie Conservation Area as directed by MNRF. MNRF issued a work permit for the following work to be undertaken: filling in the scour hole, regrading the berm and protecting it from erosion as well as removal of the damaged sections of the turbine bay. The contractor, D.C. Craig Excavating completed the required work on September 22nd.

The seeding of the site was completed on September 25th.

A new gate has been installed at the entrance.

The only outstanding work to be completed are the repairs to the picnic shelter and installation of barrier posts at the parking lot .

Staff are in the process of obtaining quotes to repair the Picnic shelter deck and supports.

Stewart Lockie, Conservation Areas Coordinator advised that he has contacted MNRF to determine the technical requirements under the Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act for investigating the three options; repair, replacement/redesign, decommissioning of the Gorrie Dam. MNRF advised that the specific technical requirements for each option can't be confirmed until a submission is made and reviewed. Stewart advised that the authority will require the assistance of an engineering firm with expertise in small mill dams to help identify the technical requirements that would have to be taken into account for each of the three options. This information will be needed to determine the cost to investigate the options. Staff will attempt to have this information available for the Board to review at the November 15th Board meeting. It will be presented as part of the report on possible projects for 2018.

**Motion FA #78/17**

**Moved by: Deb Shewfelt**

**Seconded by: Alison Lobb**

**THAT** MVCA investigate the costs of retaining an engineering consultant that has the expertise with small mill dams to investigate the technical requirements under the Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act and associated costs for consideration by the Board as part of the authority's 2018 budget.

Jayne Thompson, Communications Coordinator advised the Board that a second newsletter was sent out that outlined the direction given by the Board at the July 19, 2017 Board meeting.

Jayne summarized the comments that have been received from the public.

Staff have identified that there isn't any toxic vegetation such as giant hogweed currently in the area. Ragweed, a plant that causes hay fever symptoms, has not been found in the area.

Jayne identified that a new section could be added to MVCA's website where information on Gorrie Conservation Area would be posted. This information would include newsletters, photos, reports and updates. A button could be added to the homepage leading viewers directly to this information.

At this time, Chair Jim Campbell advised those sitting in the gallery that they could request a delegation for a future meeting to address the Board if they wished to do so.

The Board concurred with the idea of establishing pages on the website where information on Gorrie Conservation Area will be posted.

**Motion FA #79/17**

**Moved by: Dave Turton**

**Seconded by: Roger Watt**

**THAT staff create a section on the MVCA website containing information specifically related to Gorrie Conservation Area.**

**(carried)**

**7. Business Requiring Direction:**

a) Review of Investment Policy: **Report #49/17**

The Board decided to invest \$250, 000 of MVCA's working capital accumulated surplus into a bond portfolio at the September meeting in 2012. The Board discussed possible alternatives to investigate further.

The following motions were made.

**Motion FA #80/17**

**Moved by: Alison Lobb**

**Seconded by: Roger Watt**

**THAT staff bring a report on MVCA investment for the board to review every three years.**

**(carried)**

**Motion FA #81/17**

**Moved by: David Blaney**

**Seconded by: Dave Turton**

**THAT staff contact Libro Credit Union to invite a Financial Advisor to a future meeting to discuss investment options with the Board.**

**(carried)**

**8. Reports**

a) Chair's Report

Jim Campbell informed the Director's that he and the two Vice Chairs along with the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer, Phil Beard made presentations to MPPs Randy Pettepiece, Lisa Thompson and the MP for Perth Wellington, John Nater over the summer. The presentations focussed on the need for improved severe weather forecasting by the Provincial and Federal Government as well as the need for a new Federal Provincial Flood/Erosion Damage Reduction Program.

Jim noted that he and the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer attended Conservation Ontario on September 25, 2017. The Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry updated council on the status of the approval of Bill 139 and the development of a renewed partnership with the Provincial Government.

b) Director's Reports

There were no Director reports.

**9. Consent Agenda**

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

- a) Budget Status Update: June.- September: **Report #50/17**
- b) Agreements Signed: **Report #51/17**
- c) Revenue/Expenditure Report for June/July/August: **Report #52/17**

The following motion was made.

**Motion FA #81/17**

**Moved by: Deb Shewfelt**

**Seconded by: Wilf Gamble**

**THAT** reports #50/17 through #52/17 along with their respective recommended motions and correspondence as outlined in the Consent Agenda be accepted as presented.

(carried)

**10. Correspondence:**

For Your Information: Letter from John Nater, MP, Perth Wellington re: MVCV concerns re: Environment Canada severe weather forecasting and the deficiencies in the National Disaster Mitigation Program.

**11. In Camera Session: Legal Matter**

All attendees except the Board Members, the GM/ST, the Flood Safety Coordinator, and the Administrative/Financial Services Coordinator were excused from the meeting at this time.

**Motion FA #82/17**

**Moved by: Dave Turton**

**Seconded by: Paul Gowing**

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

(carried)

**Motion FA #83/17**

**Moved by: Alison Lobb**

**Seconded by: Roger Watt**

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

**(carried)**

12. **Review of Meeting Objectives/Follow-up Actions/Next meeting: Wednesday October 18, 2017 at the Admin. Centre in Wroxeter**

Chair Jim Campbell reviewed the meeting objectives outlined in the agenda.

13. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm with this motion.

**Motion FA #84/17**

**Moved by: Paul Gowing**

**Seconded by: Dave Turton**

**THAT** the meeting be adjourned.

**carried)**

Jim Campbell  
Chair

Danielle Livingston  
Administrative/Financial  
Services Coordinator