

General Membership Meeting #11-19

January 8, 2020

Member's Present: David Turton, Matt Duncan, Alison Lobb, Kevin Freiburger, Anita van Hittersum, Megan Gibson, Cheryl Matheson, Alvin McLellan

Absent With Regrets: Roger Watt, Deb Shewfelt, Ed McGugan

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

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 declared by the Members.

3. Minutes

The minutes from the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA) General Membership Meeting #10-19 held on November 20, 2019 have been circulated for review and approval. The Members agreed with the minutes and the following motion was made.

Motion FA #106-19

Moved by: Matt Duncan

Seconded by: Megan Gibson

THAT the minutes from the General Membership meeting #10-19 of November 20, 2019 be approved.

(carried)



4. Business Requiring Direction and Decision

a) Review of Members Work Plan for 2019: Report #65-19

Report #65/19 was presented with an update of a letter from Minister Yurek that the Chair reviewed with the members. The following motion was made.

Motion FA #107-19

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Alvin McLellan

THAT the Members work plan summary report be accepted.

(carried)

b) Funding Available in 2020: Maitland Conservation Foundation (MCF): Report #66-19

Report #66/19 was reviewed with the Members. The following motion was made.

Motion FA #108-19

Moved by: Anita van Hittersum

Seconded by: Megan Gibson

THAT staff send a letter to Geoff King, the MCF and the John Hindmarsh Environmental Trust Fund (JHETF) Boards to thank them for the funds they have raised for MVCA.

(carried)

c) Draft 2020 Priorities, Work Plan and Budget: Report #67-19

Report #67/19 was presented and this motion followed.

The General Manager and Coordinators made a presentation on the priorities for 2020. The General Manager highlighted the process that was used to develop the draft budget for operating and capital projects. The General Manager asked for input regarding the key messages to be included in the letter that will be sent to member municipalities regarding the draft budget and levy. The Member's advised that it is important to make the member municipalities aware of the changes MVCA has had to make to balance its budget such as moving operational costs to projects in 2020, freezing grid movements in 2019 and 2020, loss of Provincial funding for flood and erosion safety services. A draft information package will be reviewed by the Member's at the January 22, 2020 meeting.

The following motion was made.

Motion FA #109-19

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Megan Gibson

That the 2020 draft budget, work plan and levy be circulated to member municipalities for review; **and that** the final work plan and budget be brought back to the Member's on March 18, 2020 for final review and approval.

(carried)

d) Options: Location and Theme for the 2020 Annual Meeting: Report #68-19

Report #68/19 was presented and this motion followed.

Motion FA #110-19

Moved by: Matt Duncan

Seconded by: Anita van Hittersum

That the 2020 annual meeting be held on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 2:00 pm in Goderich with a snow date of Wednesday, February 26, 2020.

(carried)

e) Annual Review of Members Manual : Report #69-19

Report #69-19 was presented and direction was given to add member Alvin McLellan and change Roger Watt's title to 1st Vice-Chair in the manual.

The following motion was made.

That the member's manual in Report #69-19 be approved with the revisions as identified at the meeting.

Motion FA #111-19

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Alvin McLellan

(carried)

f) First Call: Declarations for Chair, Vice and 2nd Vice Chair, Report #70-19

Following review of Report #70/19, Dave Turton declared his interest in running for the position of Chair; Matt Duncan declared his interest in running for Vice-Chair. No other declarations were made at this time.

g) In-Camera Session: GM-ST Work Plan Review & Update on Legal Matters

Motion FA #112-19

Moved by: Megan Gibson

Seconded by: Anita van Hittersum

That the member's move in camera to review legal and personnel matters.

(carried)

The following motion was made at the in camera session.

Motion FA #113-19

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Alvin McLellan

THAT the member's resume regular session.

(carried)

5. Reports

a) Chairs Report

Chair Turton reported that he took part in the staff Christmas celebration in December that was held at the Listowel Golf Club and that it was well-attended. He then asked senior management to pass along thanks and appreciation thoughts from him and the membership to the rest of the MVCA staff for a successful year.

b) Member's Reports

There were no member's reports.

6. Consent Agenda

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

- a) Agreements Signed: Report #71-19
- b) Revenue/Expenditure Report November Report #72-19
- c) Conservation Ontario Council Mtg. Summary: Report #73-19
- d) Correspondence for Members Information

The following motion was made.

Motion FA #114-19

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Kevin Freiburger

THAT reports #71-19 through #73-19 along with their respective recommended motions and correspondence as outlined in the Consent Agenda be accepted as presented.

(carried)

7.

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 January 22, 2020 at 7:00pm at the Administration Centre in Wroxeter.

9. Adjournment


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

Motion FA #115-19

Moved by: Megan Gibson

Seconded by: Alison Lobb

THAT the general membership meeting be adjourned.


Dave Turton
Chair


Danielle Livingston
Administrative/Financial
Services Coordinator

(carried)