

## General Membership Meeting #6-19

**June 19, 2019**

- Member's Present:** David Turton, Roger Watt, Deb Shewfelt, Matt Duncan, Alison Lobb, Ed McGugan, Zoey Onn, Kevin Freiburger, Megan Gibson, Anita van Hittersum,
- Absent With Regrets:** Cheryl Matheson
- 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

### 1. Call to Order

Chair Dave Turton called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm and reviewed 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 #5-19 held on May 15, 2019 have been circulated for information and approval. The Members agreed with the minutes and the following motion was made.

#### **Motion FA #63-19**

**Moved by: Deb Shewfelt**

**Seconded by: Anita van Hittersum**

**That** the minutes from the General Membership meeting #5-19 of May 15, 2019 be approved.

**(carried)**



#### **4. Business Out of the Minutes**

##### **a) Gorrie Conservation Area Maintenance Items: Report #35-19**

Staff were directed by the Members at the May meeting to complete site maintenance work at the Gorrie Conservation Area and to obtain estimates to grade the area downstream of the breach in the Gorrie Dam.

Report #35-19 was presented to advise the Members of the maintenance work that has been completed to improve the appearance of the site.

This motion followed.

##### **Motion FA #64-19**

**Moved by: Roger Watt**

**Seconded by: Ed McGugan**

**That** staff proceed with site grading at the Gorrie Conservation Area.

Discussion took place and it was determined that site grading of materials would be washed away with future flooding and would not further beautify the area. The Member's voted and Motion #62-19 was defeated.

Further discussion took place about entering into maintenance agreements with adjacent landowners of the Gorrie Conservation Area and this motion followed.

##### **Motion FA #65-19**

**Moved by: Alison Lobb**

**Seconded by: Anita van Hittersum**

**That** staff proceed with finalizing volunteer agreements as outlined in Report #35-19 to allow the adjacent landowners of the Gorrie Conservation Area to cut grass upstream of the dam.

**(carried)**

##### **b) Public Consultation on the Gorrie Dam Future Plans Study: Report #36-19**

Report #36-19 was presented and extensive discussion took place. This motion followed.

##### **Motion FA #66-19**

**Moved by: Alison Lobb**

**Seconded by: Roger Watt**

**That** the MVCA proceed with 3<sup>rd</sup> party consultation on technical study of the Gorrie Dam options.

Discussion took place around the 3 options that have been outlined for the Gorrie Dam previously. The Member's discussed the financial requirements of the 3 options and withdrew this motion and made the following motions.

**(carried)**

##### **Motion FA #67-19**

**Moved by: Alison Lobb**

**Seconded by: Deb Shewfelt**

**That** the MVCA proceed with the next steps involved with decommissioning the Gorrie Dam and remediation of the Gorrie Conservation Area.

(carried)

**Motion FA #68-19**

**Moved by: Zoey Onn**

**Seconded by: Roger Watt**

**That** the MVCA proceed with watershed hydrology and river and dam hydraulic studies; **And That** the funds be taken from the working capital surplus, if required.

(carried)

**Motion FA #69-19**

**Moved by: Matt Duncan**

**Seconded by: Megan Gibson**

That the MVCA proceed with public consultation outreach when information from the studies are known.

(carried)

**Motion FA #70-19**

**Moved by: Roger Watt**

**Seconded by: Megan Gibson**

That the MVCA proceed with clearly communicating the decisions that have been made with respect to the Gorrie Dam and Conservation Area to the community.

(carried)

**5. Presentations**

- a) Climate Trends, Impacts and Solutions in the Maitland Watershed:
- b) Impacts of High Lake Levels on Flood and Erosion Risks along Lake Huron:

These reports were received as presented.

**6. Business Requiring Direction and Decision**

- a) International Joint Commission (IJC) Public Meeting and Tour: Report #37-19

Report #37-19 was presented and this motion followed.

**Motion FA #71-19**

**Moved by: Alison Lobb**

**Seconded by: Deb Shewfelt**

**That** MVCA work with the IJC steering committee to help organize stakeholder meetings and a tour of the Garvey Glenn water quality project; **And That** staff present the benefits of collaboration for improving water quality in Lake Huron at the IJC's public meeting in Goderich on August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

## 7. Reports

### a) Member's Reports

Zoey Onn reported the progress that has been made at the Brussels Conservation Area. The playground equipment has been chosen, some ash trees have been removed and the group is hopeful that adequate funds will be raised to have the park ready for recreation activities by the end of the 2019 summer.

Deb Shewfelt reported that he and Phil Beard attended a forum on climate change organized by the Huron County Health Unit on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Deb and Phil made a presentation on the Carbon Footprint Initiative at the event.

Alison Lobb talked about her recent trip to Ireland that focused on water and bio-diversity issues and noted that the same issues and concerns exist in Ireland as they do here in Ontario.

Zoey Onn added that the Blue Bayfield Group will be holding an event in Seaforth on June 26<sup>th</sup> at the church where they will promote conservation and the importance of eliminating single use plastics.

### b) Chair's Report

Chair Turton informed the Member's that Huron-Bruce MP Lisa Thompson and Wellington-Perth MP Randy Pettipiece are interested in meeting to discuss the proposed changes to the Conservation Authorities Act as outlined in Bill 108.

Additionally, the Chair advised the Members that the Town of Minto is in the process of identifying the flood damage reduction measures that the Town is interested in implementing in Harriston. Chair Turton gave thanks to MVCA for all the support that they are providing with this analysis.

## 8. Consent Agenda

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

- a) Revenue/Expenditure Report for May: **Report #38-19**
- b) 2019 Budget-Work Plan Progress Report: **Report #39-19** (attached)
- c) Agreements Signed: **Report #40 -19**
- d) Correspondence for Members Information

This motion followed.

### **Motion FA #72-19**

**Moved by: Alison Lobb**

**Seconded by: Zoey Onn**

**THAT** reports #38-19 through #40-19 along with their respective recommended motions and correspondence as outlined in the Consent Agenda be accepted as presented.

(carried)

## 9. In-Camera Session: Legal Matter

All attendees except the Member's and the GM-ST Administrative/Financial Services Coordinator were excused from the meeting at this time.

**Motion FA #73-19**

**Moved by: Anita van Hittersum**

**Seconded by: Megan Gibson**

**THAT** the Member's move in camera to review a legal matter.

**(carried)**

The following motion was made at the in camera session.

**Motion FA #74-19**

**Moved by: Matt Duncan**

**Seconded by: Megan Gibson**

**THAT** the Member's resume regular session.

**(carried)**

Attendees that were excused from the closed session were invited back to regular session.

**10. 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 July 17, 2019 at 7:00pm with a tour of the Garvey Glenn Priority Watershed Project.

**11. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:10pm with this motion.

**Motion FA #75-19**

**Moved by: Anita van Hittersum**

**Seconded by: Megan Gibson**

**THAT** the general membership meeting be adjourned.

**carried)**

Dave Turton  
Chair

Danielle Livingston  
Administrative/Financial  
Services Coordinator