

## General Membership Meeting #10-19

November 20, 2019

**Member's Present:** David Turton, Roger Watt, Matt Duncan, Deb Shewfelt, Alison Lobb, Ed McGugan, Kevin Freiburger, Anita van Hittersum, Megan Gibson, Cheryl Matheson, Alvin McLellan

**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  
Patrick Huber-Kidby, Environmental Planner-Regs Officer  
Jason Moir, FRCA Park Superintendent

### 1. Call to Order

Chair Dave Turton called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm and announced the meeting objectives.

### 2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no pecuniary interests at this time.

### 3. Hearing #1-2019: Bevan Application, Lucknow

**Motion FA #96-19**

**Moved by: Deb Shewfelt**

**Seconded by: Alison Lobb**

**THAT** the membership sits as a hearing board.

**(carried)**

The following motion was passed in session at the hearing meeting #1/19.

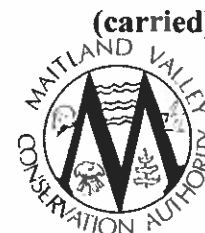
**Motion HM #1-19**

**Moved by: Alison Lobb**

**Seconded by: Megan Gibson**

**THAT** the hearing board now sits as Members.

**(carried)**



Chair Turton welcomed incoming member Alvin McLellan, representing the Municipality of Huron East in place of Zoey Onn.

#### **4. Minutes**

The minutes from the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA) General Membership Meeting #9-19 held on October 16, 2019 have been circulated for information and approval. The Members agreed with the minutes and the following motion was made.

#### **Motion FA #97-19**

**Moved by: Deb Shewfelt**

**Seconded by: Megan Gibson**

**THAT** the minutes from the General Membership meeting #9-19 of October 16, 2019 be approved.

**(carried)**

#### **5. Presentation from Chair Turton to Geoff King, Watershed Stewardship Services Coordinator**

Fellow members and staff, tonight we are formally recognizing Geoff King who is retiring at the end of December this year but his last day of work will be Friday, December 6th.

Since tonight will be the last Members meeting prior to Geoff's retirement, it is only fitting that the members formally recognize Geoff's contributions to MVCA over the past 35 years.

As the members know, a retirement celebration for Geoff will be held at Cowbell Brewing on Wednesday, December 4th from 3:00pm to 7:00pm. We have invited people who have worked with Geoff over the years to attend along with members of his family. The MVCA members are also welcome to attend. A formal ceremony will be held at 5:00pm.

Geoff has had a variety of roles and responsibilities over his career at MVCA. He started at the Falls Reserve Conservation Area as a patrol officer and operations assistant in May of 1984. Geoff had to ask his supervisor for a week off so he could get married! In 1986 he was hired to work in stewardship services as a resource technician and over the next four years his work expanded into soil and water conservation and forestry. Geoff worked with many other agencies to undertake a wide variety of soil and water conservation projects across the watershed. In the late 1980's there was a lot of interest amongst landowners in conservation and innovative work was undertaken between MVCA and the Huron Soil and Water Conservations District.

In April 1990 Geoff took on the role of superintendent at the Fall Reserve Conservation Area. Geoff did an exemplary job leading the operations of the FRCA for 15 years. He also trained two other future superintendents, Stewart Lockie and the present superintendent, Jason Moir. Geoff was also responsible for Stewardship Services as well as the Falls Reserve. In 2006 Geoff was promoted to be Watershed Stewardship Services Coordinator. Geoff developed MVCA's stewardship services in rural storm water management, soil health and reforestation of marginal lands, river valleys and flood plains. Geoff and the rest of the stewardship team have delivered the Huron and Wellington Clean Water Projects. They have undertaken some of the most innovative and ground breaking conservation projects in the Province, namely the Scott Municipal Drain Rural Storm Water Management Project in North Huron; the Garvey Glen Watershed Restoration Project and the Middle Maitland Headwaters Restoration Project, just to name a few. If you were to take a trip around the watershed with Geoff, you would see many more projects that he has helped landowners and municipalities with over the years.

MVCA's Watershed Stewardship Services would not be where it is without Geoff's leadership and dedication.

Fellow members and staff, at this time we would like to show you a visual presentation of some of the work that Geoff has been involved in over the years. At the end of the visual presentation we will make a presentation to Geoff on behalf of MVCA and then give Geoff the opportunity to say a few words.

Geoff reflected on his years of service at MVCA and the diverse opportunities that he experienced throughout his past 35 years of employment amongst all service areas.

**6. Presentation from Steve Jackson, (FESS) Flood and Erosion Safety Services Coordinator: Imminent and Future Challenges Related to High Lake Levels on Lake Huron and the Increasing Risks for Damages to Shoreline Development from Bluff Collapse, Gully Erosion and Shoreline Erosion-Flooding:**

This overview was presented to inform the member's about the hazardous erosion and bluff risk to residences along Lake Huron. Staff are concerned and expect that as awareness increases amongst the public, so will the workload for the Flood and Erosion Safety Services.

**7. Business Out of the Minutes**

a) Direction on 2020 General Levy: **Report #58-19**

Report #58/19 on General Levy options for 2020 was presented. The Members decided to use Option 2 for the Draft Budget as it includes the amount required to make up for the reduction in Provincial funding in 2019. The following motion was made.

**Motion FA #98-19**

**Moved by: Deb Shewfelt**

**Seconded by: Cheryl Matheson**

**That** option #2 in report #58/19 be used in the proposed levy schedule and included in the draft budget for 2020; **And that** staff provide a comparison of service impacts associated with a \$58,000 levy increase versus a \$92,132 levy increase.

**(carried)**

b) Galbraith Conservation Area: **Report #59-19**

Report #59/19 was presented and this motion followed.

**Motion FA #99-19**

**Moved by: Roger Watt**

**Seconded by: Alison Lobb**

**That** staff work with North Perth municipal staff to provide them with information about Galbraith Conservation Area in order for them to develop a business plan; **And that** the members table further decisions about leasing until further information is received from Municipality of North Perth.

**(carried)**

**8. Business Requiring Direction and Decision**

a) Draft 2020 Authority Funded Projects: Report #60-19

Report #60/19 was presented. The member's agreed that the projects outlined are consistent with MVCA's work plan and priorities therefore should be included in the draft budget. The following motion was made.

**Motion FA #100-19**

**Moved by: Alison Lobb**

**Seconded by: Megan Gibson**

**That** the authority funded projects outlined in Report #60/19 be included in the 2020 draft budget and work plan.

**(carried)**

b) Proposed Changes to the Fee Schedule, Per Diems and Mileage: Report #61-19

Report #61/19 was presented. The member's agreed with the proposed changes and the following motion was made.

**Motion FA #101-19**

**Moved by: Deb Shewfelt**

**Seconded by: Alvin McLellan**

**That** the fee changes presented in the master fee schedule of report #61/19 be approved.

**(carried)**

**Motion FA #102-19**

**Moved by: Deb Shewfelt**

**Seconded by: Matt Duncan**

**That** there be no change to member per diems, honorariums or mileage rates in 2020.

**(carried)**

c) Appointment to the Maitland Conservation Foundation: Report #62-19

Report #62/19 was presented. This motion followed.

**Motion FA #103-19**

**Moved by: Alison Lobb**

**Seconded by: Megan Gibson**

**That** Matt Duncan be appointed to the Maitland Conservation Foundation Board for the remainder of 2019.

**(carried)**

## 9. Reports

### a) Chairs Report

Chair Turton informed the member's that the telephone conference with Minister Yurek's Office was positive. The next step in the Province's process of reviewing Conservation Authorities mandatory services will be municipal consultations, which are expected to begin in January 2020.

### b) Member's Reports

There were no member reports.

## 10. Consent Agenda

- a) Proposed Office Hours over Christmas and New Year's: **Report #63-19**
- b) Revenue/Expenditure Report October **Report #64-19**
- c) Correspondence: For Directors Information

The following items were circulated to the Member's for their information and the following motion was made.

### **Motion FA #104-19**

**Moved by: Roger Watt**

**Seconded by: Alison Lobb**

**THAT** reports #63-19 through #64-19 along with their respective recommended motions and correspondence as outlined in the Consent Agenda be accepted as presented.

**(carried)**

## 11. 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 December 18, 2019 at 7:00pm at the Administration Centre in Wroxeter.

## 12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:09 pm with this motion.

### **Motion FA #105-19**

**Moved by: Megan Gibson**

**Seconded by: Cheryl Matheson**

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

**(carried)**



Dave Turton  
Chair



Danielle Livingston  
Administrative and Financial Services Coordinator