

## General Membership Meeting #9-19

October 16, 2019

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

### 3. Minutes

The minutes from the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA) General Membership Meeting #8-19 held on September 18, 2019 have been circulated for information and approval. The Members agreed with the minutes, with one change to the notes regarding the interest of the Township of Huron Kinloss in having their full municipality under MVCA's area of jurisdiction. Ed McGugan advised that no motion has been passed by council. The following motion was made.



**Motion FA #88-19**

**Moved by: Anita van Hittersum**

**Seconded by: Ed McGugan**

**That** the minutes from the General Membership meeting #8-19 of September 18, 2019 be approved as amended.

**(carried)**

**4. Introduction:** Chris Van Esbroeck; Watershed Services Coordinator

Chris Van Esbroeck, incoming Watershed Stewardship Coordinator position introduced himself to the members.

**5. Business Requiring Direction and Decision**

- a) Letter from the Twp. of Perth East: Re: Galbraith Conservation Area: Report #49-19

The Township of Perth East advised that they are not interested in leasing the Galbraith Conservation Area. Stewart Lockie advised the Members that the Municipality of North Perth is interested in investigating the possibility of leasing the Galbraith Conservation Area from MVCA. The Municipality of North Perth has advised staff that they will let MVCA know if they are interested in developing a lease by the November 20<sup>th</sup> Members Meeting.

- b) Letter from the Maitland Mills Association: Report #50-19

Report #50-19 was presented and the member's discussed that they still agree with motion #68-15 that was passed as follows.

*That the MVCA support the efforts of any community groups that may have an 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.*

Discussion continued about the options, the impacts and cost of severance and this motion followed.

**Motion FA #89-19**

**Moved by: Roger Watt**

**Seconded by: Matt Duncan**

**That** staff investigate the options of selling the mill building as outlined in Report #50-19, number 3. and report back to the membership.

**(carried)**

- c) Direction on Draft 2020 Work Plan and Budget: Report #51-19

Report #51-19 was presented and this motion followed for further reporting, review and direction.

**Motion FA #90-19**

**Moved by: Alison Lobb**

**Seconded by: Roger Watt**

**That** the 2020 draft budget and work plan be developed based upon the 2019-2021 Work Plan and Budget Forecast; **And That** the 2020 draft budget for authority funded projects be presented at the November meeting; **And Further That** the draft 2020 budget and work plan be presented at the December meeting; **And further that** staff develop draft levy schedules based upon an increase of \$58,000 and a second schedule including an additional \$36,000, which represents the provincial funding that was eliminated by the Provincial Government in 2019.

**(carried)**

d) Personnel Committee Report: Report #52-19

Report #52-19 was presented with the amendment that the effective date for change should be January 1<sup>st</sup>, rather than thirty days after approval. This motion followed.

**Motion FA #91-19**

**Moved by: Alison Lobb**

**Seconded by: Cheryl Matheson**

**That** the proposed amendments to the personnel policy be approved as outlined in report #52/19.

**(carried)**

e) Occupational Health and Safety Committee Report: Report #53-19

Report #53-19 was presented and this motion followed.

**Motion FA #92-19**

**Moved by: Roger Watt**

**Seconded by: Matt Duncan**

**That** the membership approve the amendments as outlined in report #53/19

**(carried)**

f) Audit Services for 2020-2022: Report #54-19

Report #54-19 was presented and discussion took place about the content of the audit proposals received, staff and client experience of each firm. This motion followed.

**Motion FA #93-19**

**Moved by: Roger Watt**

**Seconded by: Megan Gibson**

**That** the proposal from Seebach & Company to provide the MVCA's audit services for 2020, 2021 and 2022 be accepted; **And That** staff contact the firms who submitted proposals to inform them of the motion.

**(carried)**

## 6. Reports

### a) Chairs Report

Chair Turton stated that he attended the Conservation Ontario Council meeting on September 30<sup>th</sup> with Phil Beard, General Manager-Secretary-Treasurer. The main focus of the meeting was to discuss key messages that all conservation authorities should include in their upcoming meetings with the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks.

Minister Yurek is reaching out to all 36 Conservation Authorities (CA) across Ontario in the coming weeks to consult with individual authorities as part of the process that the province is undertaking to identify what services should be mandatory and which should be non-mandatory. The MVCA chair and GM-ST will be participating in a teleconference with the Minister on October 29<sup>th</sup>.

### b) Member Reports

There were no member reports.

## 7. Consent Agenda

- a) Revenue/Expenditure Report for September: Report #55-19
- b) Conservation Ontario Council Meeting: Report #56-19
- c) Carbon Footprint Initiative Meeting Summary: Report #57-19
- d) Correspondence for Members Information:

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

### **Motion FA #94-19**

**Moved by: Alison Lobb**

**Seconded by: Matt Duncan**

**THAT** reports #55-19 through #57-19 along with their respective recommended motions and correspondence as outlined in the Consent Agenda be accepted as presented.

**(carried)**

## 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 November 20, 2019 at 7:00pm at the Administration Centre in Wroxeter.

**9. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm with this motion.

**Motion FA #95-19**

**Moved by: Roger Watt**

**Seconded by: Megan Gibson**

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

**(carried)**



Dave Turton  
Chair



Danielle Livingston  
Administrative/Financial  
Services Coordinator