

## Annual Meeting of the Membership #2/2021

Virtual Location via Zoom

February 17, 2021

**Members Present:**

David Turton, Matt Duncan, Roger Watt, Alison Lobb, Ed McGugan, Kevin Freiburger, Anita van Hittersum, Megan Gibson, Cheryl Matheson, Alvin McLellan, Erinn Lawrie

**Staff Present:**

Phil Beard, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer  
Danielle Livingston, Admin/Financial Services Coordinator  
Jayne Thompson, Communications Coordinator  
Stewart Lockie, Conservation Areas Coordinator  
Stephen Jackson, Flood/Erosion Safety Coordinator  
Chris Van Esbroeck, Watershed Stewardship Coordinator  
Cheryl Dobbyn, Clerk  
Dave Nuhn, Field Services Technician  
Doug Hocking, Water Quality Specialist  
Kirsten Snoek, Planning and Regs Assistant  
Shannon Millar, Shoreline Technician  
Donna Clarkson, ABCA CO-DWSP Program Supervisor-Risk Management Official

**Others in Attendance:**

Lisa Thompson, Ben Lobb, Jane McKelvie, Glen McNeil, Doug Harding, Francis Hogan, Steve McCabe, Todd Kasenberg, Kriss Snell, Gregg Davidson

### 1. Welcome and Remarks by the Chair, Dave Turton

Chair Turton called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm, welcomed everyone with these remarks;

Welcome to our Annual Meeting, 2021 is the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority. While we aren't holding a formal celebration this year, we will be celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the opening of the Falls Reserve Conservation Area that we had originally planned to do last year.

We are glad that you are able to join us this afternoon.



Our major objectives today are to elect our Chair and Vice Chairs for 2021 and to identify ideas for strengthening our working relationship with the Maitland Conservation Foundation. As you know the MCF raises money to help fund a variety of conservation authority projects across the watershed. MCF's Chair, Kriss Snell will be making a presentation on how MVCA can assist them with their fundraising efforts.

Before we begin the meeting I will make some opening remarks on the year ahead!

In our letter to our member municipalities, we outlined that MVCA has been working over the past 7 years to focus our services into three key areas:

1. Flood and Erosion Safety
2. Watershed Stewardship
3. Conservation Areas

We have had to do this because we have limited resources, and we want to be as effective as possible with the resources we have.

It has taken MVCA 25 years to build our resources back to the level that we had in 1995! However, we still need to build more resources to stabilize our budget to deal with the challenges we face. It is with thanks to the support of our member municipalities that we have been able to build this back and we appreciate your support.

MVCA's 2021 work plan is very ambitious and forward thinking. Some of the major priorities that we will be moving ahead with include;

- decommissioning the Gorrie Dam and rehabilitating the conservation area
- upgrading the septic system at the Falls Reserve
- undertaking a comprehensive assessment of the health of the forests in the Maitland watershed
- developing an infrastructure strategy for all the equipment and structures that we own
- in order to undertake this work, we will have to use a large amount of our accumulated surplus to undertake this work
- 2020 marked the year that we finally got back to the same level of resources that we had in 1995!
- We are able to advance a number of watershed stewardship projects in 2021 thanks to the support and leadership of Healthy Lake Huron..
- HLH is co-led by OMAFRA and MECP.
- Thanks to our MPP Lisa Thompson for her support of HLH and for working with Minister Yurek to keep this collaboration going.

Healthy Lake Huron steering committee is comprised of representatives from all three levels of government, conservation authorities, health units and several non-governmental groups, all working to improve the water quality in Lake Huron and adjacent watersheds.

This is great collaboration for getting more stewardship work implemented within the watersheds that drain into Lake Huron.

I would also like to thank the counties of Wellington and Huron for their continued support for their respective clean water projects.

This partnership has helped many landowners and community groups to undertake a lot of great stewardship projects across the watersheds covered by these programs.

Last October MVCA invited Dr. Justina Ray's, Chief Scientist for the Wildlife Conservation Society to make a presentation on Healthy Watersheds, people and wildlife. She outlined how watershed health helps to reduce the risk of infectious disease outbreaks from wildlife. She encouraged conservation authorities to develop partnerships with public health and OMAFRA to develop an integrated one health approach.

Conservation authorities and municipalities need additional partnerships to be developed by the Provincial and Federal Governments so that we can undertake projects that will help protect our citizens from flooding and erosion.

Rural conservation authorities and municipalities do not have financial resources to cover the entire cost of updating flood and erosion risk mapping or to finance flood and erosion damage reduction projects without help from the Federal and Provincial government.

The federal government is in the process of developing three programs related to dealing with climate change and restoring natural infrastructure:

- 2 Billion Tree program
- Nature Based Climate Solutions Program
- An updated National Disaster Mitigation Program
- Conservation authorities and municipalities need the support of our MPPs and MPs to work with the Federal and Provincial Government to make sure that these programs are designed in a way that they will meet the needs of rural areas.
- We would be happy to talk to you about how these programs need to be designed to benefit rural watersheds such as the Maitland so that we can develop healthy, resilient, safe and prosperous communities and watersheds

In closing I would like say that MVCA's Members are looking forward to working with all of you to undertake this important work in 2021.

Thank you.

## **2. Greetings from Guests**

Greetings from the following dignitaries were made:

Lisa Thompson, Huron Bruce MPP

Randy Pettapiece Perth-Wellington MPP

John Nater Perth-Wellington MP

Ben Lobb, Huron Bruce MP

Doug Harding, Township of Howick Reeve

Glen McNeil, Huron County Warden and Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh Mayor

Todd Kasenberg, North Perth Mayor

Gregg Davidson, Township of Mapleton Mayor

## **3. Introduction of the Members of Maitland Conservation and the Maitland Conservation Foundation (MCF)**

Chair Turton called on the members of MVCA and MCF to introduce themselves and their affiliation.

## **4. Election of Officers for 2021**

- a) Appointment of Presiding Officer and Scrutineers

Chair Turton called for an appointment of a Presiding Officer for the election of Chair.

**Motion FA #10/21**

**Moved by: Matt Duncan**

**Seconded by: Megan Gibson**

**That** Kris Snell act as the Presiding Officer for the election of Chair for the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA) and the Maitland Source Protection Authority (MSPA).

**(carried)**

Chair Dave Turton, Vice-Chair Matt Duncan, and Second-Vice Chair Roger Watt vacated their positions during the election for Chair.

Appointment of Scrutineers by Presiding Officer

Presiding Officer Snell declared all offices vacant and called for a motion to appoint two Scrutineers.

**Motion FA #11/21**

**Moved by: Alison Lobb**

**Seconded by: Alvin McLellan**

**That** and Francis Hogan and Glen McNeil be Scrutineers for the election of officers; **And that** the Scrutineers be responsible for destroying ballots after the election if needed.

b) Election of Chair for 2021

Presiding Officer Snell called for nominations for the position of Chair for the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority and the Maitland Source Protection Authority for 2021.

**Motion FA #12/21**

**Moved by: Matt Duncan**

**That** Dave Turton is nominated for Chair of the MVCA and the MSPA for 2021.

Presiding Officer Snell called for nominations for the Chair position two more times. There were no further nominations and the Presiding Officer called for a motion to close nominations.

**Motion FA #13/21**

**Moved by: Alison Lobb**

**Seconded by: Roger Watt**

**That** nominations for the position of Chair of the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority and Maitland Source Protection Authority for 2021 be closed.

**(carried)**

Dave Turton agreed to stand for the position of Chair in 2021.

Presiding Officer Snell declared Dave Turton as the Chair of the MVCA and MSPA for 2021.

Chair Turton then presided over the election for the Vice and Second-Vice positions and the remainder of the meeting.

c) Election of Vice-Chair for 2021

Chair Turton called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority and Maitland Source Protection Authority for 2021.

**Motion FA #14/21**

**Moved by: Roger Watt**

**That** Matt Duncan is nominated for Vice-Chair of the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority and Maitland Source Protection Authority for 2021.

Chair Turton called for further nominations for Vice-Chair two more times and no others were made so then called for a motion to close nominations.

**Motion FA #15/21**

**Moved by: Alvin McLellan**

**Seconded by: Ed McGugan**

**That** nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority and Maitland Source Protection Authority for 2021 be closed.

**(carried)**

Matt Duncan accepted the Vice-Chair position.

The Chair declared Matt Duncan as Vice-Chair of the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority and Maitland Source Protection Authority for 2021.

d) Election of 2nd Second Vice-Chair for 2021

Chair Turton called for nominations for the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair of the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority and Maitland Source Protection Authority for 2021.

**Motion FA #16/21**

**Moved by: Matt Duncan**

**That** Roger Watt is nominated for 2nd Vice-Chair of the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority and Maitland Source Protection Authority for 2021.

Chair Turton called for further nominations for 2nd Vice-Chair and this motion was made.

**Motion FA #17/21**

**Moved by: Ed McGugan**

**That** Megan Gibson is nominated for 2nd Vice-Chair of the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority and Maitland Source Protection Authority for 2021.

Chair Turton called for nominations for 2nd Vice-Chair for a third time and no others were made so then called for a motion to close nominations.

**Motion FA #18/21**

**Moved by: Alison Lobb**

**Seconded by: Roger Watt**

**That** nominations for the position of 2nd Vice-Chair of the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority and Maitland Source Protection Authority for 2021 be closed.

**(carried)**

Roger Watt didn't accept the 2nd Vice-Chair position and withdrew his nomination.

Megan Gibson thanked her nominator and accepted the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair.

Chair Turton declared Megan Gibson as 2nd Vice-Chair of the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority and Maitland Source Protection Authority for 2021.

e) Destruction of Ballots

There were no ballots to be destroyed.

**5. Presentation: Overview of the "Restoring the Maitland" campaign and projects supported by the Maitland Conservation Foundation and John Hindmarsh Environmental Trust Fund in 2020. Phil Beard, Interim Executive Director, MCF**

**6. Discussion of ideas on how Maitland Conservation can help support the Restoring the Maitland Campaign in 2021: Kriss Snell, Chair, MCF. Report #10-2021**

Report #10-21 was presented and this motion followed.

**Motion FA #19/21**

**Moved by: Alvin McLellan**

**Seconded by: Matt Duncan**

**That** Report #10-2021 be accepted and that the report be referred to staff to prepare a report outlining how we can assist the MCF to strengthen their fundraising campaign in 2021.

**7. Adoption of Meeting Schedule for 2021: Report #11-2021**

Report #11-21 was presented and this motion followed.

**Motion FA #20/21**

**Moved by: Megan Gibson**

**Seconded by: Cheryl Matheson**

**That** the meeting schedule for 2021 be approved as outlined in Report #11-2021.

**(carried)**

**8. Next Meeting to be held Wednesday, March 17, 2021**

**9. Adjournment**

**Motion FA #21/21**

**Moved by: Roger Watt**

**Seconded by: Megan Gibson**

**That the meeting be adjourned.**

**(carried)**

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 pm.



Dave Turton  
Chair



Danielle Livingston  
Administrative and Financial Services Coordinator

**9. Adjournment**

**Motion FA #21/21**

**Moved by: Roger Watt**

**Seconded by: Megan Gibson**

**That the meeting be adjourned.**

**(carried)**

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 pm.



Dave Turton  
Chair



Danielle Livingston  
Administrative and Financial Services Coordinator