

Board of Directors Meeting #4-21

April 21, 2021

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

Absent with regrets:

Staff Present: Phil Beard, General Manager-Secretary-Treasurer
Stewart Lockie, Conservation Areas Coordinator
Erin Gouthro, Watershed Ecologist
Donna Clarkson, MSPA

Community Members: Kevin Predon, Forest Conservation Bylaw Officer,
County of Bruce

1. Call to Order

Chair Turton welcomed everyone, called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 #3-2021 held on March 17, 2021 have been circulated for information and approval. The Members agreed with the minutes and the following motion was made.

Motion FA #41-21

Moved by: Megan Gibson

Seconded by: Ed McGugan

THAT the minutes from the General Membership meeting #3-2021 held on March 17, 2021 be approved. **(carried)**



4. Presentation: Maitland Forest Health Assessment Project

Erin Gouthro, Watershed Ecologist and Kevin Predon, Forest Conservation Bylaw Officer with the County of Bruce made a presentation on the Maitland Forest Health Assessment project.

5. Business Requiring Direction and or Decision

- a) Request from the Township of Howick to establish a trail through the Gorrie Conservation Area: **Report #26-21**

Report #26-21 was presented and discussed by the Members. The following motion was made:

Motion FA #42-21

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Roger Watt

THAT MVCA supports the Township of Howick’s interest in developing a trail at the Gorrie Conservation area and is willing to provide a letter of support for their application for funding to the Canada’s Healthy Communities Initiative.

(carried)

- b) Information Topics for Members in 2021: **Report #27-21**

Report #27-21 was presented and the following motion was made:

Motion FA #43-21

Moved by: Ed McGugan

Seconded by: Matt Duncan

THAT staff develop information sessions on all 4 topics as outlined in report #27-21.

(carried)

- c) Governance, Accountability and Transparency Initiative: **Report #28-21**

Report #28-21 was presented and the following motion was made:

Motion FA #44-21

Moved by: Roger Watt

Seconded by: Cheryl Matheson

WHEREAS the provincial government has passed legislative amendments related to the governance of Conservation Authorities;

AND WHEREAS the Conservation Authorities remain committed to fulfilling accountable and transparent governance;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority endorses the three key actions developed by the Conservation Ontario Steering Committee to update CA Administrative By-laws, to report proactively on priorities, and to promote/demonstrate results;

AND THAT staff work with Conservation Ontario staff to implement these actions and to identify additional improvements and best management practices.

(carried)

6. Chair and Members Reports

The Chair reported to the Members that he attended the Conservation Ontario Annual Meeting on April 12th and that CO elected a new Chair, Andy Mitchell. The remainder of the Executive Committee consists of the same members who served in 2020.

The Chair asked Stewart Lockie, Conservation Areas Coordinator to advise the Members on the status of MVCA's Conservation Areas. Stewart advised the Members that MVCA's Conservation Areas are open for day use only.

Matt Duncan reported that the Members that Perth County Council has directed their Forest Conservation Bylaw Officer to bring a report back to council on the number of acres of forest that have been removed in connection with the removal of ash trees. This information will be forwarded to MVCA for use in MVCA's Forest Health Assessment Project.

Anita Van Hittersum reported that the council for the Township of North Huron passed a motion on April 19th to decommission the Howson Dam.

7. Consent Agenda

The following items were circulated to the Members for their information.

- a) Agreements Signed: **Report #29-21**
- b) Revenue-Expenditure Report: **Report #30-21**
- c) Conservation Ontario Council Meeting Summary: **Report #31-21**
- d) Maitland Conservation Foundation Annual Meeting: **Report #32-21**

The following motion was made:

Motion FA #45-21

Moved by: Megan Gibson

Seconded by: Ed McGugan

THAT reports #29-21 through #32-21 along with their respective recommended motions and correspondence as outlined in the Consent Agenda be accepted as presented.

(carried)

8. Review of Meeting Objectives & Next Meeting Date, Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 7:00pm.

9. Adjournment of Members Meeting:

The members meeting adjourned at 8:00pm with the following motion:

Motion FA #46-21

Moved by: Roger Watt

Seconded by: Alvin McLellan

THAT the Members Meeting be adjourned;

AND THAT the members move into the Maitland Source Protection Authority Meeting #3-21.

(carried)



Dave Turton
Chair



Phil Beard
General Manager /
Secretary-Treasurer