



Minutes of Meeting #06/10

Meeting #06/10 was held on Friday, May 7, 2010 at the Kawartha Conservation Office. Chair Villemaire called the meeting to order at 9:31a.m.

Present: Donna Villemaire, Chair
Peter Franzen, Vice-chair
David Marsh
Jim McMillen
Larry O'Connor
Lloyd Robertson
Alex Ruth

Regrets: Ron Hooper
Lynn Philip Hodgson

Staff: Rob Messervey, CAO
Wanda Stephen, Director, Corporate Services
Cindy Haney, Administrative Assistant

Audited 2009 Financial Statements

The following motion was brought forward from the meeting of April 28, 2010 as unfinished business.

Resolution #80/10

Moved by: David Marsh
Seconded by: Larry O'Connor

Resolved, That, the 2009 draft financial statements as audited by the firm Peter Shennett, Chartered Accountant, be approved and that surplus/deficit be allocated as recommended.

CARRIED

Lake Scugog Environmental Management Plan

The following motion was brought forward from the meeting of April 28, 2010 as unfinished business.

Resolution #83/10

Moved by: Jim McMillen
Seconded by: Larry O'Connor

Resolved, That, the Lake Scugog Environmental Management Plan be approved, and;
That, staff be directed to proceed with approved implementation activities, subject to Board and Municipal work plans, budgets and funding approvals.

CARRIED

Reports from CAO

Resolution #87/10

Moved by: Jim McMillen
Seconded by: Larry O'Connor

Resolved, That, the CAO Report for Meeting #5/10 be adopted as received.

CARRIED

Mr. Messervey provided an overview of the Green Energy Act legislation and the various roles of ministries as well as our role in the approvals process for renewable energy projects. Concerns were expressed by the board members regarding the lack of clarity pertaining to the appeal process. The CAO will research and bring a report back to the board.

Resolution #88/10

Moved by: Lloyd Robertson
Seconded by: David Marsh

Resolved, That, the CAO Report on the Green Energy and Green Economy Act and Regulations be received, and; That, the Green Energy Act be an agenda item at the June board meeting.

CARRIED

Mr. Messervey provided a verbal report on Conservation Ontario's briefing with the Minister of Natural Resources. In his discussion with Mr. Pearson, General Manager, Conservation Ontario, it was indicated that the minister's briefing was on short notice. The intent of Conservation Ontario is to be collaborative and in this instance the subject matter was of a routine nature, providing the minister with information on the roles and responsibilities of conservation authorities. The Minister was presented with an overview of program priorities, as supported by all Conservation Authorities through business decisions and strategic planning discussions involving Conservation Ontario Council members. It was noted that a significant value that Conservation Ontario provides is the coordination of review and input to both the federal and provincial governments on new or proposed amendments to legislation, regulations and policies or procedures. Mr. Marsh recommended that an agenda item providing an update on Conservation Ontario initiatives and activities be added regularly to the meeting agenda.

Resolution #89/10

Moved by: Peter Franzen
Seconded by: David Marsh

Resolved, That, the CAO Verbal Report on the Conservation Ontario briefing with the Minister be received.

CARRIED

Resolution #90/10

Moved by: Peter Franzen
Seconded by: Larry O'Connor

Resolved, That, Conservation Ontario be invited to make a presentation at a board meeting.

CARRIED

Staff Reports

Clarification was provided on various program deliverables. Discussion ensued on the environmental elements of the farm lease agreement.

Resolution #91/10

Moved by: Lloyd Robertson
Seconded by: Alex Ruth

Resolved, That, the staff progress updates to March 31, 2010 be received.

CARRIED

Staff Reports Continued.....

Resolution #92/10

Moved by: Larry O'Connor
Seconded by: Jim McMillen

Resolved, That, the interim financial statement to March 31, 2010 be received for information.

CARRIED

Mr. Marsh raised questions regarding the lack of direct funding from DFO for our review of applications under the Level 3 Agreement. Mr. Messervey advised that a primary benefit of the agreement is to provide prompt and quality service to residents/applicants that avoids duplication of process, in that Kawartha Conservation would be required to review each application under Section 28 Regulations in any case. Mr. Messervey also advised that DFO does not and will not provide direct funding for Conservation Authority staffing under the agreements, but have consistently provided funding support for studies and plans, and training services for our staff which have resulted in an effective partnership. It was requested that Conservation Ontario be requested to address DFO funding in their presentation.

Resolution #93/10

Moved by: Alex Ruth
Seconded by: Jim McMillen

Resolved, That, the staff report on the level 3 agreement with DFO be received.

CARRIED

Resolution #94/10

Moved by: Larry O'Connor
Seconded by: Alex Ruth

Resolved, That, the Blue Canoe Final Report be received.

CARRIED

Concerns were raised about a partnership with a for profit company and staff were directed to bring a report back to the board after discussions.

Resolution #95/10

Moved by: Lloyd Robertson
Seconded by: David Marsh

Resolved, That, staff meet with "Out to Learn" to discuss a partnership which limits the contribution of Kawartha Conservation staff time, does not incur additional costs for Kawartha Conservation, and does not limit the ability of Kawartha Conservation to deliver its own education programming or partner with other organizations, and, That, a report come back to the board updating discussions and details.

CARRIED

Resolution #96/10

Moved by: Jim McMillen
Seconded by: Larry O'Connor

Resolved, That, the staff report on Drinking Water Source Protection future funding be received and; That, a follow up report be brought to the board after the meeting in June.

CARRIED

Draft Terms of Reference, Sturgeon Lake Management Plan

Mr. Marsh discussed public attendance at open houses/meetings and the means of increasing attendance. Mr. Robertson questioned if the aquatic weed meetings were still occurring and suggested staff continue to attend to stay current with the out comes of the meetings.

Resolution #97/10

Moved by: Alex Ruth
Seconded by: Jim McMillen

Resolved, That, the Terms of Reference for the Sturgeon Lake Management Plan be approved.

CARRIED

Policies and Procedures

It was suggested that the policy on Access to Private Property be circulated to our solicitor and the police for comments.

Resolution #98/10

Moved by: Dave Marsh
Seconded by: Lloyd Robertson

Resolved, That, the Access to Private Property policy be deferred for circulation to the solicitor and police for comments.

CARRIED

Correspondence

Resolution #99/10

Moved by: Larry O'Connor
Seconded by: Alex Ruth

Resolved, That, the attached correspondence be received for information.

CARRIED

New Business

Mr. Marsh raised the question on attendance at the Conservation Ontario biennial tour.

Resolution #100/10

Moved by: Larry O'Connor
Seconded by: Lloyd Robertson

Resolved, That, Alex Ruth attend Conservation Ontario's biennial tour in place of staff for 2010.

CARRIED

Reports and Updates from Board Members

Mr. Franzen provided an update on the Friends of Kawartha Conservation and the John Howard Society who had teamed up and conducted a successful Earth Day clean up on Angeline Street collecting 14 truck loads of garbage. The Friends is also researching the possibility of an off leash dog park designated area at Ken Reid Conservation Area.

Mr. Messervey reported back to the board on the details of the farm lease agreement.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

Resolution #101/10

Moved by: Larry O'Connor
Seconded by: Alex Ruth

Resolved, That, the Board of Directors Meeting #06/10 be adjourned.

CARRIED

Donna Villemaire
Chair

Robert Messervey
CAO