



MINUTES OF MEETING #03/11

MEETING #03/11 WAS HELD ON FRIDAY, MARCH 4TH, 2011 AT THE KAWARTHA CONSERVATION OFFICE. CHAIR VILLEMAIRE CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 1:05 P.M.

PRESENT: DONNA VILLEMAIRE, CHAIR
PAT WARREN, VICE-CHAIR
JIM CHAPLIN
TED SMITH
CHUCK MERCIER
DON LACOMBE
RON HOOPER
JOHN HANCOCK

ABSENT: HEATHER STAUBLE

STAFF: ROB MESSERVEY, CAO
WANDA STEPHEN, DIRECTOR, CORPORATE SERVICES
PETER WARING, MANAGER, PLANNING & REGULATION
DAVID PRIDHAM, MANAGER, ENVIRONMENTAL & TECHNICAL SERVICES
LEAH BREIVIK, RESOURCES PLANNER
DAWNA RYCROFT, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

RESOLUTION #23/11

MOVED BY: JIM CHAPLIN
SECONDED BY: CHUCK MERCIER

RESOLVED, THAT, the agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

NONE DECLARED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION #24/11

MOVED BY: TED SMITH
SECONDED BY: RON HOOPER

RESOLVED, THAT, the Board of Directors Minutes of Meeting #1/11 and #2/11 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

ORIENTATION SESSION

Iryna Shulyarenko, Hydrologist, provided an overview of the Flood Forecasting and Warning Program as well as the Ontario Low Water Response Program. She explained the roles and responsibilities of the Conservation Authorities, Municipalities and the Province under these conditions.

The Board asked if the municipalities had an emergency plan in place to cover these situations.

Rob Messervey informed the Board that he had approached Iryna to take a leadership role in working with local municipalities and other Conservation Authorities to gather information and produce a template to help in the development of Municipal Preparedness Plans.

The Board inquired as to TSW's role in these programs. Staff responded that TSW was a partner of Kawartha Conservation. Staff also reported that annual meetings are held with TSW, MNR as well as other CA's and that more frequent meetings are held on an as required basis.

Rob Messervey brought to the attention of the Board that he would be providing a report after the next meeting of the TSW Water Management Advisory Council on which he represents the six conservation authorities who have jurisdiction on the TSW. This is part of a Federal Government commitment to begin implementing some of the recommendations of the Expert Panel Report on the Future of the TSW panel. The objective is for all agencies and major associations who have concerns about water management to assist the TSW in ensuring that they are effective in their operations.

Rob Messervey offered to have the Provincial Guidelines and Watershed Characterization Report available to the Board by either providing a printed copy to members or loading these documents to our website.

RATIFICATION OF PERMITS

RESOLUTION #25/11

MOVED BY: DON LACOMBE
SECONDED BY: CHUCK MERCIER

RESOLVED, THAT, the attached list of Section 28 Permits issued between January 13th, 2011 and February 23rd, 2011, be ratified.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION #26/11

MOVED BY: TED SMITH
SECONDED BY: JOHN HANCOCK

RESOLVED, THAT, Revised permit application No. 2010-001 submitted under the Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses (Ontario Regulation 182/06) be approved.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION #31/11

This permit application was deferred to follow Item Number 7 in the Agenda in order to have the applicant present. The applicant did not appear and the Board of Directors agreed to continue.

MOVED BY: CHUCK MERCIER
SECONDED BY: JOHN HANCOCK

RESOLVED, THAT, Permit application No. 2011-010 submitted under the Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses (Ontario Regulation 182/06) be approved.

CARRIED

REPORTS FROM THE STAFF

Rob Messervey provided an overview of his CAO report on activities since the last BOD meeting on January 19, 2011.

He highlighted the approval of the City of Kawartha Lakes of our capital funding requests as well as preliminary confirmation from the Region of Durham. It was also brought to the attention of the Board the approval from the Region of Durham for 40% of land securement costs for properties in East Cross Forest.

Rob Messervey also addressed the hand-out titled "Strategic Planning & KRCA". He informed the Board that our consultant, Karen Wianecki, would be present at the March 23rd, 2011 Board Meeting to provide the results of the 35 interviews that she has conducted with key partners across the watershed. Karen will also be starting a discussion with the Board Members in regards to their thoughts and perspectives in regards to what we do, what we've been doing and where we might see ourselves moving to in the future in terms of strategic priorities.

The CAO also mentioned the upcoming meeting of the Executive Liaison Group on April 29 at which the Balsam/Cameron Lakes Management Plans would be launched.

RESOLUTION #27/11

MOVED BY: PAT WARREN

SECONDED BY: JIM CHAPLIN

RESOLVED, THAT, the CAO report for Meeting #03/11 be received.

CARRIED

BLUE CANOE PROJECT REPORT

Staff provided a review of the Blue Canoe social marketing program that was completed as part of the Lake Scugog Environmental Management Plan.

The Board asked if this program would be part of the Sturgeon Lake Management Plan.

Staff responded that a similar program was being developed but would not likely be in place until 2012/13.

Director Mercier offered the opportunity to promote implementation projects like the Blue Canoe program with the public by allowing KRCA to share with the Township of Scugog their full page advertisement in the local newspaper.

RESOLUTION #28/11

MOVED BY: CHUCK MERCIER

SECONDED BY: RON HOOPER

RESOLVED, THAT, the staff report on the Blue Canoe project be received

CARRIED

PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT WITH SIR SANDFORD FLEMING COLLEGE

Staff provided an overview of the partnership development between Sir Sandford Fleming College and Kawartha Conservation which will lead to a more strategic involvement with our ongoing programs and current activities.

RESOLUTION #29/11

MOVED BY: DON LACOMBE

SECONDED BY: TED SMITH

RESOLVED, THAT, this update on partnership development with Sir Sandford Fleming College be received.

CARRIED

2011 BUDGET

Staff updated the Board of Directors on the status of the 2011 Preliminary Budget. The Board was asked to consider the recommended resolution with respect to approving the budget by a weighted vote.

RESOLUTION #30/11

MOVED BY: CHUCK MERCIER
 SECONDED BY: PAT WARREN

RESOLVED, THAT, the 2011 Operating Budget be set at \$1,853,850, and;
 THAT, the general benefiting municipal levy in support of the Operating Budget be set at \$1,199,450 with the operating levy being apportioned between watershed municipalities as follows:

| Municipality | Apportionment % | Levy |
|--|-----------------|------------|
| City of Kawartha Lakes | 61.2939% | \$ 735,190 |
| Region of Durham | 33.9125% | \$ 406,763 |
| Township of Galway, Cavendish & Harvey | 4.4442% | \$ 53,306 |
| Township of Cavan Monaghan | .3494% | \$ 4,191 |

And;

THAT, the 2011 General Benefiting Capital Budget be set at \$ 277,700, and;

THAT, the municipal levy raised for general benefiting capital projects in 2011 be \$ 85,250, and;

THAT, special benefiting capital projects proceed as the required funding is approved by the benefiting municipalities.

| | VOTE % | PRESENT (Y OR N) | VOTE (Y, N OR A) | AVAILABLE VOTE TOTAL | % YES | % NO |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------|------------|----------|
| CITY OF KAWARTHA LAKES | 50.00 | | | | | |
| DONNA VILLEMAIRE | 16.6667 | Y | Y | 16.66666667 | 16.6666667 | |
| HEATHER STAUBLE | 16.6667 | N | A | 16.66666667 | 16.6666667 | |
| PAT WARREN | 16.6667 | Y | Y | 16.66666667 | 16.6666667 | |
| REGION OF DURHAM | 43.81 | | | | | |
| CHUCK MERCIER | 10.9507 | Y | Y | 10.9519236 | 10.9507 | |
| JOHN HANCOCK | 10.9507 | Y | Y | 10.9519236 | 10.9507 | |
| TED SMITH | 10.9507 | Y | Y | 10.9519236 | 10.9507 | |
| RON HOOPER | 10.9507 | Y | Y | 10.9519236 | 10.9507 | |
| CAVAN MONAGHAN | | | | | | |
| JIM CHAPLIN | .4536 | Y | Y | 4.51350046 | 4.536 | |
| GALWAY-CAVENDISH-HARVEY | | | | | | |
| DON LACOMBE | 5.7436 | Y | Y | 5.74095556 | 5.7436 | |
| TOTALS | 100.0000 | 8 | 8 | 100 | 100 | 0 |

RUNNING % VOTE: 100.0000

BUDGET PASSED

CARRIED

A short break was called at 2:25 pm. Chair Villemaire called the meeting back to order at 2:35 pm.

INTERIM LAND SECUREMENT POLICY

Staff presented the Interim Land Securement Policy to the Board of Directors for their review and approval. This policy will address land acquisition and land donation matters.

The Board requested that Section 6.13 be amended to address the size of the average parcel to enable consideration of smaller properties under certain circumstances, including add ons to existing properties.

RESOLUTION #32/11

MOVED BY: TED SMITH
SECONDED BY: JOHN HANCOCK

RESOLVED, THAT, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVES the Interim Land Securement Policy, as amended, for implementation pending the development of a comprehensive Natural Heritage Land Securement Policy.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLUTION #33/11

MOVED BY: PAT WARREN
SECONDED BY: RON HOOPER

RESOLVED, THAT, the attached correspondence be received.

CARRIED

REPORTS AND UPDATES FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Director Mercier addressed the Board and thanked all for supporting the presentation and their endorsement of the commercial fill issue in the Township of Scugog. He noted that the Township of Scugog would appear before the courts on Friday, March 11, 2011 in regards to their injunction. His hope was that this activity would stop within 30 days of this court appearance. Director Mercier updated the Board on a meeting that was held on Tuesday, March 4th, 2011 in Uxbridge. He stated that the meeting had gone very well and that there was Federal MP and MPP representation, MOE, MNR, MMAH participation, and representation from several municipalities. All were asked to put their heads together to explore how we could enhance enforcement tools to address commercial fill issues across the province. He felt that commercial landfill should be considered a provincial issue. He also suggested that it not be an anti-commercial fill message but a managing commercial fill message. He addressed the need to be strategically looking for sites for fill and the need to ensure that the quality of the fill be monitored properly.

Director Hooper updated the Board on a similar issue in Clarington compounded by a lack of a fill by-law policy being in place. Another issue Director Hooper mentioned was the purchase of a piece of property for back taxes that is in a floodplain which the new owners are proposing to convert into solar panels. His concern was that the green energy act supersedes all other authority's policies.

Rob Messervey clarified that a permit from the Conservation Authority still needs to be issued for any renewable energy project if in a regulated area.

Director Smith requested some information in regard to the meeting that took place last week with the agricultural sector regarding our draft Planning and Regulations Policies. Rob Messervey responded that the turnout was good with 12 other agricultural representatives and included the head of the milk board and cattlemen's association, chair and vice-chair of the CKL agricultural board, as well as other partners from the surrounding Conservation Authorities. Staff has agreed to do a presentation to the Durham Agricultural Board.

Director Smith also mentioned the OGRA Convention. He brought to the attention of the Board the responses and feelings of the agricultural community in regards to the issues surrounding endangered species. All agreed that these policies need to be balanced and reasonable in terms of these protections.

Vice-Chair Warren announced that the Sustainability Plan for the city is going forward and thanked Rob for sitting on the Steering Committee. Vice-Chair Warren also mentioned that the Food Charter had been launched by the city.

NEW BUSINESS

Rob Messervey presented the Directors with a copy of the Annual Report for their review and asked for any feedback that they may have.

Staff brought to the Board's attention a current commercial fill operation that is currently being investigated within a regulated area in the Township of Scugog. It is still in the initial stages and discussion has taken place with the operator. The operator has since applied for a permit. There may also be issues surrounding the quality of the fill that will need attention. Staff will update the Board as the investigation continues.

CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION #34/11

MOVED BY: RON HOOPER
SECONDED BY: DON LACOMBE

RESOLVED, THAT, the Board of Directors enters into closed session.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION #35/11

MOVED BY: TED SMITH
SECONDED BY: CHUCK MERCIER

RESOLVED, THAT, the Board of Directors rises from closed session.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

RESOLUTION #37/11

MOVED BY: JIM CHAPLIN
SECONDED BY: PAT WARREN

RESOLVED, THAT, the Board of Directors Meeting #02/11 be adjourned.

CARRIED

DONNA VILLEMAIRE
CHAIR

ROB MESSERVEY
CAO