



Minutes of Meeting # 2/09

Meeting #2/09 was held on Wednesday, January 21st, 2009 at the Kawartha Conservation office. Chair McMillen called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Present: Jim McMillen, Chair
Donna Villemaire, Vice-chair
Larry O'Connor
Ron Hooper
David Marsh
Lloyd Robertson
Peter Franzen
Lynn Philip Hodgson

Regrets: Alex Ruth

Staff: Wanda Stephen, Acting CAO
Mark Majchrowski, Director, Watershed Management
Dave Pridham, Manager, Environmental and Technical Services
Kristie Virgoe, Manager, Environmental Protection and Restoration
Rob Stavinga, Watershed Resources Technician

Adoption of Agenda

Resolution #13/09

Moved by: Lynn Philip Hodgson

Seconded by: Larry O'Connor

Resolved, That, the agenda for Meeting #2/09 be adopted as received.

CARRIED

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

Adoption of Minutes

Resolution #14/09

Moved by: Lloyd Robertson

Seconded by: Ron Hooper

Resolved, That, the minutes for Meeting #1/09 be adopted as received.

CARRIED

Delegation

The delegate did not appear.

Potential Land Donation

Discussion on the acceptance of a wetland donation took place including liability and future costs. It was noted by Director Marsh that the land cannot be developed since it is a wetland and that there was not an advantage to us to accept title but a mechanism by which the organization assumes a liability. Director O'Connor moved to table the motion until such time as financial options and sponsors could be researched. The motion to table was lost in a tie vote. The Chair called the vote on the original motion.

Resolution #15/09

Moved by: David Marsh
Seconded by: Peter Franzen

Resolved, That, KRCA does not accept the donation land at Gilson's Point, Lake Scugog at this time, but that staff assist the landowner with other potential organizations for donation opportunities.

Resolution #16/09

Moved by: Larry O'Connor
Seconded by: Lynn Philip Hodgson

Resolved, That, the motion be tabled to determine the potential for financial sponsors.

DEFEATED
The original motion was put and CARRIED

Resolution #17/09

Moved by: Donna Villemaire
Seconded by: Lloyd Robertson

Resolved, That, the staff bring back a draft policy on land acquisition for review.

CARRIED

Staff Presentation

Rob Stavinga, Watershed Resources Technician provided a PowerPoint presentation on the 2008 Watershed Report Card to be released. Mr. Stavinga gave an overview that outlined the criteria for the grades and the value of the information to the public and our municipal partners. Staff provided information to address questions that were raised by the board members about costs, rating on lakes, and volunteer opportunities.

Resolution #18/09

Moved by: Donna Villemaire
Seconded by: Ron Hooper

Resolved, That, the staff report on the Watershed Report Card, 2008 be received.

CARRIED

Permit Applications

Resolution #19/09

Moved by: David Marsh

Seconded by: Ron Hooper

Resolved, That, the attached list of Section 28 Permits issued between November 20, 2008 and January 20, 2009 by the KRCA be ratified by the Board of Directors.

CARRIED

Tender, Port Perry Stabilization Project

Resolution #20/09

Moved by: Lynn Philip Hodgson

Seconded by: Larry O'Connor

Resolved, That, Paul Winn Excavating be granted the contract for Tender 01-2009.

CARRIED

Recruitment of CAO

Resolution #21/09

Moved by: Larry O'Connor

Seconded by: Donna Villemaire

Resolved, That, the report from J.R. Powell be received, and, That, the Chair be authorized to initiate the recruitment process.

CARRIED

Resolution #22/09

Moved by: Donna Villemaire

Seconded by: Lynn Philip Hodgson

Resolved, That, the recommendations in the report be followed and the final top five candidates be interviewed by the Board of Directors.

CARRIED

2009 Budget

Director Marsh brought forward several concerns with regard to the East Cross Forest Management Implementation, Region of Durham Special Benefiting Project and the lack of a management plan to determine associated future costs for the property. Kristie Virgoe informed the board members that the management plan was in the review process and was to be released in the first quarter, and that there are costs associated with the completion of the management plan as well as security on the property. It was noted that the East Cross Forest Management Plan Implementation budget for 2009 had been presented to the council of the Township of Scugog and that the municipality and Region of Durham supported funding the expenditures and land acquisitions for 2009. Director Robertson indicated that he wanted to have a commitment from the Region of Durham for continued funding beyond 2009. Director O'Connor noted that grants are currently available for land acquisition but may not be available in the very near future.

2009 Budget continued

Resolution #23/09

Moved by: Peter Franzen
Seconded by: Lynn Philip Hodgson

Resolved, That, staff proceed to draft a municipal circulation document for the 2009 draft budget using a 3% levy increase.

Moved by: David Marsh
Seconded by: Lloyd Robertson

Resolved, That, no expenditures be incurred for the East Cross Forest Management Plan Implementation other than those that are necessary to the development of the management plan until such time as the management plan is brought forward.

The motion was withdrawn

Moved by: David Marsh
Seconded by: Lloyd Robertson

That, the motion be amended to read And, That no further land acquisitions proceed for East Cross Forest until the East Cross Forest Management Plan is brought forward.

The amendment was DEFEATED
The original motion was put and CARRIED

Director Robertson indicated to staff that they should not expend any monies on the East Cross Forest project that are not absolutely necessary until the management plan is brought forward.

Resolution #24/09

Moved by: Lynn Philip Hodgson
Seconded by: Larry O'Connor

Resolved, That, salary adjustments totaling \$29,400 be implemented effective January 1, 2009.

Moved by: Peter Franzen
Seconded by: Lynn Philip Hodgson

That, the motion be tabled and be dealt with in the closed session.

CARRIED
After the closed session the original motion was put and CARRIED

New Business

The Chair advised the Board that he was arranging for Mr. Tony DiGiovanni of Landscape Ontario to speak to staff and it was suggested that it would also be beneficial if it could be arranged for a board meeting.

The Chair informed the Board that a meeting with Mr. John Tory and MPP Laurie Scott was arranged for Friday, January 30th and that if there were any comments that the board members wished to have addressed to forward them to the Chair.

Director Franzen announced that the Township of Galway, Cavendish & Harvey is hosting a Family Heritage Day on February 21st, 2009 at Buckhorn Community Centre including various demonstrations and events.

Closed Session

Resolution #25/09

Resolved, That, the Board enter into closed session.

Moved by: Donna Villemaire
Seconded by: Ron Hooper

CARRIED

Resolution #26/09

Resolved, That, the Board rises from closed session.

Moved by: David Marsh
Seconded by: Lynn Philip Hodgson

CARRIED

Resolution #27/09

Resolved, That, the Acting CAO move forward with the direction provided by the Board in closed.

Moved by: Donna Villemaire
Seconded by: Lynn Philip Hodgson

CARRIED

Correspondence

None received.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Resolution #28/09

Resolved, That, the Board of Directors meeting be adjourned.

Moved by: Donna Villemaire
Seconded by: Larry O'Connor

CARRIED

Jim McMillen
Chair

Wanda Stephen
Acting CAO