



Minutes of Meeting # 12/08

Meeting #12/08 was held on Wednesday, October 15th, 2008 at the Kawartha Conservation office. Chair O'Connor called the meeting to order at 7:28 p.m.

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

Regrets: Lloyd Robertson

Staff: Wanda Stephen, Acting CAO
Mark Majchrowski, Director, Watershed Management
Steve Gormley, Resources Planner
Catherine Hennings, Corporate Services Assistant

Adoption of Agenda

Resolution #148/08

Moved by: Dave Marsh
Seconded by: Donna Villemaire

Resolved, That, the agenda for Meeting #12/08 be adopted as received.

CARRIED

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

Permit Application

Chair O'Connor informed the Committee that the original motion was dealt with by the previous Board but that this Board should be apprised of the situation and asked that Mark Majchrowski provide background.

Mark Majchrowski provided an explanation about the flood line in this area and that the last development approved for this area was the TSC Store. In 2001, studies were undertaken and the most recent report shows that this particular development is within the floodplain. This specific application arrived at KRCA as a pre-consultation and KRCA staff provided comments and now a permit is being sought by the applicant. Mark advised that we do not know where the flood line is right now.

Mr. Marsh questioned whether or not anything should be considered before the Board approves this application and Mark responded that safety should be a priority and that policies should be adhered to.

Mr. Marsh addressed the applicant and the applicant commented that he has demonstrated an ability to work within any restrictions.

Chair O'Connor asked Mark if there is a good understanding of the high water mark in this area and Mark responded that we do not have a number that can be trusted, and that older numbers would have to be applied.

Ms. Villemaire questioned the 2 zone and Mark responded by explaining that the 2 zone looks at the flood fringe area and that this site would be in that flood fringe area. There are lower areas in this part of town and some adjustments have been made for development. Concerns have been raised about development in this entire area and so the issue is always how this development will affect everyone else.

Mark advised the Board that rainwater has filled up areas in parking lots, but no flooding has taken place. Drains can be used, and floodplain mapping is being updated.

In response to questions from the Board about the ability of this developer to satisfy the conditions, Mark responded that a couple of policies could not be satisfied but too much fill will be required.

Mr. McMillen asked what processes were in place for checking if the requirements are being followed and Mark responded that this would be the job of a regulations officer.

Mr. Ruth expressed concern about setting a precedent for future development.

In response to a question raised by Director Lynn Philip Hodgson regarding flooding, Mark informed the Board that no flooding has occurred in this area, and that the application of stormwater management works really well.

Mark provided the Board with background about a plan to re-engineer Hwy 35 and Kent area so maybe better water flow will be an outcome of this. Floodplain mapping update is underway and this will also look at alternatives. The City has done a good job with diverting water as best as possible.

Chair O'Connor asked about undeveloped land, and that if the mapping raises concerns that the land should have been kept aside for appropriate drainage, then what would happen. Mark explained that fill would be used to the standard of previous developments, raising the property to a level that is not a danger to the site, as we are unaware of how much water will accumulate. Mark distributed a site map and explained the site and flood line according to the most current reports.

Resolution #149/08

Moved by: Dave Marsh
Seconded by: Jim McMillen

Resolved, That, permit application #10744 submitted under the Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alternations to Shorelines & Watercourses regulation (Ont. Reg 182/06) be approved subject to the notwithstanding clause.

CARRIED

Mr. Marsh suggested that floodplain policies be developed as a follow up, and informed the Board that the City of Kawartha Lakes mapping update should be completed in approximately 6-8 weeks.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Resolution #150/08

Moved by: Donna Villemaire

Seconded by: Ron Hooper

Resolved, That, the meeting #12/08 be adjourned.

CARRIED

Larry O'Connor
Chair

Wanda Stephen
Acting CAO