

GANARASKA REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF THE FULL AUTHORITY

June 23, 2011

FA 04/11

1. Welcome and Call to Order

The Chair called the Full Authority meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Raymond Bennis, Chair - Township of Alnwick/Haldimand
Mark Lovshin, Vice-Chair – Township of Hamilton
John Fallis - Township of Cavan Monaghan
Miriam Mutton – Town of Cobourg
Forrest Rowden – Town of Cobourg
Donna Cole – Township of Hamilton
Heather Stauble – City of Kawartha Lakes
Mary Lou Ellis - Municipality of Port Hope
Wendy Partner – Municipality of Clarington
Willie Woo – Municipality of Clarington

ALSO PRESENT: Linda Laliberte, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer
Mark Peacock, Director, Watershed Services
Greg Wells, Manager, Planning and Regulations
Members of the Public

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Greg Burns – Municipality of Port Hope

ALSO ABSENT:

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

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MOVED BY: Mark Lovshin

SECONDED BY: Willie Woo

THAT the Full Authority approve the minutes of the May 19, 2011 meeting.

CARRIED.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

The Chair stated that there are four additional permits and 3 pieces of correspondence which were emailed and distributed this evening as well as one additional staff report. As well, Sherry Ibbotson will not be speaking as a delegation this evening.

FA 33/11**MOVED BY:** Forrest Rowden**SECONDED BY:** Wendy Partner**THAT** the Full Authority adopt the agenda as amended.**CARRIED.**5. Delegations**a) Louis Bertrand – Permit Application for Morgan’s Road**

Louis Bertrand made a presentation to the Board in regards to the filling taking place on Morgan’s Road. He spoke in regards to clean water and the placement of contaminated fill. He asked the Board to have the fill application reviewed by the members and notification posted. He further requested the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority consider seeking party status at the Environmental Review Tribunal on July 13 and further that the participating municipalities pass motions supporting stringent and effective regulation and monitoring, to ensure all contaminated soil is effectively treated.

Willie Woo asked several questions in regards to the actions being taken to address some of these concerns the presenter brought forward.

FA 34/11**MOVED BY:** Mary Lou Ellis**SECONDED BY:** John Fallis**THAT** the Full Authority receives the presentation for information.**CARRIED.****b) Beth Meszaros – Morgan’s Road Commercial Fill Site**

Beth Meszaros, representing the Clarington Citizens for Clean Water and Soil (CCCWS), made a presentation to the Board on the strategic priorities of the CCCWS. She requested the Board defer the new permit for Morgan’s Road until all conditions have been met and can be enforced. She requested the Authority to seek party status as the Environmental Review Tribunal. She further requested Board members to ask their communities for support of the MOE at the Environmental Review Tribunal and to let Toronto know that local municipalities are unwilling hosts for Toronto’s brownfields.

Forrest Rowden asked questions in regards to the response received by the citizens from the Region of Durham and the Municipality of Clarington. Willie Woo asked the presenter if she was aware of the correspondence that has been forwarded to various agencies and the provincial government in regards to the commercial fill operations. Mr. Woo stated that the various agencies are working together on this issue.

FA 35/11**MOVED BY:** Donna Cole**SECONDED BY:** Forrest Rowden**THAT** the Full Authority receives the presentation for information.

CARRIED.**c) Carmela Marshall – Need for Large Site Fill Protocol**

Carmela Marshall, Lakeridge Citizens for Clean Water, made a presentation to the Board regarding the need for a large fill site protocol for the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority. She laid out the requirements she is recommending to be included in a large site-protocol.

Heather Stauble asked questions of the presenter in regards to testing and the cleaning of soils. Miriam Mutton asked a question of the presenter in regards to the lack of response from MOE she had described. She further asked if the location and origin of the fill is known. Willie Woo asked questions in regards to the MOE order. Donna Cole asked questions in regards to the soil sampling and the number of samples required to satisfy the sampling requirement. John Fallis asked the presenter if she had found a fill bylaw that she finds to be acceptable. Her response was the Uxbridge bylaw seems to be some what adequate.

Miriam Mutton asked what was being done with the material being presented. Staff responded that the material is being discussed with various agencies and utilized during the review process.

FA 36/11

MOVED BY: Heather Stauble
SECONDED BY: Donna Cole

THAT the Full Authority receives the presentation for information.

CARRIED.**6. Presentations:****a) Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation – Lisa Turnbull**

Lisa Turnbull, Program Manager, Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation presented an overview of eight reports prepared by the Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation (ORMF) under the Measuring Success Project banner.

Heather Stauble voiced some concerns regarding Section 412 of the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan. The presenter stated that these concerns have been noted. Miriam Mutton asked about feedback from the province as to why provincial funding has not been continued for the Foundation. The Foundation is unaware of why the funding was not continued as other Ministries support the Foundation. Willie Woo asked how donations can be made to the Oak Ridge Moraine Foundation (ORMF) and if tax receipts can be issued. Lisa explained what was available through various agencies. Forrest Rowden thanked Lisa for her presentation and stated that the Authority is grateful to the Foundation for their donation towards the Forest Centre and the Oak Ridges Moraine Information Centre.

FA 37/11

MOVED BY: Mary Lou Ellis
SECONDED BY: Wendy Partner

THAT the Full Authority receives the presentation for information.

CARRIED.

7. Business Arising from Minutes:

a) Treetop Trekking

The CAO/Secretary-Treasurer presented the lawyer's letter to the Board as well as the comments made by the insurance company. Miriam Mutton asked about the possibility of reducing the lease term. Staff explained that this was not feasible for the company given the project investment. Forrest Rowden commented on the great benefit that this initiative will have on drawing the people to the Forest as well as the Forest Centre.

FA 38/11

MOVED BY: Forrest Rowden

SECONDED BY: Willie Woo

THAT the Full Authority approve the addition of a high ropes course to the permitted activities in the Central Forest, and,

FURTHER THAT the Full Authority authorize the Chair and CAO/Secretary-Treasurer to enter into a lease with Treetop Trekking as negotiated in consultation with the Authority legal council and insurance company.

CARRIED.

8. Chair and CAO/Secretary-Treasurer Remarks

The Chair invited the members to the Alnwick/Haldimand Canada Day celebrations in Grafton this Sunday. He also reminded the Board that there are no meetings during July and August. He informed the members he would be attending a Conservation Ontario meeting on Monday and large commercial fill operation correspondence is on the agenda.

The CAO/Secretary-Treasurer stated the GRCA is applying for funding of two projects through MOE under a program called showcase water innovations. The first project supports partnering municipalities of Port Hope, Cobourg and the County of Northumberland on a floodline and topographic mapping project. The other is for a micro-waste water treatment plant for the Ganaraska Forest Centre working with a leading environmental engineering company in eastern Ontario called Filters Innovation Inc.

The CAO/Secretary- Treasurer mentioned that staff are organizing a watershed tour for the fall. She handed out a survey to the Board that will provide feedback to the staff in regards to the features to be included in the tour. September 15th is a tentative date for the tour beginning around 2:00 pm. Details will be forwarded.

9. Business from the Board Members

John Fallis spoke in regards to which Ministers should be addressed at AMO concerning large fill operations. He indicated that members may wish to discuss this prior to going to AMO.

Miriam Mutton informed members that Mr. Bill Watson has been hired by the Town of Cobourg as Director of Public Works. She also stated that the Town has a water committee (she and Forrest are both members) and the Town has a water bylaw which addresses water metering. She also stated that one of the issues that the Town is dealing with is the

maintenance of drainage ditches. She mentioned that there may be some changes to the design of ditches to address this concern.

Forrest Rowden mentioned the Conservation Dinner fundraising outcome. He also promoted the GRCA golf tournament on September 22, 2011 which is a fundraiser for the Ganaraska Forest Centre.

Donna Cole wished everyone a great summer.

Willie Woo noted an AMO resolution from the Region of Durham in regards to the commercial fill.

Wendy Partner challenged all the municipalities to participate in the GRCA golf tournament.

There was a brief discussion on the Authorities attendance at the Review Tribunal and the presence of the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority. Should MOE request the presence of the staff, the GRCA will be in attendance.

10. Correspondence:

FA 39/11

MOVED BY: Wendy Partner

SECONDED BY: John Fallis

THAT correspondence items #5 to #12 be received and filed.

CARRIED.

11. Applications under Ontario Regulation 168/06:

The process of issuing and Board approval of permits was reviewed.

Permits approved by Executive:

a) 168/06-1152-05/11 - Construction of a 16' x 24' detached garage (Municipality of Clarington)

b) 168/06-1153-05/11 – Construction of a 52.8 m² addition (Municipality of Port Hope)

c) 168/06-1154-06/11 – Construction of a 2250 ft² dwelling and septic (Township of Hamilton)

d) 168/06-1155-06/11 – Repair and rehabilitation of and existing pedestrian bridge (Municipality of Port Hope)

e) 168/06-1156–06/11 – Construction of a 16'x21' addition (Township of Hamilton)

f) 168/06-1157-06/11 – Construction of a single family dwelling and septic system (Municipality of Clarington)

g) 168/06-1158-06/11 – Repairs to spalled and deteriorated concrete an existing box culvert (Township of Hamilton)

FA 40/11

MOVED BY: Forrest Rowden

SECONDED BY: Heather Stauble

THAT the Full Authority approve permits issued by the Executive.

CARRIED.

12. Committee Reports:

a) Ganaraska Forest Recreation Users Committee minutes, June 2, 2011

FA 41/11

MOVED BY: Mark Lovshin
SECONDED BY: Wendy Partner

THAT the Ganaraska Forest Recreational Users Committee minutes be received for information.

CARRIED.

13. New Business:

a) Appointment of Officers to Enforce Section 28 Regulation

FA 42/11

MOVED BY: Heather Stauble
SECONDED BY: Forrest Rowden

THAT the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority designate Christie Peacock as an Enforcement Officer for the purposes of enforcing Ontario Regulation 168/06.

CARRIED.

14. Other Business

None

15. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m. on a motion by Wendy Partner.

CHAIR

CAO/SECRETARY-TREASURER