

GANARASKA REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF THE FULL AUTHORITY

March 18, 2010

FA 01/10

1. Welcome and Call to Order

The Chair called the Full Authority meeting to order at 7:18 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Raymond Benn, Chair - Township of Alnwick/Haldimand
Brian Fallis - Township of Cavan Monaghan
Miriam Mutton – Town of Cobourg
Bob Spooner – Town of Cobourg
Twila Marston – Township of Hamilton
Cal Morgan – Municipality of Port Hope
Linda Thompson - Municipality of Port Hope
Gord Robinson – Municipality of Clarington
Charlie Trim – Municipality of Clarington

ALSO PRESENT: Linda Laliberte, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer
Mark Peacock, Director, Watershed Services
Greg Wells, Manager, Planning and Regulations
Pam Lancaster, Stewardship Technician
George Elgear, General Superintendent
Members of the Public

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Mark Lovshin, Vice-Chair – Township of Hamilton

ALSO ABSENT: Dave Marsh – City of Kawartha Lakes

A moment of silence was held for the men and women in service who have given the supreme sacrifice.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

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MOVED BY: Charlie Trim

SECONDED BY: Cal Morgan

THAT the Full Authority approve the minutes of the December 10th, 2009 meeting.
CARRIED.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

The Chair stated that there were additions to the agenda. There was one additional piece of correspondence #2. Ross & Associates re: James Cockburn Park

As well there are two items of other business:

- a) **Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-Law Amendment - 7875 Country Road 2, Township of Hamilton**
- b) **Cobourg Conservation Area**

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MOVED BY: Bob Spooner
SECONDED BY: Gord Robinson

THAT the Full Authority adopt the agenda as amended.
CARRIED.

5. Delegations:

None

6. Presentations:

a) Summary of January 25, 2010 Flood Event

Mark Peacock, Director, Watershed Services presented a summary of the flood event in the Town of Cobourg on January 25, 2010. He told the members that the Conservation Authority was not expecting the amount of rainfall that actually fell. When looking at the flood forecast information received from the Ministry of Natural Resources, there was no indication that there was any area of concern. Staff looks at the snow pack analysis with the other factors to determine if there is potential flooding. The power point presentation showed data of actual rainfall as well as pictures of some of the flooded areas in Cobourg.

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MOVED BY: Twila Marston
SECONDED BY: Bob Spooner

THAT the Full Authority receives the summary of January 25, 2010 flood event presentation for information.
CARRIED.

7. Business Arising from Minutes:

None

8. Chair and CAO/Secretary-Treasurer Remarks

The Chair stated that he had attended a Source Water Protection Information meeting for municipalities that was held at the Ganaraska Region administration office last week. The meeting was to update the municipalities on the work to date and the Chair stated that it was very well attended.

The CAO/Secretary-Treasurer reminded the Board Members of the upcoming Ganaraska Forest Centre Conservation Dinner on April 10th, 2010. She also asked the members to contact her if they were interested in attending the Biennial Tour to be held in Ottawa in September.

9. Business from the Board Members

Gord Robinson showed an article that was in Farmers Forum that reported that some farmers and municipalities feel there is duplication between municipal and conservation authorities functions. Mr. Robinson asked about a response to this type of article. The CAO/Secretary-Treasurer stated that Conservation Ontario is coordinating responses to these types of concerns.

Linda Thompson asked for an update on Perrytown. The Director of Watershed Services stated that they are waiting for a resolution (or decision) on from where the funding is to come.

Charlie Trim told the members that he had visited the Ganaraska Forest Centre and was pleased to see the students enjoying the new Centre. He also told the members that during Durham's budget discussions, guidelines had been sent out to all departments including the 5 Conservation Authorities within Durham Region. The only department to go over the set budget rate were the Conservation Authorities. However, he was glad to say that the Ganaraska was one of the three Conservation Authorities to adhere to the guidelines.

Bob Spooner stated that the street lights in Cobourg had all been retrofitted and that Cobourg is the official distributor Lux Lights and had made their first sale.

Cal Morgan told the Board that a couple had been out walking on Concession 9 and had been stopped by two OPP officers and asked about a membership for the Forest. Staff stated that if they were off the municipal road allowance and actually on Ganaraska land then they should have a membership. Staff further stated that they were surprised that the officers would have been in that area.

Miriam asked questions in regards to the issuance of the tax receipt for the Conservation Dinner. Staff explained the tax receipt is issued to match the audit receipt (ticket stub).

Brian Fallis informed the members that while he has stepped down from Council, the Township of Cavan Monaghan has asked him to remain as the representative on the Ganaraska Board for the remainder of the year. He also informed the members that a delegation appeared before Peterborough County council concerned about the responsibilities of the Otonabee Region Conservation Authority. The CAO/Secretary-Treasurer stated she had been made aware of this as well and that the Chair of the Otonabee Region Conservation Authority would be responding to this in consultation with Conservation Ontario. Mr. Fallis stated that the Ganaraska Board should be aware of this situation and it may be something that will need to be addressed in the future.

10. Correspondence:

The members discussed the correspondence, and questioned Mr. Ouellette authoring the letter as the Official Opposition Critic, Natural Resources.

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MOVED BY: Linda Thompson

SECONDED BY: Bob Spooner

THAT correspondence item #1 be received with the response from Conservation Ontario.
CARRIED.

FA 05/10

MOVED BY: Twila Marston

SECONDED BY: Miriam Mutton

THAT correspondence item #2 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) 168/06-1057-12/09 – Germaine Boaglio (Municipality of Clarington) – construction of sun room addition – attached
- b) 168/06-1058-12/09 – Municipality of Clarington – repairs to deteriorated concrete on south east wing wall – attached
- c) 168/06-1059-12/09 – Chris White (Municipality of Clarington) – construction of single family dwelling and septic system – attached
- d) 168/06-1060-01/10 – Bob Herdman (Township of Hamilton) – reconstruction of existing cottage – attached
- e) 168/06-1061-01/10 – Stephen Mayhew (Town of Cobourg) – construction of a 40'x44' addition to an existing garage – attached
- f) 168/06-1062-01/10 – Dave Murdock (Township of Hamilton) – construction of a 34'x26' garage addition and foyer and minor fill placement for drainage – attached
- g) 168/06-1063-01/10 – Jack Smith (Township of Hamilton) – installation of a replacement septic system – attached
- h) 168/06-1064-01/10 – Municipality of Port Hope – replacement of observation deck at Sculthorpe Marsh – attached
- i) 168/06-1065-01/10 – Victor Pacione (Municipality of Clarington) – placement of gravel for driveway construction and installation of cross culvert for drainage – attached
- j) 168/06-1066-01/10 – Steven MacDonald (Township of Hamilton) – placement of a 8'x30' flatbed trailer for temporary creek crossing – attached
- k) 168/06-1067-02/10 – CP Rail / Parish Geomorphic (Municipality of Clarington) – Culvert replacement under CP Rail Belleville Tracks at Mile 153.03 – attached
- l) 168/06-1068-02/10 – CP Rail / Parish Geomorphic (Municipality of Clarington) – Culvert replacement under CP Rail Belleville Tracks at Mile 150.56 – attached

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MOVED BY: Brian Fallis
SECONDED BY: Gord Robinson

THAT the Full Authority approve permits issued by the Executive.
CARRIED.

Permits requiring Full Authority discussion:
None

12. Committee Reports:

None

13. New Business:**a) Watershed Planning Process Update**

The Stewardship Technician reviewed the staff report with the members.

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MOVED BY: Bob Spooner

SECONDED BY: Twila Marston

THAT the Full Authority receives this staff report "Watershed Planning Process Update" dated March 2, 2010 for information.

CARRIED.

b) Clean Water – Healthy Land Financial Assistance Program within the Municipality of Clarington and the Regional Municipality of Durham, the Municipality of Port Hope and the Township of Hamilton

The Stewardship Technician reviewed the staff report with the members.

FA 07/10

MOVED BY: Gord Robinson

SECONDED BY: Linda Thompson

THAT the Full Authority approves the revisions and additions to the Clean Water-Healthy Land Financial Assistance Program guidelines contained in this staff report dated March 2, 2010 for the Municipality of Clarington and the Regional Municipality of Durham, the Municipality of Port Hope and the Township of Hamilton.

CARRIED.

14. Other Business:**a) Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-Law Amendment – 7875 Country Road 2, Township of Hamilton**

Miriam Mutton and the Town of Cobourg asked that this item be placed on the agenda. The Manager of Planning and Regulations presented a staff report for information to the members which outlined the history of the subject property. A number of questions were asked by Board members. Twila Marston stated that Hamilton Township responded in the manner they felt appropriate. It was concluded that the Ministry of Natural Resources, through the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, will be making the decision to approve or not. If it is approved, a permit application will be review by the Conservation Authority and a recommendation from staff will be brought forward to the Board at that time.

FA 08/10

MOVED BY: Gord Robinson

SECONDED BY: Linda Thompson

THAT the Full Authority receive this staff report for information.

b) Cobourg Conservation Area

The Town of Cobourg, through their representatives, asked that this item be placed on the agenda.

A staff report was presented by the CAO/Secretary-Treasurer. She reported that a casual conversation between Bob Spooner and her had somehow been reported in the local newspaper out of context. As well, the newspaper article reported that the Mayor and some council members were upset. She and Bob Spooner assured the Board that the conversation was in passing and Mr. Spooner had brought it up in council in order to bring it forward as something that will have to be discussed with the Town. The CAO/Secretary-Treasurer stated that since the twenty year maintenance agreement was up for renewal on January 1, 2011 it would be appropriate to have some discussion with the Town. As was pointed out by the Full Authority Board, Cobourg Conservation Area is regulated by *Regulation 105/90* of the *Conservation Authorities Act* which clearly states that dogs must be on a leash. This regulation must be adhered to and followed. It was also stated that Cobourg has a by-law that states dogs must be on a leash. A suggestion was made by a couple of Board members that perhaps Cobourg could look as designating one of the municipally owned parks as an off-leash park and reflect that in the by-law. Bob Spooner stated to the Board that the CAO/Secretary-Treasurer simply asked two questions during a conversation and in no way acted in an inappropriate manner as reported in the newspaper.

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MOVED BY: Bob Spooner

SECONDED BY: Twila Marston

THAT the Full Authority authorize staff to begin discussion with the Town of Cobourg in preparation of the renewal of the maintenance agreement.

CARRIED.

Charlie Trim asked if the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority had considered having a fenced area in the Ganaraska Forest. A brief discussion ensued on the liability exposure of such an area as well as while the Forest is not considered a conservation area some of the regulation does apply. The Authority has a membership program which acts as a permitting program that addresses some of the requirements of *Regulation 105/90*.

15. In Camera

None

16. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. on a motion by Linda Thompson.

CHAIR

CAO/SECRETARY-TREASURER