

GANARASKA REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF THE FULL AUTHORITY

May 20, 2010

FA 03/10

1. Welcome and Call to Order

The Chair called the Full Authority meeting to order at 7:16 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Raymond Benn, Chair - Township of Alnwick/Haldimand
Mark Lovshin, Vice-Chair – Township of Hamilton
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
Charlie Trim – Municipality of Clarington

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

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Gord Robinson – Municipality of Clarington
Dave Marsh – City of Kawartha Lakes

ALSO ABSENT:

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

FA 19/10

MOVED BY: Charlie Trim
SECONDED BY: Mark Lovshin

THAT the Full Authority approve the minutes of April 15th, 2010 meeting.

CARRIED.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

The Chair informed the Board members of two additional pieces of correspondence.

#11. Municipality of Port Hope re: Leasing Potential Brogden Lane

#12. Architectural Conservancy of Ontario Port Hope re: Sackville Bridge repair

As well the five additional permits were distributed to be on the agenda as follows:

- d) 168/06-1075-05/10 – Brad Davis (Municipality of Clarington) – Construction of detached garage**
- e) 168/06-1076-05/10 – Jonathan & Oylan Savedra (Municipality of Clarington) – construction of a deck**
- f) 168/06-1077-05/10 – Municipality of Port Hope – Emergency dredge of west side of west harbour**
- g) 168/06-1078-05/10 – Jeromey Shortt (Municipality of Clarington) – Construction of garage and house addition**
- h) 168/06-1079 -05/10 – Jill and John Easton (Municipality of Clarington) – Construction of replacement deck**

As well, there is 1 information item to be forward discussion and an in camera item under legal.

FA 20/10

MOVED BY: Linda Thompson
SECONDED BY: Brian Fallis

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

5. Delegations:

None.

6. Presentations:

a) Port Granby End Use Committee Report

Faye Langmaid, A/ Director, Planning Services, Municipality of Clarington made a presentation to the Board to highlight the work of the Port Granby End Use Committee contained in “Port Granby Project, Ecology First” End Use Report. She introduced the members of the committee. The members asked Faye and members of the committee questions in regards to the process and its recommendations.

FA 21/10

MOVED BY: Brian Fallis
SECONDED BY: Bob Spooner

THAT the Full Authority receive the above staff report, presentation and supporting materials for information;

AND THAT the Full Authority endorses the Full End Use Concept proposed by the committee:

AND THAT staff be directed to initiate discussions with the Municipality of Clarington, the Municipality of Port Hope, Port Granby residents, Port Hope Area Initiative Management Office and Natural Resources Canada with respect to the implementation of the Full Concept prepared by the End Use Committee, including the ownership and management of the subject lands;

AND THAT results of these discussions be brought back to the Full Authority for review and approval.

CARRIED.**b) Low Response Conditions Update**

Mike Smith, Water Resource Technician made a presentation to members on current low water conditions. He updated the members on rainfall and flow levels, Lake Ontario water levels, the weather outlook (short and long range) and low water indicators. He also outlined the communication protocols for low water advisories. The Conservation Authority is currently at a level 1 drought and has sent out advisories which ask for a voluntary 10% reduction in water consumption. The members asked questions in regards to the conditions.

FA 22/10**MOVED BY:** Mark Lovshin**SECONDED BY:** Twila Marston

THAT the Full Authority receives the Low Water Conditions Update for information purposes.

CARRIED.7. Business Arising from Minutes:

None

8. Chair and CAO/Secretary-Treasurer Remarks

The Chair informed the members that there will be a recess of the board for the summer months of July and August. He also announced that on June 27th the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand will be celebrating July 1st and there is free food including cake and everyone is welcome to join in the festivities.

The CAO/Secretary-Treasurer stated that staff has been very busy with tree planning, over the counter tree sales and working with the watershed municipalities on capital projects. The CAO/Secretary-Treasurer met last week with the other 4 Conservation Authorities in Region of Durham along with Region of Durham Chair and staff to discuss the 2011 Budget. Staff are also looking at all of the charges and fees of the Authority regarding impact of HST. As the members are aware, Winnie Finnie is retiring and her position will be advertised. As well, in accordance with the overall strategic planning of the Forest Centre, the position of Forest Centre Property Manager, which has been vacant for several years, will be advertised. The main responsibility of this position, in the early stages, will be promotion and increasing the profile of the new Forest Centre and the Oak Ridges Moraine Information Centre.

9. Business from the Board Members

Linda Thompson asked for an update on Perrytown. Staff responded the prices for the job have gone to landowners and a meeting will be set up with the landowners to discuss. She also asked for comments on water issues that residents have raised in Welcome. She briefed the members that a Welcome resident has raised concerns that the water taking in Millbrook may have an adverse affect on Welcome wells. Staff responded they have looked at the situation and reviewed reports and have determined that there should be no effect on the wells.

Charlie Trim stated that he was concerned after hearing that the Authority is already addressing low water levels and the fact that Edmonton is dealing with forest fires. He wondered if the fire personnel from the various locations are aware of the situation and stated that perhaps it would be something that should be addressed. He suggested that a mock situation could be set up to demonstrate the response to an emergency situation. He additionally advised the board members that it may be wise to “know your wildlife”. Charlie told the members that after he attended a couple of meetings, he and his wife went out for a drive. When they got home his wife noticed that one of the front windows in his home was broken. When he entered the home, the living room and dining room were a mess. The rugs had waste all over them and things were strewn around the room. He then spotted a wild turkey of approximately 16 pounds in the house. He had to hook the turkey with a cane and “escort” it out of the house. He told the members that he was very surprised by the amount of damage the turkey had caused and even more surprised at the fact that the turkey had broken his front window which was a very thick pane of glass.

Bob Spooner thanked the Authority for the number of letters of appreciation he has received in connection with the Conservation Dinner. He asked about the final numbers from the dinner and it was reported that the Authority would be receiving approximately \$22,000.00 which is a bit more than previous years due to lower expenses.

Miriam Mutton stated that Cobourg has purchased beachfront which now gives additional beach/Lake Ontario access to the public. The trail committee is hoping to connect the trail from Cobourg, through Hamilton Township to the Municipality of Port Hope. Cobourg has finished the 2010 dredging of the harbour. She asked if there was any further update on the Mahabir property. Staff reported that the file had not proceed further in the planning process.

10. Correspondence:

FA 23/10

MOVED BY: Bob Spooner

SECONDED BY: Mark Lovshin

THAT correspondence item #9 and #12 to be received and filed.

CARRIED.

FA 24/10

MOVED BY: Linda Thompson

SECONDED BY: Cal Morgan

THAT correspondence item #10 and #11 be referred to staff.

CARRIED.

11. Applications under Ontario Regulation 168/06:

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

Permits approved by Executive:

a) 168/06-1072 – 04/10 – Municipality of Clarington / AECOM – Repairs to concrete on existing bridge wingwalls on Conc. Rd. 8

- b) 168/06-1073 – 05/10 – Municipality of Clarington / AECOM -Rehabilitation of Concession Road 8 from Brown Road to Highway 35/115
- c) 1068/06-1074 – 05/10 – TransCanada Pipeline Ltd. (Municipality of Clarington) – Temporary excavation of a 10’ wide trench for pipeline testing and construction of a temporary access road
- d) 168/06-1075-05/10 – Brad Davis (Municipality of Clarington) – Construction of detached garage
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FA 25/10

MOVED BY: Bob Spooner
SECONDED BY: Twila Marston

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

Permits requiring Full Authority discussion:
None

Information request requiring Full Authority discussion:

a) John Robson, Town of Cobourg – proposed addition to existing dwelling

Greg Wells, Manager of Planning and Regulations, outlined the request for information and requested direction from the Board. A property with a current foundation is for sale and the prospective buyer is proposing to build on the existing foundation which exceeds the 300 square feet maximum the Authority would normally allow. However, because the foundation predates regulations and is the original foundation an exception should be considered.

FA 26/10

MOVED BY: Bob Spooner
SECONDED BY: Brian Fallis

THAT the Full Authority direct staff to proceed with providing an approval in principle to the information request based on the information provided and.
FURTHER THAT the action taken is non-precedent setting due to the unique aspects of the file.
CARRIED.

12. Committee Reports:

None.

13. New Business:

None.

14. Other Business:

a) 2010 Budget

Miriam Mutton asked if there were any significant changes from the preliminary budget and staff responded that there were no significant changes.

FA 27/10

MOVED BY: Cal Morgan
SECONDED BY: Mark Lovshin

THAT the Full Authority approve the 2010 Budget.
CARRIED.

FA 28/10

MOVED BY: Charlie Tim
SECONDED BY: Twila Marston

THAT the Full Authority direct staff to review the fire plan for the Ganaraska Forest and contact fire committee including municipal members and prepare a report for the Board's next meeting.

CARRIED.

15. In Camera

FA 29/10

MOVED BY: Twila Marston
SECONDED BY: Charlie Trim

THAT the Full Authority go in camera.
CARRIED.

FA 30/10

MOVED BY: Bob Spooner
SECONDED BY: Cal Morgan

THAT the Full Authority go out of camera.
CARRIED.

The Full Authority provided direction to staff to write a letter of response and circulate the letter to the Board members.

16. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m. on a motion by Bob Spooner.

CHAIR

CAO/SECRETARY-TREASURER