



02-23-BOD Minutes
Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority
Feb 24, 2023 at 9:00 AM EST

Attendance

Present:

Mayor Scott W. Anderson, Adjala-Tosorontio (Township); Cllr. Christopher Baines, Collingwood (Town); Cllr. Joe Belanger, Wasaga Beach (Town); Mayor Jennifer Coughlin, Springwater (Township); Cllr. Nicole Cox, New Tecumseth (Town); Cllr. Kyle Fegan, Shelburne (Town); Cllr. Gary Harvey (*arrived at 9:07am*), Barrie (City); Cllr. Pieter Kiezebrink, Essa (Township); Chair Gail Little, Amaranth (Township); Cllr. Ralph Manktelow, Mono (Town); Cllr. Richard Schell (*arrived at 11:15am*), Oro-Medonte (Township); Deputy Mayor Paul Van Staveren, Clearview (Township); Cllr. Kevin Eisses, Innisfil (Town)

Absent:

Mayor Janet Horner, Mulmur (Township); Mayor Darren White, Melancthon (Township); Cllr. Joel Loughead, Grey Highlands (Municipality); Cllr. June Porter, The Bule Mountains (Town); Vice-Chair Jonathan Scott, Bradford West Gwillimbury (Town)

NVCA Staff:

Sheryl Flannagan, Director, Corporate Services; Doug Hevenor (*technical difficulties*), Chief Administrative Officer; Chris Hibberd, Director, Watershed Management Services; Byron Wesson, Director, Conservation Services; Sarah Thompson, Acting Source Water Coordinator; Tyler Mulhall, Regulations Technician; Meagan Kieferle, Senior Regulations Officer; Ben Krul, Manager, Development Planning & Permits; Ian Ockenden, Acting Watershed Science Supervisor; Kerry Jenkins, Administrative Assistant/Recorder

1. Events

Tiffin Nature Program - Full Day

Date: Every Thursday

Location: Tiffin Centre for Conservation

Tiffin Nature Program (Session 4: Feb-Mar) - Half Day

Date: Every Tuesday

Location: Tiffin Centre for Conservation

March Break Camp Tiffin

Date: March 13 - 17, 2023

Location: Tiffin Conservation Area, 8195 8th Line, Utopia ON L0M 1T0

Spring Tonic Maple Syrup Festival

Date: April 1-2, 9

Location: Tiffin Conservation Area, 8195 8th Line, Utopia ON L0M 1T0

2. Call to Order

Chair Little called the meeting to order at 9:01am

3. Land Acknowledgement

The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority Board acknowledges that we are situated on the traditional land of the Anishinaabeg. The Anishinaabeg include the Odawa, Saulteaux, Anishinaabeg, Mississauga and Algonquin who spoke several languages including Anishinaabemowin and Potawatomi. We are dedicated to honouring Indigenous history and culture and committed to moving forward in the spirit of reconciliation and respect with all First Nation, Métis and Inuit people.

4. Declaration of Pecuniary and Conflict of Interest

5. Motion to Adopt the Agenda

Recommendation:

RES: 12-23

Moved by: Mayor Scott W. Anderson

Seconded by: Cllr. Kyle Fegan

RESOLVED THAT: the agenda for the Board of Directors meeting #02-23-BOD dated February 24, 2023 be approved.

Carried;

6. Announcements

There were no announcements at this time.

7. Presentations

7.1. OnBoard

Sheryl Flannagan, Director, Corporate Services will give a tutorial to the newly elected Board Members on how to use OnBoard.

Recommendation:

RES: 13-23

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Paul Van Staveren

Seconded by: Cllr. Christopher Baines

RESOLVED THAT: the Board of Directors receive the presentation on the online software, OnBoard as presented.

Carried;

7.2. Board Orientation

Senior Management will conduct an orientation presentation to the Board of Directors.

Recommendation:

RES: 14-23

Moved by: Cllr. Pieter Kiezebrink

Seconded by: Cllr. Ralph Manktelow

RESOLVED THAT: the Board of Directors receive the orientation presentation as presented.

Carried;

7.3. 2023 Draft Budget

Sheryl Flannagan, Director, Corporate Services to conduct a presentation on NVCA's 2023 Draft Budget.

Recommendation:

RES: 15-23

Moved by: Cllr. Ralph Manktelow

Seconded by Cllr. Kyle Fegan

RESOLVED THAT: the Board of Directors receive the presentation on the draft 2023 budget as presented.

Carried;

8. Deputations

There were no deputations at this time.

9. Hearings

There were no hearings at this time.

10. Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

Board Members are requested to identify items from the Consent List that they wish to have considered for separate discussion.

11. Adoption of Consent List and Identification of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

Recommendation:

RES: 16-23

Moved by: Cllr. Kevin Eisses

Seconded by: Cllr. Joe Belanger

RESOLVED THAT: agenda item number(s), 12.2.1 and 12.2.5 were identified as requiring separate discussion, be referred for discussion under Agenda Item #9; and

FURTHER THAT: all Consent List Agenda Items not referred for separate discussion be adopted as submitted to the board and staff be authorized to take all necessary action required to give effect to same; and

FURTHER THAT: any items in the Consent List not referred for separate discussion, and for which conflict has been declared, are deemed not to have been voted on or discussed by the individual making the declaration.

Carried;

12. Consent List

12.1. Adoption of Minutes

Recommendation:

Approved by Consent

RESOLVED THAT: the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting 11-22-BOD and 01-23-BOD dated on January 27, 2023 be approved.

12.2. Staff Reports

12.2.1. Staff Report No. 01-02-23-BOD from Sarah Thompson, Watershed Science Assistant

Recommendation:

RES: 17-23

Moved by: Mayor Jennifer Coughlin

Seconded by: Cllr. Nicole Cox

RESOLVED THAT: the Board of Directors receive Staff Report No. 01-02-23-BOD regarding the 2022-2025 NVCA Climate Change Action Plan summary of progress in 2022 and 2023 goals for information.

Carried;

12.2.2. Staff Report No. 02-02-23-BOD from Chris Hibberd, Director, Watershed Management Services

Recommendation:

Approved by Consent

WHEREAS: the following municipalities have transferred responsibility for enforcement of Part IV policies in the South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Plan to the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority;

AND WHEREAS: the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority must appoint qualified Risk Management Official and Risk Management Inspectors as per Section 48(2) of the *Clean Water Act, 2006*;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Sarah Thompson is hereby appointed as a Risk Management Official and Risk Management Inspector and Taryn Arsenault appointed as an Alternate Risk Management Official and Inspector to carry out the enforcement of Part IV policies in the South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Plan in the vulnerable areas where Part IV policies apply in following municipalities:

1. Clearview Township
2. Essa Township
3. Town of New Tecumseth
4. Town of Innisfil
5. Town of Shelburne
6. Adjala-Tosorontio Township

7. Mulmur Township
8. Melancthon Township
9. Town of Mono

12.2.3. Staff Report No. 03-02-23-BOD from Doug Hevenor, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)

Recommendation:

Approved by Consent

RESOLVED THAT: The NVCA Board of Directors receive and approve the use of the Administrative MOU by the CAO and staff for completing the apportioned cost agreement negotiations between municipal partners and the NVCA.

12.2.4. Staff Report No. 04-02-23-BOD from Doug Hevenor, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)

Recommendation:

Approved by Consent

RESOLVED THAT: the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) supports: protecting source water, planning for climate-change impacts and shoreline resilience, and building up a sustainable economy in our watershed;

WHEREAS: a Freshwater Action Plan and the Great Lakes Protection Initiative it supported were first announced in the 2017 Canadian federal budget with a \$44.84 million investment over five years; and

WHEREAS: the Freshwater Action Plan addressed priorities in the Great Lakes such as preventing toxic and nuisance algae, enhancing the resilience of coastal wetlands in the Great Lakes, restoring Great Lakes areas of concern and supporting Canada's commitments under the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement, among other priorities; and

WHEREAS: a commitment was made by the Liberal Party of Canada in the 2021 federal election and in subsequent Ministers' mandate letters to strengthen the Freshwater Action Plan with an investment of \$1 billion over ten years to restore major bodies of water across the country; and

WHEREAS: the federal government only committed \$19.6 million in funding in the 2022 Budget for the Freshwater Action Plan; and

WHEREAS: nearly half of Canada's population lives in the Great Lakes and St Lawrence River Basin, a region that includes our watershed, which will continue to see accelerated growth, resulting in greater land and resource use pressures that will further contribute to water availability and quality issues; and

WHEREAS: several municipalities in our region have previously advocated for the Freshwater Action Fund to be

increased, with funding to support bodies of water in our region, such as Lake Simcoe and the Great Lakes; and
WHEREAS: Freshwater Action Plan funding should largely be directed to conservation authorities, community groups, local governments and First Nations to ensure that investments made will have the biggest local impact and empower action at the local level; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: that the NVCA joins appeals by local municipalities and the Great Lakes/St Lawrence Cities Initiative to call on the federal government to honour its commitment of \$1 billion in funding over five years for a strengthened Freshwater Action Plan in Budget 2023; and

FURTHER THAT: the NVCA calls on the federal government to make conservation authorities and municipalities eligible for future funding in programs announced under the strengthened Freshwater Action Plan; and

FURTHER THAT: the NVCA calls on the federal government to allocate a portion of such funding to local bodies of water in the Nottawasaga Valley watershed; and

FURTHER THAT: the NVCA directs its chair and vice-chair to submit this resolution with an accompanying letter to the federal Minister of Finance; the Minister of Environment and Climate Change; the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change (responsible for the Canada Water Agency); to the Great Lakes/St Lawrence Cities Initiative; and to local Members of Parliament, municipal councils, and the local media.

12.2.5. Staff Report No. 05-02-23-BOD from Tyler Mulhall, Regulations Technician & Meagan Kieferle, Senior Regulations Officer

Recommendation:

RES: 18-23

Moved by: Cllr. Ralph Manktelow

Seconded by: Cllr. Gary Harvey

RESOLVED THAT: the NVCA Board of Directors receive Staff Report No. 05-02-23-BOD that summarizes the permits and approvals issued by staff for the period of June 13, 2022 to December 31, 2022.

Carried;

12.2.6. Staff Report No. 06-02-23-BOD from Maria Leung, Senior Communications Specialist

Recommendation:

Approved by Consent

RESOLVED THAT: Staff Report No. 06-02-23-BOD regarding NVCA's Customer Satisfaction Report 2022 be received by Board of Directors.

12.2.7. Staff Report No. 07-02-23-BOD from Maria Leung, Senior Communications Specialist

Recommendation:

Approved by Consent

RESOLVED THAT: Staff Report No. 07-02-23-BOD regarding NVCA Communications - November 12, 2022 - February 10, 2023, be received.

13. Other Business

Director, Corporate Services, Sheryl Flannagan informed the Board members that they can pull items out of the consent agenda prior to the meeting, if they wish to do so.

Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), Doug Hevenor informed the Board that the Minister of the MNRNF has funded 2.7 million for tree planting.

14. Adjourn

Recommendation:

RES: 19-23

Moved by: Cllr. Joe Belanger

Seconded by: Cllr. Kyle Fegan

RESOLVED THAT: this meeting adjourn at 11:58am to meet again on March 24, 2023 or at the call of the Chair.

Carried;