



03-24-BOD (April's Board of Directors Meeting) Minutes
Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority
Apr 26, 2024 at 9:00 AM EDT
@ 8195 8th Line, Utopia ON, L0M 1T0

Attendance

Present:

Mayor Scott W. Anderson, Adjala-Tosorontio (Township); Cllr. Christopher Baines, Collingwood (Town); Cllr. Joe Belanger, Wasaga Beach (Town); Cllr. Nicole Cox, New Tecumseth (Town); Cllr. Kyle Fegan, Shelburne (Town); Cllr. Pieter Kiezebrink, Essa (Township); Chair Gail Little, Amaranth (Township); Deputy Mayor Paul Van Staveren Clearview (Township); Mayor Janet Horner, Mulmur (Township); Cllr. June Porter, The Blue Mountains (Town); Vice-Chair Jonathan Scott, Bradford West Gwillimbury (Town); Cllr. Gary Harvey, Barrie (City); Cllr. Ralph Manktelow, Mono (Town); Cllr. Richard Schell, Oro-Medonte (Township)

NVCA Staff:

Sheryl Flannagan, Director, Corporate Services; Doug Hevenor, Chief Administrative Officer; Chris Hibberd, Director, Watershed Management Services; Kyra Howes, Director, Conservation Services; Christine Knapp, General Account (*departed at 9:30am*); Sarah Thompson, Source Water Coordinator; Jennifer France, Watershed Monitoring Technician; Maria Leung, Senior Communications Specialist; Kerry Jenkins, Administrative Assistant/Recorder

Absent:

Cllr Phil Fisher, Springwater (Township); Cllr. Kevin Eisses, Innisfil (Town); Mayor Darren White, Melancthon (Township); Cllr. Joel Loughead, Grey Highlands (Municipality)

Guests:

Tiffany Cecchetto, KPMG, (*departed at 9:30am*); Andrew Pascuzzo (*arrived at 9:13am; departed at 10:30am*)

1. Events

Arbor Day

NVCA will hold its 34th annual Arbor Day Tree Sale. A variety of bareroot tree and shrub seedlings will be for sale. Trees and shrubs are sold in bundles of 10 for \$35 each. Tree availability is first come first serve and cannot be reserved.

Date: May 11, 2024

Location: Tiffin Centre for Conservation

Tree Planting Event on the Mad River

Volunteer to plant trees along the creek with Friends of the Mad River and Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority from 9 a.m. to noon. This is a great way for students to get their volunteer hours. Pre-registration required. [Register here.](#)

Date: May 5, 2024

Location: 2295 Nottawasaga Concession 6 Creemore, ON L0M 1G0

Let the River Flow: Mad River benefit concert

A benefit concert in support of "The Friends of the Mad River", a local, community-based group of volunteers who are committed to restoring and sustaining the Mad River as a healthy habitat for all who rely on it. [Free registration encouraged on Eventbrite.](#) This is a "Pay What You Can" event, cash only at the door or donate online at the [Canada Helps link.](#)

Date: May 26, 2024

Location: St. John's United Church, 192 Mill Street Creemore, ON L0M 1G0

Tiffin Nature Program (for preschoolers)

Tiffin Nature Program will help preschoolers gain knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the natural world and our amazing planet. Children learn about risky play, and develop a better understanding of their relationship with the land.

Half Day Dates: Tuesdays March 19, 2023 – June 4, 2024

Full Day Dates: Thursdays March 21, 2023 – June 6, 2024

Location: Tiffin Centre for Conservation

2. Call to Order

Chair Little called the meeting to order at 9:04am.

3. Land Acknowledgement

Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority Board acknowledges that we are situated on the traditional land of the Anishnaabeg people. The Anishnaabeg include the Ojibwe, Odawa, and Pottawatomi nations, collectively known as the Three Fires Confederacy. 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: 20-24

Moved by: Mayor Scott W. Anderson

Seconded by: Cllr. Pieter Kiezebrink

RESOLVED THAT: the agenda for the Board of Directors meeting #03-24-BOD dated on April 26, 2024 be approved.

Carried;

6. Announcements

Chair Little informed the Board of Directors that at the April 19th meeting for Conservation Ontario, Vice-Chair Scott was named Vice-Chair for Conservation Ontario.

7. Presentations

7.1. 2023 Audit from Tiffany Cecchetto, CPA, CA, KPMG LLP

Tiffany Cecchetto, CPA, CA, KPMG LLP conducted a presentation regarding NVCA's 2023 Audit.

Recommendation

RES: 21-24

Moved by: Cllr. Christopher Baines

Seconded by: Cllr. Gary Harvey

RESOLVED THAT: the Board receives the presentation regarding NVCA's 2023 Audit; and

FURTHER THAT: the Board approves the 2023 Draft Financial Statements.

Carried;

7.2. Enforcement and Compliance from Meagan Kieferle, Senior Regulations Officer

Meagan Kieferle, Senior Regulations Officer conducted a presentation regarding NVCA's Enforcement and Compliance.

Recommendation

RES: 22-24

Moved by: Cllr. Nicole Cox

Seconded by: Cllr. Gary Harvey

RESOLVED THAT: the Board receives this presentation as presented.

Carried;

8. Deputations

Deputation regarding NVCA Permits for Wood Avenue Semis.

A presentation was conducted by Andrew Pascuzzo from Pascuzzo Planning Inc.

Recommendation

RES: 23-24

Moved by: Cllr. Joe Belanger

Seconded by: Cllr. Rick Schell

RESOLVED THAT: the deputation be allowed to provide additional details beyond the scope of the original deputation.

Carried; 2/3 votes in favor.

Recommendation

RES: 24-24

Moved by: Vice-Chair Jonathan Scott

Seconded by: Cllr. Ralph Manktelow

RESOLVED THAT: the Board of Directors receive the deputation as presented.

Carried;

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: 25-24

Moved by: Mayor Janet Horner

Seconded by: Cllr. Kyle Fegan

RESOLVED THAT: agenda item number(s), 12.2 was identified as requiring separate discussion, be referred for discussion under Agenda Item #12; 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 02-24-BOD dated on March 22, 2024 be approved.

12.1.1. Adoption of Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Recommendation

Approved by Consent

RESOLVED THAT: the minutes of the Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting 01-24-AAC dated on March 28, 2024 be approved.

12.2. Staff Report No. 09-03-24-BOD 1st Quarter Budget from Sheryl Flannagan, Director, Corporate Services

Recommendation

RES: 26-24

Moved by: Cllr. Gary Harvey

Seconded by: Mayor Scott W. Anderson

RESOLVED THAT: the Board of Directors receive Staff Report No. 09-03-24-BOD regarding the 2024 first quarter financials; and

FURTHER THAT: staff continue to monitor budget activities.

Carried;

12.2.1. Staff Report No. 10-03-24-BOD from Sheryl Flannagan, Director, Corporate Services

Recommendation

Approved by Consent

RESOLVED THAT: the Board of Directors approve Staff Report No. 10-03-24-BOD regarding the Administrative Bylaws Update.

12.2.2. Staff Report No. 11-03-24-BOD from Sheryl Flannagan, Director, Corporate Services

Recommendation

Approved by Consent

RESOLVED THAT: the Board of Directors approve Staff Report No. 11-03-24-BOD regarding the Employee Handbook Update.

12.2.3. Staff Report No. 12-03-24-BOD from Maria Leung, Senior Communications Specialist

Recommendation

Approved by Consent

RESOLVED THAT: Staff Report No. 12-03-24-BOD regarding NVCA's Customer Satisfaction Report 2023 be received by Board of Directors.

12.2.4. Staff Report No. 13-03-24-BOD from Maria Leung, Senior Communications Specialist

Recommendation

Approved by Consent

RESOLVED THAT: Staff Report No. 13-03-24-BOD regarding NVCA Communications – *March 9, 2024 – April 11, 2024*, be received.

13. Other Business

Recommendation

RES: 27-24

Moved by: Cllr. Pieter Kiezebrink

Seconded by: Cllr. Nicole Cox

RESOLVED THAT: the Board of Directors approve the inclusion of Vice-Chair Scott's resolution not withstanding procedural by-laws.

Carried; by 2/3 votes in favour

Recommendation

RES: 28-24

Moved by: Vice-Chair Jonathan Scott

Seconded by: Cllr. June Porter

WHEREAS: private water systems (e.g., wells) are not protected through legislated requirements under The Safe Drinking Water Act 2002 and The Clean Water Act 2006, but are more likely to contribute to cases of gastrointestinal illness than municipal systems; and

WHEREAS: the 2023 Ontario Auditor General's value-for-money audit of Public Health Ontario (PHO) recommended that PHO, in conjunction with the Ontario Ministry of Health, begin the gradual discontinuance of free private drinking water testing; and

WHEREAS: in the jurisdiction of NVCA, many households do not receive water from municipal systems, with many relying on a private drinking water system, including wells; and

WHEREAS: the Walkerton Inquiry Report Part II, concluded the privatization of laboratory testing of drinking water samples contributed directly to the E. coli outbreak in Walkerton, Ontario in May 2000; and

WHEREAS: all Ontarians deserve safe, clean water, and free well-water testing is a way to help ensure that residents on private wells continue to have barrier-free access to well water testing.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Board recommend the Board of Directors call on the Province to not phase out free well-water testing as part of the proposed streamlining efforts of public health laboratory operations in the province; and

FURTHER THAT: this resolution be circulated to the Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health; Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs; Hon. Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; local MPPs; and Conservations Ontario and Ontario's conservation authorities.

Carried;

14. Adjourn

Recommendation

RES: 29-24

Moved by: Vice-Chair Jonathan Scott

Seconded by: Cllr. Gary Harvey

RESOLVED THAT: this meeting adjourn at 11:20am to meet again on May 24, 2024 or at the call of the Chair.

Carried;