



07-24-BOD Minutes
Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority
Friday October 25, 2024 at 9:00 AM EDT

Attendance

Present:

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

NVCA Staff:

Sheryl Flannagan, Director, Corporate Services; Doug Hevenor, Chief Administrative Officer; Chris Hibberd, Director, Watershed Management Services; Kyra Howes, Director, Conservation Services; Dalia Al-Ali, Manager, Engineering Services; Tyler Boswell, Planner; Ben Krul, Manager, Development Planning and Permits; Greg Marek, Senior Planner; Kerry Jenkins, Administrative Assistant/Recorder

Absent:

Mayor Darren White, Melancthon (Township); (Town); Cllr. Ralph Manktelow, Mono (Town); Cllr Phil Fisher, Springwater (Township); Cllr. Kevin Eisses, Innisfil (Town);

1. Events

Tiffin Nature School

At Tiffin Nature School, children aged 2.5 to 10 are invited to explore and connect with the natural world. We nurture their innate curiosity, offering immersive outdoor experiences that inspire discovery and growth.

Dates: Tuesdays & Thursdays until May 29, 2025

Location: Tiffin Centre for Conservation

PA/PD Day Camp Tiffin

Camp Tiffin encourages outdoor exploration, guided excursions in the forest fueled by student interest. Every day will be guided by student inquiry, seasonal changes, and weather and program availability.

Date: Friday, October 25, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location: Tiffin Centre for Conservation

2. Call to Order

Chair Little called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

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: 51-24

Moved by: Cllr. June Porter

Seconded by: Cllr. Joe Belanger

RESOLVED THAT: the agenda for the Board of Directors meeting #07-24-BOD dated on October 25, 2024 be approved.

Carried;

6. Announcements

Doug Hevenor, CAO announced Fred Dobbs, Manager, Stewardship Services will be retiring on December 20th, 2024 and noted NVCA will have big chest waders to fill regarding his retirement.

7. Deputations

There were no deputations at this time.

8. Hearings

There were no hearings at this time.

9. 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.

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

Recommendation:

52-24

Moved by: Cllr. Christopher Baines

Seconded by: Cllr. Patricia Clark

RESOLVED THAT: agenda item number(s), 11.3.4 was identified as requiring separate discussion, be referred for discussion under Agenda Item #11; 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;

11. Consent List

11.1. Adoption of Minutes

Recommendation:

Approved by Consent

RESOLVED THAT: the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting 06-24-BOD dated on September 27, 2024 be approved.

11.2. Adoption of Agricultural Advisory Committee Minutes

Recommendation:

Approved by Consent

RESOLVED THAT: the minutes of the Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting 03-24-AAC dated on September 26, 2024 be approved.

11.3. Staff Reports

11.3.1. Staff Report No. 30-07-24-BOD from Dalia Al-Ali, Manager, Engineering Services regarding Funding to Match WECI Grant

Recommendation:

Approved by Consent

RESOLVED THAT: the Board of Directors receive Staff Report No. 30-07-24-BOD regarding the 2024-25 WECI grant and;

FURTHER THAT: the Board of Directors approve the use of \$15,000 from reserves to address the outstanding matching funds for the WECI grant, to be spent by March 31, 2025

11.3.2. Staff Report No. 31-07-24-BOD from Tyler Boswell, Planner regarding Regulation Procedures and Fee Policy Update

Recommendation:

Approved by Consent

RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Directors receive and approve Staff Report No. 31-07-24-BOD regarding regulation procedures and fee policy update.

11.3.3. Staff Report No. 32-07-24-BOD from Kyra Howes, Director, Conservation Services regarding Review and Approval of Conservation Areas Strategy

Recommendation:

Approved by Consent

RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Directors receive Staff Report No. 32-07-24-BOD and approve NVCA's Draft Conservation Areas Strategy as presented.

11.3.4. Staff Report No. 33-07-24-BOD from Doug Hevenor, CAO regarding Fee Freeze on CA's

Recommendation:

RES: 53-24

Moved by: Cllr. Joe Belanger

Seconded by: Mayor Scott W. Anderson

RESOLVED THAT: The NVCA Board of Directors receive this report for information, and;

FURTHER THAT: It is to be used when contacting all watershed MPPs within each respective municipality, and;

FURTHER THAT: we request the current development, permitting and planning fee freeze be lifted on Conservation Authorities (CAs) by the Minister of MNR.

Carried;

11.3.5. Staff Report No. 34-07-24-BOD from Sheryl Flannagan, Director, Corporate Services regarding NVCA's 3rd Quarter Budget

Recommendation:

Approved by Consent

RESOLVED THAT: the Board of Directors receive Staff Report No. 34-07-24-BOD regarding the 2024 third quarter financials; and

FURTHER THAT: staff continue to monitor budget activities.

11.3.6. Staff Report No. 35-07-24-BOD from Maria Leung, Senior Communications Specialist regarding Communications Report

Recommendation:

Approved by Consent

RESOLVED THAT: Staff Report No. 35-07-24-BOD regarding NVCA Communications – *September 13, 2024 – October 10, 2024*, be received.

12. Other Business

Mayor Scott W. Anderson asked staff if they have received any comments from municipalities regarding the budget. Staff informed members they have met with the Town of Blue Mountains, who have approved to receive the budget, received comments from the Town of Mono regarding them being

upset with the budget and have scheduled meetings coming up with Oro-Medonte Township, Springwater Township and Town of New Tecumseth.

13. Adjourn

Recommendation:

RES: 54-24

Moved by: Cllr. Kyle Fegan

Seconded by: Mayor Scott W. Anderson

RESOLVED THAT: this meeting adjourn at 9:45am to meet again on November 22, 2024 or at the call of the Chair.

Carried;