



09-24-BOD Agenda Minutes  
Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority  
Friday December 13, 2024 at 9:00 AM EST

**Attendance**

**Present:**

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. Joel Loughhead, 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. Phil Fisher, Springwater (Township); Cllr. Kevin Eisses, Innisfil (Town); Mayor Darren White, Melancthon (Township); (Town); Cllr. Ralph Manktelow, Mono (Town); Cllr. Gary Harvey, Barrie (City); Cllr. Kyle Fegan, Shelburne (Town)

**NVCA Staff:**

Sheryl Flannagan, Director, Corporate Services; Doug Hevenor, Chief Administrative Officer; Chris Hibberd, Director, Watershed Management Services; Kyra Howes, Director, Conservation Services; Doug Hevenor, Chief Administrative Officer; Dalia Al-Ali, Manager, Engineering Services; Tyler Mulhall, Planner; Ben Krul, Manager, Development Planning and Permits; Meagan Kieferle, Senior Regulations Officer; Fred Dobbs, Manager, Stewardship Services – *departed at 9:12am*; Kerry Jenkins, Administrative Assistant/Recorder

**Absent:**

Cllr. Richard Schell, Oro-Medonte (Township)

**1. Events**

**Winter Camp Tiffin**

Our staff have been excited to plan some winter camp activities for Winter Camp Tiffin which will be full of outdoor adventures.

Led by NVCA's environmental educators, Camp Tiffin is an outdoor camp designed to enhance your child's knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the natural world and our amazing planet.

**Dates:** December 30, 2024, January 2 & 3, 2025

**Location:** Tiffin Centre for Conservation

### **Christmas Bird Count for Kids**

Christmas Bird Count for Kids is a fun, family friendly bird watching event that contributes to scientific bird count data.

Learn how to watch birds from our local nature enthusiasts, Nature Barrie. After their presentation inside, we will take to the trails on a guided hike to find and practice identifying the birds at Tiffin!

Hot chocolate is included. Please bring your own reusable mug.

**Date:** January 2, 2025

**Location:** Tiffin Centre for Conservation

### **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

## **2. Call to Order**

Chair Little called the meeting to order at 9:02am.

## **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: 62-24*

Moved by: Cllr. Joe Belanger

Seconded by: Cllr. Joel Loughead

**RESOLVED THAT:** the agenda for the Board of Directors meeting #09-24-BOD dated on December 13, 2024 be approved as amended.

**Carried;**

## **6. Announcements**

Chair Little and Kyra Howes, Director, Conservation Services informed members of Fred Dobbs, Manager, Stewardship Services 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:

*RES: 63-24*

Moved by: Cllr. Nicole Cox

Seconded by: Cllr. Christopher Baines

**RESOLVED THAT:** agenda item number(s), 11.2.2 and 11.2.4 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*

Moved by: Mayor Darren White

Seconded by: Cllr. Patricia Clark

**RESOLVED THAT:** the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting 08-24-BOD dated on November 22, 2024 be approved.

**11.2. Staff Reports**

**11.2.1. Staff Report No. 42-09-24-BOD from Tyler Mulhall, Planner regarding 2024 BOD Permits**

Recommendation:

*Approved by Consent*

Moved by: Cllr. Joe Belanger

Seconded by: Cllr. Kevin Eisses

**RESOLVED THAT:** NVCA Board of Directors receive Staff Report No. 42-09-24-BOD that summarizes the permits and approvals issued by staff for the period of July 24, 2024 to November 15, 2024.

**11.2.2. Staff Report No. 43-09-24-BOD from Ben Krul, Manager, Development Planning and Permits regarding 2025 Fees for Planning and Permit Applications**

Recommendation:

*RES: 64-24*

Moved by: Cllr. June Porter

Seconded by: Mayor Scott W. Anderson

**RESOLVED THAT:** The Board of Directors receive Staff Report No. 43-09-24-BOD regarding proposed changes to planning and permitting review fees; and

**FURTHER THAT:** the Board of Directors approve increase of the planning and permitting fees for 2025 based on cost of living allowance (3.1%) and pending expiring or lifting of the fee freeze by the Minister of Natural Resources.

**Withdrawn;**

*Due to Provincial announcement in continuation of planning fee freeze.*

**11.2.3. Staff Report No. 44-09-24-BOD from Sheryl Flannagan, Director, Corporate Services regarding Update on Regulatory Deliverables**

Recommendation:

*Approved by Consent*

Moved by: Cllr. Ralph Manktelow

Seconded by: Cllr. Phil Fisher

**RESOLVED THAT:** Staff Report No. 44-09-24-BOD related to an update on regulatory deliverables, be received for information.

**11.2.4. Staff Report No. 45-09-24-BOD from Sheryl Flanagan, Director, Corporate Services regarding 2025 Budget**

Recommendation:

*RES: 65-24*

Moved by: Cllr. Gary Harvey

Seconded by: Cllr. Nicole Cox

**RESOLVED THAT:** Staff Report No. 45-09-24-BOD regarding the NVCA's 2025 Budget be received; and

**FURTHER THAT:** the 2025 Category 1 budget, operational and capital, as presented in the 2025 Draft Budget booklet be approved; and

**FURTHER THAT:** each watershed member municipality be formally advised of their respective share of the Category 1 levies, operational and capital; and

**FURTHER THAT:** the 2025 Categories 2 & 3 budget, operational and capital, as presented in the 2025 Draft Budget booklet be approved; and

**FURTHER THAT:** each watershed member municipality be formally advised of their respective share of the Categories 2 & 3 levies once the memorandum of understanding with the municipality is signed, operational and capital; and

**FURTHER THAT:** should a member municipality choose not to participate in Categories 2 & 3, that reserves be used to cover the difference in the budgeted levy for the 2025 year.

**Recorded Vote:**

**Yay:**

Mayor Scott W. Anderson, Deputy Mayor Gail Little, Cllr. Gary Harvey, Deputy Mayor Paul Van Staveren, Cllr. Christopher Baines, Cllr. Pieter Kiezebrink, Cllr. Joel Loughhead, Cllr. Kevin Eisses, Cllr. Ralph Manktelow, Cllr. Nicole Cox, Cllr. Phil Fisher, Cllr. Joe Belanger, Cllr. June Porter, Cllr. Jonathan Scott, Cllr. Patricia Clark

**Nay:**

Mayor Darren White, Cllr. Kyle Fegan

**Absent:**

Cllr. Rick Schell

**Carried;**

**11.2.5. Staff Report No. 46-09-24-BOD from Maria Leung, Senior Communications Specialist regarding Communications Report**

Recommendation:

*Approved by Consent*

Moved by: Cllr. Pieter Kiezebrink

Seconded by: Cllr. Nicole Cox

**RESOLVED THAT:** Staff Report No. 46-09-24-BOD regarding NVCA Communications – November 9, 2024 – November 26, 2024, be received.

**12. Other Business**

**13. In-Camera**

Recommendation:

*RES: 66-24*

Moved by: Mayor Scott W. Anderson

Seconded by: Cllr. Nicole Cox

**RESOLVED THAT:** this meeting of the Board of Directors No. 05-24-BOD move into closed session at 9:37am to address matters pertaining to: Personal information regarding an identifiable individual, including authority staff.

**Carried;**

**14. Out of In-Camera**

Recommendation:

*RES: 67-24*

Moved by: Mayor Darren White

Seconded by: Cllr. Phil Fisher

**RESOLVED THAT:** the Board of Directors rise from in-camera at 11:47am and report progress.

and;

**FURTHER THAT:** the Chair and Vice-Chair proceed as directed by the Board of Directors.

**Carried;**

**15. Adjourn**

Recommendation:

*RES: 68-24*

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Paul Van Staveren

Seconded by: Mayor Darren White

**RESOLVED THAT:** this meeting adjourn at 11:48am to meet again on January 24, 2025 or at the call of the Chair.

**Carried;**