



07-25-BOD Agenda Minutes
Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority
Friday June 27, 2025 9:00 AM EST

Attendance

Present:

Cllr. Joe Belanger, Wasaga Beach (Town); Chair Jonathan Scott, Bradford West Gwillimbury (Town); Cllr. Joel Loughhead, Grey Highlands (Municipality); Cllr. Pieter Kiezebrink, Essa (Township); Cllr. Christopher Baines, Collingwood (Town); Deputy Mayor Paul Van Staveren Clearview (Township); Cllr. Ralph Manktelow, Mono (Town); Vice-Chair Gail Little, Amaranth (Township); Cllr. Kevin Eisses, Innisfil (Town); Cllr. June Porter, The Blue Mountains (Town); Cllr. Nicole Cox, New Tecumseth (Town); Cllr. Patricia Clark, Mulmur (Township); Cllr. Kyle Fegan, Shelburne (Town); Mayor Darren White, Melancthon (Township)

NVCA Staff:

Jennifer Vincent, Chief Administrative Officer; Sheryl Flannagan, Director, Corporate Services; Chris Hibberd, Director, Watershed Management Services; Kyra Howes, Director, Conservation Services; Maria Leung, Senior Communications Specialist; Ben Krul, Manager, Development Planning & Permits; Tyler Mulhall, Planner; Katelyn Wardlaw, Planner; Ian Ockenden, Manager, Watershed Science; Kerry Jenkins, Administrative Assistant/Recorder

Absent:

Cllr. Phil Fisher, Springwater (Township); Mayor Scott W. Anderson, Adjala-Tosorontio (Township); Cllr. Richard Schell, Oro-Medonte (Township); Cllr. Gary Harvey, Barrie (City);

1. Events

River restoration and tree planting events

The stewardship team will be hosting volunteer river restoration and tree planting events this summer. Dates and locations will be posted soon

Date: June, July, August

Location: Throughout the Nottawasaga Watershed

2. Call to Order

Chair Scott 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 Anishnaabeg people. The Anishnaabeg (*a-nish-i-na-beck*) include the Ojibwe (*o-jib-way*), Odawa (*o-dah-wa*), and Pottawatomi (*pot-a-wa-tom-ee*) 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: 48-25

Moved by: Cllr. Christopher Baines

Seconded by: Cllr. Kevin Eisses

RESOLVED THAT: the agenda for the Board of Directors meeting #07-25-BOD dated on June 27, 2025 be approved.

Carried;

6. Chairs Update

Chair Scott shared his updates.

7. CAO's Updates

CAO, Jennifer Vincent shared her updates.

8. Announcements

There were no announcements at this time.

9. Deputations

There were no deputations at this time.

10. Hearings

There were no hearings at this time.

11. 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.

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

Recommendation:

RES: 49-25

Moved by: Cllr. Joe Belanger

Seconded by: Cllr. Joel Loughhead

RESOLVED THAT: agenda item number(s), 13.4.1, 13.4.2, 13.4.4 and 13.4.6 was identified as requiring separate discussion, be referred for discussion under Agenda Item #13; 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;

13. Consent List

13.1. Adoption of Minutes

Recommendation:

Approved by Consent

RESOLVED THAT: the minutes of the Board of Directors meetings 06-25-BOD dated on May 23, 2025 be approved.

13.2. Correspondence

Recommendation:

Approved by Consent

RESOLVED THAT: the Board of Directors receives the correspondence from the Town of Shelburne.

Correspondence dated on May 14, 2025 from the Town of Shelburne regarding the passed resolution of Responsible Growth and Opposition to Element of Bill 5.

13.3. Correspondence

Recommendation:

Approved by Consent

RESOLVED THAT: the Board of Directors receives the correspondence from the Town of Georgina.

Correspondence from the Town of Georgina dated on April 2, 2025 regarding the carried resolution of amalgamation.

13.4. Staff Reports

13.4.1. Staff Report No. 18-07-25-BOD from Katelyn Wardlow, Planner, & Tyler Mulhall, Planner regarding Permits

Board of Directors have directed staff to add clearance letter information summarizing the number of clearance letters issued.

Recommendation:

RES: 50-25

Moved by: Cllr. Joe Belanger

Seconded by: Cllr. Patricia Clark

RESOLVED THAT: NVCA Board of Directors receive Staff Report No. 18-07-25-BOD that summarizes the permits issued by staff for the period of January 1, 2025 to May 31, 2025.

Carried;

13.4.2. Staff Report No. 19-07-25-BOD from Ben Krul, Manager, Development Planning & Permits & Chris Hibberd, Director, Watershed Management Services regarding Regulations Mapping Update

Recommendation:

RES: 51-25

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Paul Van Staveren

Seconded by: Cllr. June Porter

RESOLVED THAT: the Board of Directors approve Staff Report No. 19-07-25-BOD regarding the 2025 Updated Regulation Mapping and staff be directed to release the final updated mapping to NVCA watershed municipalities and stakeholders.

Carried;

13.4.3. Staff Report No. 20-07-25-BOD from Paul Tripodo, Manager, Stewardship & Restoration Services & Kyra Howes, Director, Conservation Services regarding Administrative Review of Programs and Services.

Recommendation:

Approved by Consent

RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Directors receive and approve Staff Report No. 20-07-25-BOD, regarding a potential future administrative update to the categorization of services provided by the Stewardship and Restoration Program.

13.4.4. Staff Report No. 21-07-25-BOD from Maria Leung, Senior Communications Specialist regarding Customer Satisfaction Report 2024

Recommendation:

RES: 52-25

Moved by: Cllr. Joe Belanger

Seconded by: Cllr. Christopher Baines

RESOLVED THAT: Staff Report No. 21-07-25-BOD regarding NVCA's Customer Satisfaction Report 2024 be received by Board of Directors.

Carried;

13.4.5. Staff Report No. 22-07-25-BOD from Maria Leung, Senior Communications Specialist regarding Communication Report

Recommendation:

Approved by Consent

RESOLVED THAT: Staff Report No. 22-07-25-BOD regarding NVCA Communications – May 9, 2025 – June 12, 2025, be received.

13.4.6. Staff Report No. 24-07-25-BOD from Ian Ockenden, Manager, Watershed Science & Jennifer Vincent, CAO regarding Chloride Concentrations

Recommendation:

Moved by: Cllr. Nicole Cox

Seconded by: Cllr. June Porter

WHEREAS: road salt is a designated toxic substance under the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act* due to its long-term harm to ecosystems, infrastructure and drinking water sources; and

WHEREAS: chloride levels in some local bodies of water have risen over 300% since the 1960s; and

WHEREAS: despite years of guidance and consultation efforts from conservation authorities, private road salt usage continues to rise, driven primarily by liability concerns faced by contractors and property owners; and

WHEREAS: businesses in the winter maintenance sector are seeing insurance and legal costs dramatically escalate to the point where many have failed, and some property owners have been unable to find winter maintenance contractors; and

WHEREAS: a liability-limiting framework can reduce salt use by up to 40% without compromising public safety and has broad support across municipalities, environmental groups and the winter maintenance industry, as proposed by the Ontario Road Salt Coalition and Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The NVCA urges the Province of Ontario to adopt legislation that limits liability for certified snow and ice contractors following provincially endorsed best practices; and
2. The NVCA supports the creation of a provincial advisory committee—including municipal, industry, commercial property owners, insurance industry and environmental representatives—to guide salt reduction strategies and protect Ontario's freshwater resources; and
3. That this resolution be shared with Conservation Ontario, local MPPs, the Ontario Road Salt Coalition, and Minister McCarthy, Attorney General Downey, and Premier Ford."

Friendly Amendment:

Recommendation:

RES: 53-25

Moved by: Cllr. Nicole Cox

Seconded by: Cllr. June Porter

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WHEREAS: businesses in the winter maintenance sector are seeing insurance and legal costs dramatically escalate to the point where many have failed, and some property owners have been unable to find winter maintenance contractors; and

WHEREAS: a liability-limiting framework can reduce salt use by up to 40% without compromising public safety and has broad support across municipalities, environmental groups and the winter maintenance industry, as proposed by the Ontario Road Salt Coalition and Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The NVCA urges the Province of Ontario to adopt legislation that limits liability and significantly reduces the statute of limitations timeline for claims related to slip & fall and ice related claims for certified snow and ice contractors following provincially endorsed best practices; and
2. The NVCA supports the creation of a provincial advisory committee—including municipal, industry, commercial property owners, insurance industry and environmental representatives—to guide salt reduction strategies and protect Ontario's freshwater resources; and
3. That this resolution be shared with Conservation Ontario, local MPPs, the Ontario Road Salt Coalition, and Minister McCarthy, Attorney General Downey, and Premier Ford."

Carried;

14. In-Camera

Board of Directors deemed it was unnecessary to go into closed session.

15. Out of In-Camera

Board of Directors deemed it was unnecessary to go into closed session.

15.1. Out of In Camera

Recommendation:

RES: 54-25

Moved by: Cllr. Joel Loughhead

Seconded by: Cllr. Nicole Cox

RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Directors provide staff with approval to negotiate property acquisitions with landowners and funding partners for the potential acquisition of two properties located within the core of Minesing Wetlands for the purpose of flood, erosion, and water quality improvements,

And further, should negotiations be successful and fall within budgeted allocations, approve staff to pursue the acquisitions noted herein.

Carried;

16. Other Business

17. Adjourn

Recommendation:

RES: 55-25

Moved by: Cllr. June Porter

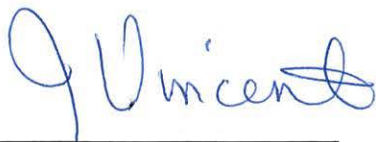
Seconded by: Cllr. Kevin Eisses

RESOLVED THAT: this meeting adjourn at 9:56am to meet again on September 26, 2025 or at the call of the Chair.

Carried;



Jonathan Scott, Chair



Jennifer Vincent, CAO