

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Mill of Kintail Gatehouse

MINUTES

April 20, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT:

M. Burnham, Chair;
P. Sweetnam, Vice-Chair;
D. Black;
G. Code;
A. Jones;
G. McEvoy;
W. Millar;
A. Snider;
B. Sutcliffe;
L. Watkins;
A. Gillis.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

D. Abbott;
E. El-Chantiry;
R. Kidd;
O. MacAngus.

INVITED MEMBER PRESENT:

E. Preston.

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L. Antonakos.

STAFF PRESENT:

P. Lehman, P. Eng., General Manager;
J. Sargeant, Secretary-Treasurer;
S. McFarlane, Community Relations Coordinator
M. Craig, Manager, Planning & Regulatory
Services;
R. Fergusson, Operations Supervisor.
G. Mountenay, Water Management Supervisor
A. Moore, Planning Assistant.

GUEST PRESENT:

E. Fytche, Mississippi Valley Field Naturalists.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

BUSINESS:

1. Approval of Minutes – March 16, 2011

B20/04/11-1

MOVED BY: G. McEvoy

SECONDED BY: W. Millar

Resolved, That the Minutes for the Meeting held March 16, 2011 be received and approved as printed.

“CARRIED”

2. Minutes – New Office Building Committee – April 7, 2011

Mr. Watkins expressed concern about the impact the building of a new office may have on the levy for his municipality. Mr. Lehman noted that the current budget projections would be for the watershed municipalities to pay for the project over a 20 year period. He also noted that annual budget cost of \$300,000.00 has already been built into the annual levy for each municipality. It was noted that final budget figures will be part of the decision making process once size and type of building has been determined.

In response to a question, it was noted that the 14,000 square foot estimate was included in the original Tiree report when they looked at the space requirements for the Authority. The project is still in the early stages and final size has not been determined.

There was a brief discussion regarding municipal taxes on a new Conservation Authority office. Mr. Lehman noted that there is a section in the Conservation Authorities Act that refers to how the Authority is assessed for projects. He noted that the land may be assessed but the building would not if MPAC views the office as a project of the Authority. He noted that staff has requested a ruling from MPAC with regard to the tax issue.

B20/04/11-2

MOVED BY: D. Black

SECONDED BY: G. Code

Resolved, That the Minutes for the New Office Building Committee Meeting held April 7, 2011 be received.

“CARRIED”

3. Ontario Regulation 153/06 Permits

B20/04/11-3

MOVED BY: P. Sweetnam

SECONDED BY: G. Code

Resolved, That the Board of Directors approve Permit Nos. W11/01, W11/08, W11/02, W10/115, W11/05, W11/06, W11/07, W11/09, W11/14.

“CARRIED”

4. Minister’s Decision – Kanata West Class EA Part II Order Requests

Staff Report #2629/11 outlining the decision from the Minister of Environment regarding requests for a Part II Order associated with the Kanata West Class Environmental Assessments was reviewed. It was noted that under the Environmental Assessment Act, the Minister of Environment may require the completion of individual environmental assessments if requested to do so by an individual. Eighty-eight requests were made to the Minister regarding seven projects associated with the Kanata West Class Environmental Assessments one of which was the Carp River, Poole creek and Feedmill Creek Restoration Project.

Mr. Lehman noted that the Minister has decided that individual Environmental Assessments for

the seven projects will not be required, subject to specific conditions, and therefore the City of Ottawa and the Kanata West Owners Group may proceed with the projects. The conditions imposed by the Minister, refer to several activities which the City has committed to implementing as part of the Class EA process. In making the decision, the Minister explicitly referenced the on-going involvement of MVC in the planning and approval process as one of the considerations in the decision.

It was noted that as a result of the Minister's decision, it is anticipated that the initial steps towards implementation of the Carp River, Poole Creek and Feedmill Creek restoration projects will proceed. The projects will require extensive involvement from MVC staff with respect to commenting on planning applications, monitoring, technical analyses and project review and approvals.

B20/04/11-4

MOVED BY: P. Sweetnam

SECONDED BY: W. Millar

Resolved, That Staff Report #2629/11 regarding the Minister's Decision-Kanata West Class EA Part II Order Requests be received.

“CARRIED”

5. SMARTER (Stream Monitoring and Research Team – Eastern Region - Presentation

Andy Moore gave a presentation on the SMARTER (Stream Monitoring and Research Team for the Eastern Region) Program that MVC has been involved with.

6. Watershed Conditions Update

Mr. Mountenay commented on flood advisories that have been issued and the rainfall forecast for the next week. He noted that in March staff were concerned with the lack of runoff affecting the ability to reach summer levels, however, with heavy rainfall recently this concern has changed to having too much water in the system and a potential for flooding.

7. Other Business

The Chairman requested that the date for the Board of Directors tour in June be changed from June 15, 2011 to June 22, 2011. He requested that an email be circulated to advise members of the change.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

B20/04/11-5

MOVED BY: A. Jones

SECONDED BY: P. Sweetnam

Resolved, That the Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority Board of Directors meeting be adjourned.

“CARRIED”

“J. Sargeant, Recording Secretary

M. Burnham, Chairman”