

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Mill of Kintail Gatehouse

MINUTES

May 16, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT:

M. Burnham, Chair;
J. Karau, Vice-Chair;
D. Abbott;
D. Black;
G. Code;
E. El-Chantiry;
A. Gillis;
A. Jones;
G. Martin;
G. McEvoy;
A. Snider;
B. Sutcliffe;
P. Sweetnam.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

R. Kidd;
W. Millar.

INVITED MEMBERS ABSENT:

L. Antonakos;
E. Preston.

STAFF PRESENT:

P. Lehman, P. Eng., General Manager;
J. Sargeant, Secretary-Treasurer;
A. Broadbent, Information Technology Supervisor;
C. Craig, Project Manager;
M. Craig, Manager, Planning & Regulatory
Services;
C. Cunningham, Environmental Planner;
S. McFarlane, Community Relations Coordinator;
G. Mountenay, Water Management Supervisor;
D. Reid, Environmental Planner;
J. Rogers, GIS Specialist.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

BUSINESS:

1. Approval of Minutes – Board of Directors Meeting – April 18, 2012

B05/16/12-1

MOVED BY: G. Martin
SECONDED BY: G. McEvoy

Resolved, That the Minutes of the Mississippi Valley Board of Director's Meeting held April 18, 2012 be received and approved as printed.

“CARRIED”

2. Minutes – Office Building Committee – May 9, 2012

B05/16/12-2

MOVED BY: R. Sutcliffe

SECONDED BY: A. Jones

Resolved, That the Minutes of the Mississippi Valley Office Building Committee Meeting held May 9, 2012 be received.

“CARRIED”

3. Ontario Regulation 153/06 Permits

B05/15/12-3

MOVED BY: G. McEvoy

SECONDED BY: E. El-Chantiry

Resolved, That the Board of Directors approve Permit Nos. W11/144, W11/79, W12/32, W12/33, W12/38, W11/13, W11/138, W12/18, W12/28, W11/104, W11/109, W11/140, W11/86, W12/05, W12/19, W12/21, W12/22, W12/23, W12/25, W12/26, W12/27, W12/30, W12/39, W12/43.

“CARRIED”

4. Agreement for Septic Re-Inspection Services

Mr. Lehman commented on the Agreement for Septic Re-inspection Services with the Township of North Frontenac attached to Staff Report #2681/12. It was noted that the service, provided to the Township since 2005 on a cost recovery basis, provides important opportunities to work with the Township to ensure private septic systems are operating and being maintained effectively.

There was a discussion regarding the process to determine and report faulty septic systems. Mr. Lehman noted that if staff find a faulty system, the municipality and the Health Unit are advised and they enforce remediation.

B05/15/12-4

MOVED BY: G. Martin

SECONDED BY: B. Sutcliffe

Resolved, That the proposed Agreement for Septic Re-inspection Services to the Township of North Frontenac be approved.

“CARRIED”

In response to a question, Mr. Lehman agreed to contact Terry Davidson at the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority to determine the status of a septic re-inspection pilot project in the Constance Bay area.

5. Watershed Conditions Report

Mr. Moutenay advised that all lakes in the upper watershed are at target levels with the exception of Mississagagon Lake which is 4” below target. He advised that two bulletins

have been circulated by the Conservation Authority during the past month advising the public about dry conditions and the importance of conserving water.

Mr. Mountenay provided a presentation on the Ontario Low Water Response Program which was released in May 2001 and revised in March 2010. He explained the Level I, II and III low water conditions and noted that at the present time most of Southern Ontario is in a Level I condition.

In response to questions, Mr. Lehman explained that the low water response program is a communication tool to keep the public aware of dry periods and the importance of reducing water usage. He noted that the public needs to be aware of low water conditions in a Level I or II drought so that the imposition of provincial water restrictions under a Level III drought would not come as a surprise.

Mr. El-Chantiry commented on the need for public notification of fluctuations in water levels/flows downstream of the Chats Falls dam. Mr. Mountenay agreed to discuss the situation with staff at OPG and respond to Mr. El-Chantiry.

Mr. Mountenay suggested that municipalities implement their low water conditions by-law if they have one. It was noted that automatic water conservation occurs in municipalities that pay for water use.

6. Lanark County Sustainability Plan

Staff Report #2682/12 regarding the Lanark County Sustainable Communities Official Plan was reviewed and discussed briefly.

7. Planning Advisory & Regulations Program

Craig Cunningham gave a presentation on the Planning Advisory Services offered at the Conservation Authority.

Diane Reid gave a presentation on the Section 28 Development Regulation.

There was a discussion on regulating Provincially Significant Wetlands. Mr. Lehman noted that the regulation allows conservation authorities to regulate all wetlands but the decision of the MVC was to regulate Provincially Significant Wetlands only. Members requested that staff circulate mapping to show how much of the Authority watershed is wetlands. Mr. Black questioned what the impact would be to water levels if wetlands in the watershed were reduced due to development. Mr. Craig noted that the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority has completed a report on the impacts to water levels and flooding as a result of the loss of wetlands. He agreed to provide a report at a future meeting.

Mr. El-Chantiry expressed concern about the MVC permitting process that allows a permit to be issued without approvals from other agencies such as the Ministry of Natural Resources, the Ministry of the Environment etc. Mr. Craig commented on the deadlines

that staff must meet regardless of other commenting agencies. Mr. Karau noted that the process needs to be streamlined so that other agencies must meet the same deadlines as the Conservation Authority.

In response to a question regarding the Mississippi Lake mapping project, Mr. Lehman advised that the flying will not take place until 2013 so the municipalities will be advised by letter that the funding will not be required in 2012 as originally included in the MVC budget.

8. Information Management Strategy

Mr. Broadbent provided a presentation on the MVC Information Management Strategic Plan.

9. Other Business

Mr. Abbott and Mr. Gillis requested that staff provide a report on the Enerdu Power Project in Mississippi Mills as well as the Appleton wetlands situation. It was noted that the next meeting date is the tour in June. It was suggested that the staff report be circulated prior to the tour in June so that a meeting can be called on the tour day if required.

Mr. Black noted that the board also needs to be aware of a similar power project in Carleton Place. He requested that staff keep him informed on the situation in Mississippi Mills.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

B05/15/12-5

MOVED BY: G. Martin

SECONDED BY: A. Gillis

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

“CARRIED”

“J. Sargeant, Recording Secretary

M. Burnham, Chairman”