

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Mill of Kintail Gatehouse

MINUTES

July 18, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT:

M. Burnham, Chair;
J. Karau, Vice-Chair;
D. Abbott;
D. Black;
A. Gillis;
A. Jones;
R. Kidd;
G. Martin;
G. McEvoy;
W. Millar;
A. Snider;
B. Sutcliffe;

MEMBERS ABSENT:

G. Code;
E. El-Chantiry;
P. Sweetnam.

INVITED MEMBERS PRESENT:

E. Preston.

INVITED MEMBERS ABSENT:

L. Antonakos

STAFF PRESENT:

Services;

P. Lehman, P. Eng., General Manager;
J. Sargeant, Secretary-Treasurer;
C. Craig, Project Manager;
M. Craig, Manager, Planning & Regulatory

S. McFarlane, Community Relations Coordinator;
G. Mountenay, Water Management Supervisor;

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. A presentation was made to the Secretary-Treasurer in recognition of 30 years of service in 2012.

BUSINESS:

1. Board of Directors Meeting – June 20, 2012

B07/18/12-1

MOVED BY: D. Abbott

SECONDED BY: G. Martin

Resolved, That the Minutes of the Mississippi Valley Board of Director's Meeting held June 20, 2012 be received and approved as printed.

“CARRIED”

2. Minutes – Office Building Committee – July 11, 2012

B07/18/12-2

MOVED BY: A. Jones

SECONDED BY: B. Sutcliffe

Resolved, That the Minutes of the Office Building Committee Meeting held July 11, 2012 be received.

“CARRIED”

3. Business Arising

Mrs. McFarlane advised that the Museum Curator is applying for grants for technological equipment at the R. Tait McKenzie Memorial Museum to assist with meeting accessibility requirements and also for the picnic shelter at the Mill of Kintail Conservation Area. She noted that the grant applications require a motion from the Board of Directors supporting the projects.

B07/18/12-3

MOVED BY: A. Jones

SECONDED BY: B. Sutcliffe

Resolved, That the Mississippi Valley Board of Directors endorse the installation of technological equipment at the R. Tait McKenzie Memorial Museum at the Mill of Kintail Conservation Area to assist with meeting accessibility requirements.

“CARRIED”

B07/18/12-4

MOVED BY: A. Jones

SECONDED BY: G. Martin

Resolved, That the Mississippi Valley Board of Directors endorse the picnic shelter project at the Mill of Kintail Conservation Area.

“CARRIED”

4. Draft Development Permit Agreement

Staff Report #2685/12 along with the draft Development Permit Agreement with the Town of Carleton Place for construction of the new office project was reviewed and discussed. Mr. Lehman advised that the Agreement has been reviewed by MVC’s lawyer and members of the Office Building Committee and was found to be well written with relatively standard clauses.

He made note of the following comments under Schedule “E” – Town Standards and Site Specific Conditions:

- Conditions 1 and 2 reflect conditions in the Agreement of Purchase and Sale.

- Condition 5 refers to construction of publicly accessible washrooms. The Building Committee is of the opinion that further clarification is required regarding operation and maintenance of these facilities.
- Condition 8 deals with development of a future trail system on Town property. The potential for development of a trail system provides a significant opportunity to actively engage the community and was originally contemplated as part of the Agreement of Purchase and Sale. The Building Committee is of the opinion that the details of such a trail system are unknown at present and therefore requires further negotiation with the Town of Carleton Place and a separate agreement which would address completion of a development plan, cost estimates and funding sources, phasing along with operation and maintenance.

Mr. Lehman noted that while further clarification and negotiation are required with the Town of Carleton Place with respect to Conditions 5 and 8, he recommended that the draft Development Permit Agreement be approved for execution subject to Conditions 5 and 8 being resolved to the satisfaction of the Office Building Committee.

B07/18/12-5

MOVED BY: J. Karau

SECONDED BY: B. Sutcliffe

Resolved, That the draft Development Permit Agreement with the Town of Carleton Place be approved for execution subject to Conditions 5 and 8 being resolved to the satisfaction of the Office Building Committee.

“CARRIED”

5. Ontario Regulation 153/06 Permits

In response to a question from Mr. Martin, Mr. Craig advised that staff have met with someone from the Shabomeka Lake Cottage Association to provide advice, but a permit application has not yet been submitted to the Conservation Authority.

B07/18/12-6

MOVED BY: G. McEvoy

SECONDED BY: R. Kidd

Resolved, That the Board of Directors approve Permit Nos. W12/44, W12/35, W12/51, W12/53, W12/56, W12/63, W12/48, W12/59, W12/60, W12/29, W12/31, W12/34, W12/37, W12/42, W12/45, W12/46, W12/49, W12/54, W12/58.

“CARRIED”

6. City of Ottawa Flood Risk Mapping Update

Staff Report #2687/12 along with the Partnership Proposal for the Review and Maintenance of Floodplain Mapping within the City of Ottawa was reviewed and discussed briefly. Mr. Lehman noted that staff from the three Conservation Authorities (MVC, RVCA, SNC) and the City of Ottawa have developed a multi-year program proposal to update floodplain mapping within the City of Ottawa. The detailed project proposal is for a total of 58 watercourses or reaches of watercourses identified within the

City of Ottawa that may require mapping updates or production where the mapping currently does not exist.

It was noted that the three conservation authorities are proposing a five year project at an approximate cost of \$150,000 per year per conservation authority. The CA's and the City of Ottawa will review the work plan and budget annually and any proposed changes will be presented to the City and the Conservation Authority Board of Directors for approval. The City of Ottawa will contribute 50% of the estimated annual cost of \$150,000. Each individual Conservation Authority will be responsible to cover the remaining cost through their respective annual budgets either as a direct cost or an in-kind contribution.

It was also noted that a total of 21 stream reaches were identified within MVC's jurisdiction. Based on the highest priority streams, the estimated cost to complete the hydrologic analysis, data management, hydraulic analysis and produce updated/new floodplain mapping with associated documentation is \$506,000 over 4 years.

The MVC 2012 Watershed Planning Budget includes a total expenditure of \$150,000 to complete year 1 of the Floodplain mapping update which included related expenses in the amount of \$85,000 plus in-kind (staff wages) costs of \$65,000.

Mr. Lehman noted that prior to releasing any funds for the project the City of Ottawa will require a Compensation Agreement with each individual Conservation Authority. A number of minor changes to a draft Agreement are currently under discussion and will be brought back to the Board of Directors at the September meeting.

7. Watershed Conditions Report

Mr. Moutenay commented on Staff Report #2688/12 summarizing the Ontario Low Water Response Program. He explained that "*Ontario Low Water Response*" is intended to ensure provincial preparedness, to assist in coordination and to support local response in the event of a drought. The plan is based on existing legislation and regulations and builds on existing relationships between the province and local government bodies.

Mr. Moutenay outlined the role of the water response team consisting of the Conservation Authority, the municipalities, the Ministry of Natural Resources, the Ministry of the Environment and the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. He also commented on the three levels of low water conditions – Level I indicating a potential water supply problem; Level II indicating a potentially serious water supply problem; and, Level III indicating the failure of the water supply to meet the demand.

Mr. Moutenay presented stream flow and precipitation data accumulated by the Conservation Authority back to 1988. He pointed out that the Mississippi watershed is currently experiencing Level II conditions. He noted that if the dry weather continues he will be looking at how the Conservation Authority has to change its operations in order to maintain a substantial flow of water across the entire watershed. He noted that 4-6" of

rain is required to alleviate the low water conditions across the watershed.

In response to a question, Mr. Mountenay explained that Crotch Lake is the most critical lake on the system as far as maintaining flow. If Crotch Lake becomes too low, there is nowhere to get water for the system downstream. He noted that Ontario Hydro has not been producing hydro on the Mississippi River for three months. Mr. Mountenay commented on the impacts on fish, wildlife and vegetation during a drought. He also noted that a number of watershed residents have been calling to obtain information on creating ponds.

In response to a question regarding climate change forecasts, Mr. Lehman noted that the watershed may be further advanced than projected in 2007. He expressed concern that current dry conditions may occur more frequently as climate change advances.

Mr. Mountenay pointed out that most of the Province of Ontario is at Level II conditions and many areas possibly at Level III. He noted that a Level III must be declared by the Province at which time the Province would control water usage and water taking permits.

8. Community Relations Report

Mrs. McFarlane commented on Staff Report #2689/12 regarding co-branding with Conservation Ontario. She noted that the new office building offers an opportunity to consider changes to the look of the MVC logo. One option for change is to co-brand with Conservation Ontario. Conservation Authorities are represented provincially by Conservation Ontario. Conservation Ontario advocates collective messaging and concerns (i.e. SWP); builds strategic partnerships; plans and implements strategic communications initiatives to promote collective messaging and issues; and champions funding for conservation authorities.

Mrs. McFarlane noted that co-branding with Conservation Ontario emphasizes the scope of Conservation Authorities across the province and MVC's role on a broader scale. The public can identify with the logo regardless of which watershed they are in. The timing seems appropriate to provide a fresh look and to build upon the equity which has been established with the provincial Conservation "C" symbol.

It was noted that the current logo reflects the former 22 municipalities (outside circle) and the circular effect of the watershed and water cycle (inner circle) with the three colours meant to emphasize a C. While insightful, the design does not seem to resonate with the general population. The Conservation "C" has the elements of nature (trees and water) with a modern look, encompassing both the water and land resources managed by the Authority. The symbol has been used on new Conservation Area property and directional signs for the past three years.

In discussion with Conservation Ontario, they are pleased that MVC is considering adopting the Conservation "C" as its new logo and General Manager Don Pearson and Marketing Manager Jane Lewington are planning to attend the September 5, 2012 meeting to talk to the board in person about the concept.

Mr. Burnham suggested that members consider the new logo and send thoughts/suggestions to Mr. Lehman or Mrs. McFarlane.

Mr. Kidd suggested that sample logos for MVC be developed for the meeting on September 5, 2012 for member consideration.

9. Next Meeting – September 5, 2012

Mr. Burnham noted that the original meeting date of September 19, 2012 conflicts with the Biennial tour so the September meeting has been changed to September 5, 2012.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

B07/18/12-7

MOVED BY: W. Millar

SECONDED BY: D. Black

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

“CARRIED”

“J. Sargeant, Recording Secretary

M. Burnham, Chairman”