

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Mississippi Valley Conservation Centre
Carleton Place

October 15, 2014

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

J. Karau, Chair;
D. Abbott, Vice-Chair;
M. Burnham;
G. Code;
A. Gillis;
A. Jones;
G. Martin;
G. McEvoy;
W. Millar;
P. Sweetnam.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

D. Black;
E. El-Chantiry;
R. Kidd;
B. Sutcliffe;
H. Yanch.

INVITED MEMBER ABSENT:

L. Antonakos.

STAFF PRESENT:

P. Lehman, P. Eng., General Manager;
M. Craig, Manager, Planning &
Regulatory Services;
S. McFarlane, Community
Relations Coordinator;
G. Moutenay, Water Management
Supervisor;
J. North, Water Management
Technician;
J. Price, Director, Water Resource
Engineering;
E. Levi, Recording Secretary.

OTHERS PRESENT:

F. Blacquiere, Resident, Glen Cairn;
K. McRae, Resident, Stittsville.

BUSINESS:

Mr. Karau called the meeting to order at 1:20 pm.

1. Minutes – Board of Directors Meeting – September 7, 2014

Mr. Karau noted that Faith Blacquiere should be noted as a Guest in attendance, and that Mr. El-Chantiry was noted as absent when he was present.

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MOVED BY: A. Jones

SECONDED BY: P. Sweetnam

Resolved, That the Minutes of the Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority Board of Directors meeting held on September 17, 2014 be received and approved as amended.

“CARRIED”

2. Minutes – Building Committee Meeting – September 17, 2014

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MOVED BY: M. Burnham

SECONDED BY: G. Martin

Resolved, That the Minutes of the Mississippi Valley Office Building Committee meeting held September 17, 2014 be received.

“CARRIED”

3. Business Arising

Mr. Gillis asked for an update on the well water at the office building. Mr. Lehman advised that the report had not yet been received from the MOE, but that the chromium found in the water was not the hexavalent type and is believed to be a result of paint particles. He confirmed that Clair Milloy, Hydrogeologist with RVCA is continuing to investigate the matter.

4. Mill of Kintail Trail Proposal

Mrs. McFarlane presented staff report #2793/14. She advised that a local contingent of the Ottawa Mountain Biking Association who spearheaded the Almonte Riverside Trail (ART) approached the conservation authority to request passage through the Mill of Kintail Conservation Area. She noted that the group wishes to connect their current 8 km all-season multi-use trail from Almonte to lands further north-west of the Mill of Kintail property. The multi-use trail is a single track design, open to the public, and supports non-motorized uses such as cycling, hiking, snowshoeing, and cross-country skiing.

Mrs. McFarlane noted that Jordon Smith presented to the Mill of Kintail Committee on October 8. She advised that the committee agreed in principle to move forward with working with the ART group ensuring that “the pedestrian quality of the site is maintained and that cycling is incorporated into the Master Plan as a designated non-motorized use; and that the configuration of an existing trail be considered to maximize cyclists exposure to the natural features of the forested areas to further promote nature appreciation”.

In response to a question, Mrs. McFarlane noted that the new trail could use the existing bridge crossing over the Indian River, or the ART group may wish to create their own.

Mr. Lehman advised that once staff receive permission to amend the master plan, the revised version will then be brought back to the board for approval.

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MOVED BY: D. Abbott

SECONDED BY: A. Gillis

Resolved, That the MVCA Board of Directors instruct staff to proceed with an amendment to the Mill of Kintail Master Plan to incorporate the use of bicycles on site.

“CARRIED”

5. MFIPPA Fees Policy

Mr. Lehman commented on Staff report #2791/14. He advised that at the Board of Directors meeting on September 17, 2014, staff were directed to draft a Policy to address fees for submissions under the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, RSO 1990*. He noted a copy of the policy to collect fees at the City of Ottawa was obtained and has been used to generate the policy for MVCA

Mr. Sweetnam stated that the fees were very reasonable.

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MOVED BY: A. Jones

SECONDED BY: W. Millar

Resolved, That the Policy for Applicant Fees under the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, RSO 1990 be received and adopted.

“CARRIED”

6. Watershed Conditions Report

Mr. Mountenay advised that all draw downs in the watershed have commenced with the exception of Mazinaw Lake, which will begin the first week of November. He stated that current watershed conditions are normal.

Mrs. North gave a presentation of the WISKI-SODA software and the many ways it contributes to the effectiveness of water management in the MVCA watershed.

7. Ontario Regulation 153/06 Permits

Permits issued up to October 7, 2014 were reviewed.

8. Other Business

Upper Poole Creek

Mr. McRae presented information and photos from the Stittsville Wetlands website outlining his concerns regarding a culvert replacement undertaken by the City of Ottawa. Mr. McRae noted that the Upper Poole Creek Wetland has been draining excessively since the culvert has been replaced, and that he believes the City to be in violation of the terms of the MVCA permit which was issued.

Mr. McRae stated that he would like to see the culvert raised to a higher elevation so that wetland drainage is not so severe.

Mr. Craig gave a brief presentation of the history of the culvert and its replacement. He advised that the culvert was replaced like-for-like. He noted that there were two pieces of legislation to consider, namely the *Drainage Act* and the *Conservation Authorities Act*. He advised that the specifications for drainage stem from the original engineering report which the City had completed, and that any changes to the drain's elevation would have to be addressed through a change to the report.

Mr. Lehman advised that through the *Drainage Act*, the City of Ottawa has a legal obligation to maintain the drain. He noted that the legalities as to whether the *Drainage Act* or the *Conservation Authorities Act* takes precedence are unclear.

In response to a question, Mr. Craig advised that the City has been cooperating with MVCA to see that all the conditions of the permit issued have been met.

It was the recommendation of the Board of Directors that staff of MVCA work with the City of Ottawa to find a balance between the proper drainage requirements of the Upper Poole Creek Wetland and preservation of the wetland's integrity.

Mr. Karau proposed to continue promoting compliance with the MVCA permit as well as exploring possible mitigation measures with both the City and the involved land owners.

Low Impact Development

The presentation is to be deferred to the next Board of Director's meeting in December 2014.

Finance and Administration Advisory Committee Meeting

The date for the Finance and Administration Advisory Committee meeting was set to November 12, 2014 at 1:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20pm.

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MOVED BY: A. Jones

SECONDED BY: M. Burnham

Resolved, That the Mississippi Valley Board of Director's meeting be adjourned.

“CARRIED”

“E. Levi, Recording Secretary

J. Karau, Chairman”