

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Mississippi Valley Conservation Centre  
Carleton Place

**MINUTES**

March 18, 2015

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

J. Karau, Chair;  
D. Abbott, Vice-Chair;  
M. Burnham;  
F. Campbell;  
G. Code;  
B. Doucett;  
E. El-Chantiry;  
J. Hall;  
B. MacDonald;  
J. Mason;  
G. McEvoy;  
P. Sweetnam;  
K. Thompson;  
M. Wilkinson.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

A. Gillis;  
G. Martin.

**INVITED MEMBERS PRESENT:**

L. Antonakos.

**STAFF PRESENT:**

P. Lehman, P. Eng., General Manager;  
J. Sargeant, Secretary-Treasurer;  
M. Craig, Manager, Planning & Regulations;  
E. Kohlsmith, Septic Inspector;  
G. Mountenay, Water Management Supervisor  
J. Price, Director, Water Resource Engineering;  
A. Symon, Watershed Planner;  
A. Playfair, Administrative Assistant.

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Karau called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**BUSINESS:**

1. Minutes – Board of Directors Meeting – February 18, 2015

**B03/18/15-1**

**MOVED BY: G. Code**

**SECONDED BY: M. Burnham**

**Resolved, That the Minutes of the Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority Board of Directors meeting held on February 18, 2015 be received and approved as printed.**

**“CARRIED”**

2. Delegation

Mr. Lehman advised that a local resident requested to appear before the Board of Directors but has not contacted the Authority since the original request.

3. Robert Tait McKenzie Sculpture Project

Mr. Lehman presented Staff Report # 2812/15 and advised that in the fall of 2014, a small group of stakeholders proposed acquiring a sculpture of R. Tait McKenzie on site at the Mill of Kintail along with another component within the downtown core of Almonte. After several meetings it was determined that the project could be feasible through fund raising and grant applications.

Mr. Lehman noted that there will be two components to the project with a large sculpture memorial on site at the Mill of Kintail and a small complimenting component within the Town of Almonte. The sculpture will be considered a companion to the bronze statue of Dr. James Naismith. Staff proposed a budget of \$50,000 to commission the sculpture(s) through a Call to Artists process. Mr. Lehman also proposed that an application be submitted to the Canadian Heritage Legacy Fund which is a component of the Building Communities through Arts and Heritage for funding. Under the program, successful applications can receive up to 50% of eligible expenses to a maximum of \$500,000 for projects that meet the criteria. Mr. Lehman advised that the remaining 50% (\$25,000) would require fund raising over the next 24 months.

Mr. Lehman noted that Lucy Carleton has agreed to become a member of the Mississippi Valley Conservation Foundation to support the project as well as other projects of the Foundation. Blair Paul, an Ottawa Artist, has agreed to donate 100 of his paintings to raise funds through an auction of those works. Other local artists will also be asked to donate to the project.

Mr. El-Chantiry raised concern about the extra cost to the Authority for the annual ongoing maintenance of the statue.

Mrs. Wilkinson suggested contacting the City of Ottawa to inquire about annual maintenance and up keep costs for statues within the City of Ottawa. As well, she questioned whether the \$50,000 includes the statue and base for it to sit on.

Janet Mason abstained from voting due to the lack of information available for the concerns raised by members. Mr. Karau requested that further information be provided to the Board of Directors before proceeding.

**B03/18/15-2**

**MOVED BY: P. Sweetnam**

**SECONDED BY: D. Abbott**

**Resolved, That the Board of Directors approve the R. Tait McKenzie Sculpture project and request the assistance of the Mississippi Valley Conservation Foundation in raising funds to support the project.**

**“CARRIED”**

4. Palmerston-Canonto Conservation Area – Quit Claim

Mr. Fergusson commented on Staff Report # 2813/15. He advised that the Conservation Authority purchased the 259 acre Palmerston-Canonto Conservation Area (PCCA) in 1973. The property is located in North Frontenac Township (formerly Township of South Canonto) in the County of Frontenac. The property was registered with a metes and bounds description and transferred to MVCA with a Quit Claim Deed. The early land division surveys of Canonto Township are not very detailed and cottage lots were created without adequate land surveys. After MVCA purchased the property, a detailed R-Plan survey was completed and registered in 1983. The R-Plan contains 30 different part numbers. Some of the parts are easements and Rights-of-Way to adjacent landowners. Since 1983, MVCA has had several requests for Title Corrections for lands adjacent to PCCA. There is currently a property title issue with a small property owned on Palmerston Lake.

Mr. Fergusson explained that at the time of purchase MVCA was given a Quit Claim Deed for all of the Lands in Lot 17 Concession 1 of South Canonto Township lying south of the Township Road. The Quit Claim also encompasses lands owned by Sargeant and others. He noted that the Estate of Eldon Sargeant has asked for a title correction so that they may clear up title issues and move the property into the Land Title System. Sargeant's property is identified by three different Parcel Identification Numbers (PINs). Two of the PINs do not require title correction as they are already in the Land Titles system. PIN 36203-0175 is the property that needs title correction.

Mr. Fergusson advised that there has been a cottage on the property since sometime in the 1960s. MVCA has never considered the Sargeant property to be part of the Conservation Area and MVCA's R-Plan for the Conservation Area does not include the Sargeant's property as a Part Number.

Mr. Lehman pointed out that MVCA staff agree that there is a title error in describing the property in relation to the Sargeant's Property as a Part Number. He noted that MVCA staff will have its legal firm (Anderson-Foss) review title correction documents prepared by the proponents lawyer and have the title correction done at no expense to MVCA.

**B03/18/15-3**

**MOVED BY: P. Sweetnam**

**SECONDED BY: F. Campbell**

**Resolved, That Staff Report #2813/15 be received, and further**

**Resolved, That the Title Correction regarding the Sargeant's property be approved.**

**“CARRIED”**

5. Agreement for Septic Re-inspection Services – Township of North Frontenac

Mr. Kohlsmith commented on the proposed Agreement and Work Plan to provide septic re-inspection services to the Township of North Frontenac. He noted that the service is provided on a cost recovery basis and provides important opportunities to work with the Township in ensuring private septic systems are operating and being maintained effectively.

Mr. Lehman pointed out that the agreement is being renewed for a guaranteed minimum number of septic re-inspections. Any inspections over and above the minimum would be provided to the township on a cost/site basis.

In response to a question regarding revenue generation on the program, Mr. Lehman explained that the program operates with the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority with the intent to be on a full cost recovery basis. He noted that excess revenues some years help to offset deficits in other years. He noted that two municipalities have mandatory septic re-inspection programs – Tay Valley and Drummond/North Elmsley.

**B03/18/15-4**

**MOVED BY: B. MacDonald**

**SECONDED BY: J. Hall**

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

**“CARRIED”**

6. People, Aquatic Plants and Healthy Lakes: Finding the Balance in Eastern Ontario’s Lake Country

Mrs. Symon provided a presentation on the study entitled “People, Aquatic Plants and Healthy Lakes: Finding the Balance in Eastern Ontario’s Lake Country.” She noted that the study is a two year project that was created to develop a better understanding about the local causes of algae and aquatic plant growth in lakes and rivers within the Mississippi Valley and Rideau Valley watersheds. The project is a collaboration between Carleton University, the two Conservation Authorities and local community groups and environmental organizations. It includes: research on variables that may be influencing algae and aquatic plant growth; the development of an algae and aquatic plant tracking website where waterbody users can report an algal bloom or excessive aquatic plant sightings; and, various education and stewardship activities. Mrs. Symon advised that she will provide an update in one year when the results of the study are available.

7. Understanding Low Impact Development

Mr. Lehman provided a presentation on Low Impact Development. It was noted that MVCA staff are in the process of educating developers on the concept of Low Impact Development. MVCA staff have already met with Lanark County planning staff and have developed a check list to help landowners with regard to Low Impact Development.

Mr. Karau suggested that staff continue to update the Board of Directors and report back on next steps including an outreach strategy that addresses the barriers and best practices for promoting Low Impact Development.

8. Energy East Pipeline Project Update

Mr. Craig presented an update regarding the Energy East Pipeline Project. He noted that maps were submitted to the National Energy Board and Trans Canada staff outlining various watershed features including sensitive water courses, flow direction and crossings, fish

habitat, water temperatures and sensitive groundwater areas. He noted that MVCA has applied for intervenor status whereby the Authority can address the National Energy Board if Authority concerns are not addressed satisfactorily.

Mr. Abbott suggested that a presentation outlining all the risks involved with the pipeline be brought to the Board of Directors.

Mr. Sweetnam noted that the Rideau River and the Madawaska River both have significant status. He pointed out that the Mississippi River should also be treated as having significant status.

Mr. El-Chantiry noted that the Energy East Pipeline Project needs to be monitored and reviewed by every individual municipality.

The Board of Directors expressed its interest in being kept up-to-date on the issue and reiterated its view that the Mississippi River should be considered a significant river crossing.

9. Carp River Restoration Project Update

Mr. Price provided an update on the Carp River restoration project. He noted that the Carp River restoration plan has been under consideration for a decade and construction may begin shortly following a tender process to be initiated in the next month.

Janet Mason noted that she may have a conflict since she is a member of the Friends of the Carp River.

Mr. El-Chantiry noted that all of the work is planned for upstream with nothing downstream. He questioned recent flooding on the Carp River. He requested that MVCA staff provide the City of Ottawa with an updated assessment of the Carp River. Mr. Price noted that an Ontario Regulation 153/06 Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Permit will be required for upcoming work.

Staff further confirmed that they will consider cumulative impacts to the entire Carp River in their assessments and recommendations.

10. Ontario Regulation 153/06 Permits

Mr. Craig commented on the activity report for Category II-V Permits that will now be included with the permits summary each meeting. Ontario Regulation 153/06 Permits issued and the activity report up to March 11, 2015 were reviewed and discussed.

11. Watershed Conditions Report

Mr. Moutenay commented on current watershed conditions. At present, the levels are slightly above normal with the peak scheduled to occur by mid-April depending on rainfall events if any.

12. Other Business

Mr. Lehman requested that Ontario's Climate Change Discussion Paper – 2015 be deferred to the next meeting.

Mr. Lehman circulated a form regarding Directors' and Officers' Liability Insurance. He requested that each member complete the form and return it to staff before leaving. He noted that the form is for members to disclose any information that could give rise to a potential claim against the Authority's Directors' and Officers' Liability Insurance Policy.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

**B03/18/15-5**

**MOVED BY: D. Abbott**

**SECONDED BY: K. Thompson**

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

**“CARRIED”**

“J. Sargeant, Secretary-Treasurer

J. Karau, Chairman”