

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mississippi Valley Conservation Centre
Carleton Place

MINUTES

May 15, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT:

J. Mason, Chair;
J. Hall, Vice-Chair;
J. Atkinson;
E. Burke;
F. Campbell;
R. Darling;
E. El-Chantiry;
T. Fritz;
G. Gower;
B. Holmes;
J. Inglis;
J. Karau;
P. Kehoe;
C. Lowry;
G. McEvoy;
P. Sweetnam;
K. Thompson.

STAFF PRESENT:

S. McIntyre, General Manager;
A. Millar, Treasurer;
A. Broadbent, Information Technology Supervisor;
M. Craig, Manager, Planning and Regulations;
R. Fergusson, Operations Supervisor;
S. Gutoskie, Community Relations Coordinator;
A. Hewitt, GIS Specialist;
G. Mountenay, Water Management Supervisor;
J. Price, Director, Water Resource Engineering;
A. Playfair, Recording Secretary.

VISITORS PRESENT:

D. Bradley, Merchant Estates;
S. Dolan, Resident – Ottawa;
M. Kubasiewicz, Resident-Ottawa;
P. Bradley, Homeowner;
E. Veoriculet, Homeowner;
M. Kieuz, Laudel Drive Homeowner;
M. Duford; Laudel Drive Homeowner;
J. Bocherts, ON. Landowner.

J. Mason called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m.

E. El-Chantiry declared a conflict of interest for Agenda Item number 5: 2019 Flood Event. He acknowledges that he shall not take part in the discussion or vote on any question in respect of this matter and shall not attempt in any way influence the voting during the meeting.

B05/15/19-1

MOVED BY: F. Campbell

SECONDED BY: P. Kehoe

Resolved, That the agenda for the May 15, 2019 meeting of the Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority Board of Directors be adopted as presented.

“CARRIED”

BUSINESS:

1. Minutes – Board of Directors Meeting – April 17, 2019

B05/15/19-2

MOVED BY: T. Fritz

SECONDED BY: C. Lowry

Resolved, That the Minutes of the Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority Board of Directors meeting held on April 17, 2019 be received and approved as printed.

“CARRIED”

2. Minutes – Source Protection Authority Meeting – April 17, 2019

B05/15/19-3

MOVED BY: J. Karau

SECONDED BY: K. Thompson

Resolved, That the Minutes of the Mississippi Valley Source Protection Authority Board of Directors meeting held on April 17, 2019 be received and approved as printed.

“CARRIED”

3. Harwood Creek Flood Plain Mapping

J. Mason informed the members that a resident of Harwood Creek had requested to speak on the subject of the Harwood Creek Flood Plain Mapping study and would be given 10 minutes to present following J. Price.

J. Price reviewed and presented staff report #3009/19 Harwood Creek Flood Plain Mapping Study. He mentioned copies of the flood plain maps were printed and displayed on the tables and scrolling on the screen in the back of the room for members and the public to view after the meeting.

Mr. Price noted the major components of the study and findings. He concluded that the analysis, documented in *Harwood Creek Flood Plain Study* report, met the standards found in the *Technical Guide River & Stream Systems: Flooding Hazard Limit* (OMNR 2002) and therefore, the resulting Regulatory (1:100 year) flood plain and Regulation Limit delineation are suitable for use in MVCA’s Regulation mapping as well as for municipal land use planning purposes.

Mr. Don Bradley, landowner of Landel Drive presented concerns of the proposed Harwood Creek Flood Plain Mapping Study specifically, he contested the approach methodology and findings of MVCA stating that the creek had never in his experience reached the level predicted by the MVCA model and was unlikely to ever do so.

A discussion was held regarding modeling results and study findings.

S. McIntyre confirmed that the approach and methodology used reflected industry practice, had been reviewed by third party experts, and confirmed to be appropriate. Furthermore, that the recent spring freshet as experienced on Hardwood Creek did not represent a 1:100 year event.

The Board questioned the potential impact on water levels should the restrictions at the berm or March Road be reduced. J. Price advised that removing one or both restrictions would likely lessen the impact. S. McIntyre stated that the berm was owned by the residents and the road right of way by the City of Ottawa.

The Board determined that it would defer adopting the study and associated regulation limits until the modeling of twinning the culverts was carried out and the potential impacts on the floodplain of Landel Drive understood. J. Price stated that until such physical works were carried out, the limits set by this study would apply. Specifically, following adoption of the report, the floodplain maps and Regulation Limit would be used in the implementation of Ontario Regulation 153/06 and forwarded to the City of Ottawa for inclusion in its Zoning By-law.

B05/15/19-4

MOVED BY:

J. Inglis

SECONDED BY:

E. El-Chantiry

That consideration of the motion (to adopt the Harwood Creek Flood Plain Mapping Study and the associated GIS-based flood hazard limit lines and flood plain maps) be deferred until consideration has been given to the impact of twinning the culverts at March Road.

“CARRIED”

4. 2019 Flood Event, Preliminary Report and Recovery Plan

G. Mountenay discussed Staff Report #3010/19 attached. He summarized the flood events of the Mississippi River Watershed September 2018 to May 2019.

In response to a question, G. Mountenay noted that most but not all lakes have reached summer target levels and the system will be operated when needed.

S. McIntyre informed the members of the Recovery and Rebuild Plan for permits that addresses MVCA structures, time and budget impacts, aerial photography, staffing for permit review and permit fees, as contained in Staff Report #3010/19.

In response to a question, S. McIntyre noted the authority had funds in the operating reserve that could cover the cost for the aerial photography of the Ottawa River and temporary staff to address additional permit applications up to \$50,000, if that was the recommendation from the Board.

The Board discussed the potential 50% fee reduction outlined in Staff Report #3010/19 and agreed to add a motion to this effect. J. Hall recommended against the use of the reserves to offset the reduction in fees as they are difficult to replenish. He recommended that the MVCA run a deficit in 2019 and recover lost revenues in 2020 via a special levy, if needed.

It was suggested that the MVCA write a letter to the municipalities stating the emergency event in 2019 and ask for funding to replenish the loss.

B05/15/19-5

MOVED BY: J. Karau
SECONDED BY: R. Darling

Resolved, That the Board receive this report for information and direct:

1. That costs for aerial photography of the Ottawa River be paid from the Operating Reserve.
2. That the General Manager be authorized to retain temporary support, if required, at a cost of up to \$50,000 in order to support timely processing of permit applications arising from the flood event, to be taken from operating reserves.
3. That staff provide a 50% reduction in fees for the 2019 flood event to applicants for shoreline and rebuild permits until October 31, 2020.
4. That the General Manager inform municipalities of the impact of the flood event on MVCA's budget and reserves.

“CARRIED”

5. Strategic Plan for Community Museum Operating Grant, Dr. R. Tait McKenzie & Dr. James Naismith Museums

S. Gutoskie reviewed staff report #3011/19 Strategic Plan for Community Museum Operation Grant, Dr. R. Tait McKenzie and Dr. James Naismith Museums. She advised the report was provided to the board with a summary of the Community Museum Operating Grant (CMOG) application process and to receive support in postponing the submission of a strategic plan until stakeholders have been consulted and the final version approved by the board.

The next steps are for staff to consult with stakeholders and amend the Strategy and present the final version to the board at the July meeting for approval. Once approved the finalize Strategic Plan will be submitted CMOG by July 31, 2019.

B05/15/19-6

MOVED BY: B. Holmes
SECONDED BY: K. Thompson

Resolved, That the Board receive this report and direct that the Ministry of Tourism, Culture & Sport be notified that submission of the Mill of Kintail Museum Strategic Plan will occur by July 31, 2019.

“CARRIED”

6. Changes to CA Act and Section 28 Regulations

S. McIntyre presented Staff report #3012/19, Bill 108 Proposed Changes to Conservation Authorities Act and Regulations. S. McIntyre noted the purpose of the report was to brief the Board on proposed changes to the *Conservation Authorities Act* and implied changes to regulations under Section 28; the potential impact of those changes on MVCA operations and funding; as well as potential impacts on area municipalities and risk management in the watershed. The report also outlines the rationale for the second motion, which is being adopted by the 36 conservation authorities.

S. McIntyre advised the members that a Task Force had been formed to address the risk of flooding and a meeting had been scheduled for Friday May 24th, 2019. Conservations Authorities were not informed of the task force, of the meeting or agenda, and had not been invited at this time. The Authority is waiting to hear if it is invited to attend.

R. Darling mentioned that Tay Valley Township passed 3 motions at its last meeting to support the Conservation Authority, however it was not a unanimous vote and other municipalities could be the same.

B05/15/19-7

MOVED BY: R. Darling

SECONDED BY: J. Inglis

That the Board direct staff to:

- 1. Prepare and send a letter on behalf of the Board of Directors to the Ministers of Natural Resources & Forestry, Municipal Affairs & Housing, and Environment, Conservation and Parks that endorses the Conservation Ontario recommendations and outlines the concerns contained in this report.**
 - 2. Continue to identify and implement cost effective and safe ways to deliver programs and service in a manner that achieves the following objectives:
 - a) improve client service and accountability**
 - b) increase speed of approvals**
 - c) reduce “red tape”****
 - 3. Share the above letter and motion with member municipalities and key stakeholders.**
- “CARRIED”**

7. Update: Management of the Ottawa River Basin

The presentation for Management of the Ottawa River Basin was deferred to a future meeting.

8. Other Business

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

B05/15/19-8

MOVED BY: J. Atkinson

SECONDED BY: F. Campbell

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

“CARRIED”