



## MINUTES

Via Zoom

March 17, 2021

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

J. Mason, Chair  
J. Atkinson, Vice-Chair  
F. Campbell  
R. Darling  
E. El-Chantiry  
B. Holmes  
J. Inglis  
J. Karau  
P. Kehoe  
B. King  
P. Sweetnam  
K. Thompson

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

G. Gower  
C. Kelsey

### **STAFF PRESENT**

S. McIntyre, General Manager  
A. Millar, Treasurer  
J. Cunderlik, Director, Water Resource Engineering  
E. Deyo, Environmental Technician and Regulations Officer  
S. Gutoskie, Community Relations Coordinator  
A. Moore, Enforcement & Regulations Officer  
J. North, Water Resource Technologist  
E. Ogden, Environmental Planner  
D. Reid, Environmental Planner  
K. Stiles, Biologist  
E. Levi, Recording Secretary

J. Mason called the meeting to order at 1:00pm. She welcomed new member Andrew Tennant from Carleton Place.

**B03/17/21-1**

**MOVED BY: F. Campbell**

**SECONDED BY: P. Kehoe**

**Resolved, That the Agenda for the March 17, 2021 Board of Directors meeting be adopted as presented.**

**“CARRIED”**

**BUSINESS**

1. Approval of Minutes – Board of Directors

**B03/17/21-2**

**MOVED BY: J. Karau**

**SECONDED BY: E. El-Chantiry**

**Resolved, That the Minutes of the Mississippi Valley Board of Directors Annual General Meeting held on February 17, 2021 be received and approved as printed.**

**“CARRIED”**

2. Spring Flood Outlook

J. North noted current conditions. The spring melt has been slow and steady and flooding is not anticipated at this point. Flows are expected to increase as snow continues to melt with warmer temperatures, but should stabilize in a few weeks. Dams are being operated to meet summer target levels.

J. North highlighted the new interactive watershed map which is now available on the authority’s website.

3. Loan for Shabomeka Lake Dam

**B03/17/21-4**

**MOVED BY: J. Atkinson**

**SECONDED BY: B. King**

**Resolved, That Board of Directors move to in-camera session for discussion of the following matters:**

- **A trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the Authority, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization;**

**And further Resolved, That:**

**Sally McIntyre & Angela Millar remain in the meeting.**

**“CARRIED”**

**B03/17/21-5**

**MOVED BY: C. Lowry**

**SECONDED BY: K. Thompson**

**Resolved, That the Board of Directors move out of “in-camera” discussion.**

**B03/17/21-6**

**MOVED BY: E. El-Chantiry**

**SECONDED BY: B. Holmes**

**Resolved, That the Board of Directors:**

- 1. Authorize securement of a loan for reconstruction of the Shabomeka Lake Dam once it is confirmed that a 50% funding grant has been approved for the project; and**
- 2. Authorize the General Manager and/or Treasurer to negotiate financing terms for a loan with Infrastructure Ontario or a financial institution; and**
- 3. Authorize the Chair and/or Vice-Chair along with the General Manager and/or Treasurer to execute a loan with Infrastructure Ontario or a financial institution for the amount not covered by the WECl funding program.**

**4. Dogs at Conservation Areas**

S. McIntyre reviewed Staff Report # 3117/21. With an increased number of visitors to both the Mill of Kintail and Morris Island sites during the pandemic, the issue of dogs being off-leash has grown. While site signage and the MVCA website clearly indicate that dogs must be kept on-leash, methods to encourage compliance and mitigate conflicts need to be addressed.

There was discussion regarding options including a designated off-leash fenced area, increased education and enhanced compliance promotion and enforcement.

R. Darling noted the cost associated with creation of a off-leash area as well as increased enforcement.

J. Atkinson and B. Holmes both commented that there needs to be increased education about what is expected at a conservation area as opposed to a public park. The rules need to be respected by people as well as pets.

E. El-Chantiry agreed that enforcement and education need to be considered. An off-leash area could be something the municipality wishes to address.

Direction was provided to S. McIntyre to determine whether off-leash dog parks are within the CA’s mandate.

**B03/17/21-7**

**MOVED BY: B. Holmes**

**SECONDED BY: P. Sweetnam**

**Resolved, That the Board approve a period of enhanced compliance promotion at the Mill of Kintail and Morris Island conservation areas to curb off-leash dog walking.**

**“CARRIED”**

5. Update - Grants

S. McIntyre advised that the following grants have been applied for or are in progress:

- WECl for dams and related studies
- CMOG for museum
- Canada Summer Jobs
- Canada Healthy Communities Initiative
- National Disaster Mitigation Program
- Nature based climate solutions

Money was received from The Canada Emergency Wage however the Canada Revenue Agency has requested that funds be returned due to ineligibility.

E. El-Chantiry wondered if the authority has projects at-the-ready for when funding becomes available and if there were collaboration opportunities for joint funding with City projects. S. McIntyre advised that she had spoken with Steve Willis and Kevin Wylie and staff at the City with regard to potential joint opportunities however there were no tiering opportunities. She commented that shovel-ready projects aren't currently an option for the Authority.

6. 2020 Annual Report

S. McIntyre reviewed highlights of the Authority's programs and services in 2020. E. Ogden and D. Reid gave a presentation outlining MVCA's advisory and regulatory roles in Planning Advisory Services.

7. Other Business

S. McIntyre advised that J. Mason remains acting Chair until notification is received regarding the outcome of the application for 2-year chair.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05p.m.

**B03/17/21-8**

**MOVED BY: E. El-Chantiry**

**SECONDED BY: J. Atkinson**

**Resolved, That the Board of Directors meeting adjourned.**

**“CARRIED”**

**“E. Levi, Recording Secretary**

**J. Mason, Chair”**