



MINUTES

Hybrid Meeting Via Zoom
and at MVCA Office

Policy & Planning Advisory
Committee Meeting

June 19, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bev Holmes, Chair (Virtual)
Dena Comley, Vice Chair
Cindy Kelsey
Clarke Kelly (Virtual)
Glen Gower (Virtual)
Helen Yanch (Virtual)
Paul Kehoe
Steven Lewis
Taylor Popkie

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jeff Atkinson

STAFF PRESENT

Sally McIntyre, General Manager
Stacy Millard, Treasurer
Alex Broadbent, Manager of IC&T
Juraj Cunderlik, Director of Engineering
Matt Craig, Manager of Planning and Regulations
Bryan Flood, Water Resources Engineer (Virtual)
Kelly Hollington, Recording Secretary

GUESTS

Faith Blacquiere

D. Comley called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

Declarations of Interest (Written)

Members were asked to declare any conflicts of interest and informed that they may declare a conflict at any time during the session. No declarations were received.

Agenda Review

D. Comley noted that there were no additions or amendments to the agenda.

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MOVED BY: G. Gower

SECONDED BY: B. Holmes

Resolved, that the agenda for the June 19, 2024, Policy & Planning Advisory Committee Meeting be adopted as presented.

“CARRIED”

MAIN BUSINESS

1. Approval of Minutes: Policy & Planning Advisory Committee Meeting, November 29, 2023.

D. Comley noted that there were no additions or amendments to the minutes.

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MOVED BY: T. Popkie

SECONDED BY: B. Holmes

Resolved, that the minutes of the Policy & Planning Advisory Committee Meeting held on November 29, 2023 be received and approved as printed.

“CARRIED”

2. Election of Officers, Report 3425/24, (Sally McIntyre)

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MOVED BY: P. Kehoe

SECONDED BY: C. Kelly

Resolved, That Sally McIntyre be appointed as Chair for administering the election of Policy & Planning Advisory Committee Chair for 2024.

“CARRIED”

S. McIntyre declared the positions of Chair and Vice Chair of the Policy & Planning Advisory Committee as vacant. She noted that the election will be carried out in accordance with procedures set out in the MVCA *Administrative Bylaw*, with election of Chair followed by election of the Vice-Chair. She asked members if there are any nominations for the position of Chair. B. Holmes offered to continue for another term as Chair. S. McIntyre asked members if there were any more nominations for the position of Chair, two more times. She declared B. Holmes to be Chair by acclamation. She asked members if there are any nominations for the position of Vice-Chair. D. Comley offered to continue for another term as Vice-Chair. S. McIntyre asked members if there were any more nominations for the position of Vice-Chair, two more times. She asked D. Comley if she accepted the position of Vice-Chair. D. Comley accepted. S. McIntyre declared D. Comley to be Vice-Chair by acclamation.

3. Carp River Floodplain Mapping Update, Report 3427/24, (Juraj Cunderlik)

J. Cunderlik provided background regarding the Carp River Floodplain mapping update. He explained that MVCA completed a flood risk assessment study in 2022 that identified the Carp River as the highest flood risk area in the watershed and the highest priority for updated floodplain mapping. This project mapped the entire 50km of Carp River including flood and erosion hazards. He noted that this is the largest floodplain mapping project that has been completed at MVCA. He outlined MVCA's approach, standards and technical guidelines followed in development of the study. He highlighted that the project was subject to an independent third-party technical review process. Forty-seven high-resolution maps were prepared. And he noted the validation process used that compared modeled results to observed flood extents and elevations. He reviewed the public consultation process. The study will be tabled with the MVCA Board of Directors in July.

B. Holmes commented that members of the agricultural community expressed concerns regarding the floodplain mapping and its implications on farming. C. Kelly commented that he has also had members of the agricultural community express concerns regarding loss of farmable land due to developments in Kanata and Stittsville contributing to an increase in flooding and drainage issues along the Carp River. C. Kelly asked if MVCA would consider a consultation in West Carleton with agricultural groups.

J. Cunderlik explained that the commenting period for the project has ended. He highlighted that MVCA has consulted with land-owners and farmers in the area to address individual concerns. He noted that the most significant changes in mapping from the 1983 data are in the upper portion of the Carp River watershed, minimal changes were noted in the lower part of the watershed. He noted that the majority of concerns received from the agricultural community are related to the perception that they cannot farm if their property lies within the regulation limit. He explained that this is not the case, it has no impact on farming and agricultural use of their lands. S. McIntyre added that MVCA has met 1:1 to address individual, specific concerns from the public.

C. Kelly asked if the increase in flooding is attributable to development in Kanata and Stittsville. J. Cunderlik responded that the Carp River watershed has a very complex hydrological regime. He explained that the upper watershed more susceptible to rain-fall events while the lower watershed is snow-melt event dominated. The water server of Canada monitors at Kinburn, which shows a trend of a decrease in maximum flows.

S. Lewis asked if there have been many changes noted between the 1983 and the new updated floodplain mapping. J. Cunderlik responded that there are very localized changes. S. McIntyre commented that the Carp River location is unique with the majority of the development lying in

the upper portion of the watershed. B. Holmes commented that she has interest in future impact studies and that they would be relevant to the Almonte and Pakenham areas.

S. Lewis asked C. Kelly about the implementation of a special tax on individuals with a high percentage of paved areas on their property. C. Kelly explained that the concept was met with hostility and anger toward the City of Ottawa and that the project is scheduled for completion in 2025. B. Holmes commented that this special tax has raised concerns among the farming and agricultural communities.

G. Gower asked if the results of the new floodplain mapping update differ greatly from the Carp River Restoration Plan. J. Cunderlik responded that the Carp River Restoration Plan enhanced the Carp River corridor and created storage for future development.

G. Gower commented that he attended the Carp River Floodplain open house, with maps of the entire system around the room. He observed that the updated mapping is similar to 1983. He thanked the MVCA staff for their hard work on the project.

4. Land Conservation Strategy Consultation Package, Report 3426/24, (Sally McIntyre)

S. McIntyre presented Land Conservation Strategy consultation materials. She explained that the consultation process will address requirements for both the Land Conservation Strategy and the Watershed-based Resource Management Strategy. She overviewed the MVCA inventory of land, easements, and other properties. She highlighted the 5 key policy questions posed in the Discussion Paper:

1. What role should MVCA play in land conservation within its jurisdiction
2. Should MVCA acquire more land for conservation purposes?
3. What type of facilities should MVCA operate?
4. What type of uses should MVCA permit at its Conservation Areas?
5. How should MVCA approach the acquisition and use of water control structures?

She noted that MVCA's conservation areas are intended for passive recreation or the conservation of land. She explained that cultural heritage facilities/sites are not a Category 1 program or service. Consideration is needed regarding the management of heritage services at the Mill of Kintail Conservation Area.

She noted that consideration is also needed regarding MVCA's role in managing portage routes within the watershed. She reviewed the dams that MVCA owns and operates and their functions, emphasizing that, at the time of acquiring the dams, MVCA received a much greater percentage of funding from the province. She highlighted the importance of considering asset renewal and the long-term life of the dam structures.

S. McIntyre reviewed the public consultation process and the next steps in the engagement process. She explained that draft policies will be tabled with the Board of Directors for review in October and finalized for approval at the December Board meeting.

B. Holmes commented that care needs to be taken in the consideration of the Mill of Kintail museum. She noted that the Mill of Kintail site has potential for national and international tourism. She highlighted the value of the artifacts within the museum and the importance of their preservation.

S. Lewis commented that it is important to consider the costs and liabilities associated with land ownership.

G. Gower asked if MVCA is looking for feedback on the Strategy itself or just the consultation process and package. S. McIntyre responded that she is looking for feedback regarding the consultation process and materials, and whether members are comfortable with the key questions being posed.

D. Comley noted the importance of being clear in the definitions of preservation versus conservation and requested that these concepts be better explained. S. McIntyre agreed.

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MOVED BY: T. Popkie

SECONDED BY: C. Kelsey

Resolved, That the Policy & Planning Advisory Committee recommend that the Board of Directors approve release of the attached documents for public consultation in accordance with the Consultation Plan for Development of a Land Conservation Strategy as set out in Report 3426/24.

“CARRIED”

ADJOURNMENT

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MOVED BY: S. Lewis

SECONDED BY: P. Kehoe

Resolved, That the Policy & Planning Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned.

“CARRIED”

The meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

K. Hollington, Recording Secretary