

**Board of Directors Meeting #2/17  
Annual Meeting**

**Location: The Township of North Huron Council Chambers, Wingham, Ontario**

**February 15, 2017**

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Art Versteeg, Jim Campbell, Deb Shewfelt, Wilf Gamble, Alison Lobb, David Turton, Bob Burtenshaw, Paul Gowing, Matt Duncan, Dave Blaney

**ABSENT WITH REGRETS:** Roger Watt

**STAFF PRESENT:** Phil Beard, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer  
Danielle Livingston, Admin/Financial Services Coordinator  
Jayne Thompson, Communications Coordinator  
Geoff King, Stewardship Services Coordinator  
Stewart Lockie, Conservation Areas Coordinator  
Stephen Jackson, Flood/Erosion Safety Coordinator

**COMMUNITY MEMBERS,  
PRESENTORS, PRESS AND  
OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Sharon Chambers, Dan Gieruszak, Chet Calhoun, Kriss Snell,  
Lisa Thompson, Teri White, Bill White, Julie Behrns, Cherie  
Leslie, Marilyn Campbell, John Grace, David Yates, Trevor Seip,  
Ginette Duncan, Hauke Reisenbichler, Neil Vincent

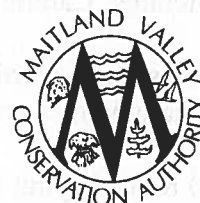
**1. Welcome and Call to Order from MVCA Chair, Art Versteeg**

Chair Art Versteeg, called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm and welcomed everyone who attended.

Art introduced the Reeve of the Township of North Huron Neil Vincent and asked him to bring greetings on behalf of the Municipality.

**2. Welcome from Neil Vincent, Reeve of the Township of North Huron**

Reeve Neil Vincent welcomed everyone to the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority Annual Meeting on behalf of the Township of North Huron.



### **3. Introduction of MVCA Directors and Guests**

Chair Art Versteeg introduced each of the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority Director's and then welcomed Teri White who brought greetings from Wellington-Perth MP John Nater who was unable to attend. Mr. Nater sent his best wishes and acknowledged the work of the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority and Board of Directors.

Art Versteeg, Chair gave a special welcome to Stephen Jackson, MVCA Flood/Erosion Safety Coordinator who has recently returned from a leave period.

### **4. Opening Remarks from Art Versteeg, MVCA Chair**

As we begin our meeting I wish to extend thanks, first, to the Board for their support and encouragement as Chair this past year. This has been a good Board to work with and an enjoyable experience doing important conservation work. I also want to thank our staff who continue to get a lot done with limited resources.

I would also like to thank our member municipalities who have been steadfast and generous in supporting the work that we do at MVCA.

Last year, we decided to move our annual meeting around to different municipalities within the watershed. Here in North Huron & Morris Turnberry the upper branches of the Maitland River come together so it is a central point in the watershed. Tonight I want to highlight North Huron and mention some of the projects MVCA has been involved over the years.

The Wingham Special Floodplain Policy Area  
Scott Municipal Drain Restoration Project  
Blyth Greenway  
Wingham River Flats Ecological Park  
Wawanosh Nature Centre and also the lease of Galbraith Conservation Area to the municipality for use for minor soccer.

Thank you to North Huron for hosting us this evening.

Following the Chair's opening remarks, Huron-Bruce MPP Lisa Thompson was given the opportunity to bring greetings and to make some remarks.

### **5. The Carbon Footprint Initiative**

Director Deb Shewfelt delivered an overview of the CFI that MVCA has developed in partnership with J.H. Keeso, Molesworth Farm Supply, Trillium Mutual Insurance Company, Du Pont Pioneer, Ideal Supply and The Municipality of North Perth. Deb spoke about developing the initiative, the criteria required for each member to obtain membership and future goals.

a) Reducing our Carbon Footprint in North Perth: Kriss Snell, CAO, Municipality of North Perth Member, Carbon Footprint Initiative Leadership Team

Kriss Snell, North Perth CAO outlined the importance of the CFI and the actions taken by the municipality to reduce their carbon footprint and to compensate for the fossil fuels that are used.

b) Reducing our Carbon Footprint & Sustainability at the Wingham Parent Plant: Pioneer/Dupont: Chet Calhoun, Plant Supervisor; Member, Carbon Footprint Initiative Leadership Team

Chet Calhoun outlined the actions that the staff and management of Wingham Pioneer Plant have taken to

reduce their carbon footprint and the money that they have saved their company from making these changes.

**6. MVCA 2016 Highlights from Chair, Art Versteeg & Jayne Thompson, Communications Coordinator**

Chair Art Versteeg reflected on some key highlights from 2016 which included: Legislature Day at Queen's Park and networking with MPPs; the accomplishments of the CFI, the installation of the Electric Vehicle Recharging Station at the Administration Centre, and the opportunity to take part in tree planting initiatives.

Communications Coordinator Jayne Thompson delivered an engaging presentation outlining key priorities and accomplishments made by MVCA in 2016.

**7. Election of Officers for 2017**

- a) Appointment of Presiding Officer (appointed by the MVCA Board)

MVCA Chair Art Versteeg called for an appointment of a Presiding Officer for the election of Chair.

**Motion FA #11/17**

**Moved by: David Turton**

**Seconded by: Matt Duncan**

**THAT** Neil Vincent act as the Presiding Officer for the election of Chair for the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority and the Maitland Source Protection Authority for 2017.

(carried)

- b) Appointment of Scrutineers (appointed by Presiding Officer)

Presiding Officer Neil Vincent declared all offices vacant and called for a motion to appoint two Scrutineers.

**Motion FA #12/17**

**Moved by: Deb Shewfelt**

**Seconded by: David Turton**

**THAT** John Grace and David Yates be Scrutineers for the election of officers; **AND THAT** the Scrutineers be responsible for destroying ballots after the election if needed.

(carried)

- c) Election of MVCA and MSPA Chair for 2017

Presiding Officer Neil Vincent called for nominations for the position of Chair for the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority and the Maitland Source Protection Authority for 2017.

**Motion FA #13/17**

**Moved by: Deb Shewfelt**

**Seconded by: Bob Burtenshaw**

**THAT** Jim Campbell is nominated for Chair of the MVCA and the MSPA for 2017.

Presiding Officer Neil Vincent called for nominations for the Chair position two more times. There were no further nominations and then the Presiding Officer called for a motion to close nominations.

**Motion FA #14/17**

**Moved by: Deb Shewfelt**

**Seconded by: Alison Lobb**

**THAT** nominations for the position of Chair of the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority and Maitland Source Protection Authority for 2017 be closed.

**(carried)**

Presiding Officer Neil Vincent declared Jim Campbell, representative for the Township of North Huron, as the Chair of the MVCA and MSPA for 2017.

Chair Jim Campbell then presided over the election for the Vice and Second Vice positions and the remainder of the meeting.

d) Election of MVCA and MSPA Vice-Chair for 2017

Chair Jim Campbell called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority and Maitland Source Protection Authority for 2017.

**Motion FA #15/17**

**Moved by: Deb Shewfelt**

**THAT** David Turton is nominated for Vice-Chair of the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority and Maitland Source Protection Authority for 2017.

Chair Jim Campbell called for further nominations for Vice-Chair two more times and no others were made so then called for a motion to close nominations.

**Motion FA #16/17**

**Moved by: Paul Gowing**

**Seconded by: Alison Lobb**

**THAT** nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority and Maitland Source Protection Authority for 2017 be closed.

**(carried)**

The Chair declared David Turton Vice-Chair of the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority and Maitland Source Protection Authority for 2017.

e) Election of Maitland Valley Conservation Authority and Maitland Source Protection Authority Second Vice-Chair for 2017

Chair Jim Campbell called for nominations for the position of Second Vice-Chair of the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority and Maitland Source Protection Authority for 2017.

**Motion FA #17/17**

**Moved by: David Turton**

**THAT** Deb Shewfelt is nominated for Second Vice-Chair of the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority and Maitland Source Protection Authority for 2017.

Chair Jim Campbell called twice for further nominations for Second Vice-Chair and no others were made so then called for a motion to close nominations.

**Motion FA #18/17**

**Moved by: Wilf Gamble**

**Seconded by: Bob Burtenshaw**

**THAT** nominations for the position of Second Vice-Chair of the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority and Maitland Source Protection Authority for 2017 be closed.

**(carried)**

Chair Jim Campbell declared Deb Shewfelt as Second Vice-Chair of the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority and Maitland Source Protection Authority for 2017.

f) Destruction of Ballots

**Motion FA #19/17**

**Moved by: David Turton**

**Seconded by: Deb Shewfelt**

**THAT** the voting ballots be destroyed.

**(carried)**

**8. Closing Remarks from the 2017 MVCA/MSPA Chair**

In closing, Chair Jim Campbell thanked everyone who attended the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority Annual General Meeting and conveyed his enjoyment working with a great Board of Directors and staff for over the past 20 years. Jim then acknowledged the work accomplished by past Chair Art Versteeg.

Attendees were invited by the Chair to enjoy a social time following the meeting.

**9. Adjournment**

**Motion FA #20/17**

**Moved by: Paul Gowing**


**Seconded by: Alison Lobb**

**THAT** the meeting be adjourned.

**(carried)**

The meeting adjourned at 8.35 pm.

Jim Campbell  
Chair



Danielle Livingston  
Admin/Financial Services Coordinator

