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~~DRAFT~~ Board Meeting #5/18

May 16, 2018

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

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

COMMUNITY ATTENDEES: Joe Dietrich

Prior to the meeting, the Member's visited the Galbraith Conservation Area.

1. Call to Order

Chair Jim Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm and referred attendees to the agenda for the meeting objectives.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no pecuniary interests at this time.



3. Minutes

The minutes from the Board Meeting #4/18 held on April 18, 2018 were circulated for review and approval. The Members agreed with the minutes and the following motion was made.

Motion FA #54/18

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Paul Gowing

THAT the minutes from the Board Meeting #4/18 held on April 18, 2018 be approved.

(carried)

4. Presentations/Delegations

a) Overland Flow Insurance:

At the April meeting, the member's chose Flood Insurance as one of the board education and training topics to cover in 2018. Joe Dietrich, CEO of Trillium Mutual Insurance made a presentation to the Board about overland flow insurance and how it has impacted Trillium Mutual Insurance.

Mr. Dietrich outlined Trillium Mutual Insurance's background and what overland water insurance covers. As well, he explained how insurance needs have transformed due to environmental changes and that claims from water damage are increasing due to our changing climate.

Chair Campbell thanked Mr. Dietrich for an informative presentation and for hosting tonight's meeting.

5. Business Out of the Minutes

a) Proposed Schedule for Education/Training: **Report #28/18**

This report is to review and schedule the training events that the Board decided on at the April meeting.

This motion followed.

Motion FA #55/18

Moved by: Deb Shewfelt

Seconded by: Dave Turton

THAT the schedule for education items #1 and #3 be accepted as proposed in Report #28/18; **AND THAT** the tour of recreational and water and erosion control infrastructure be scheduled for August 15, 2018.

(carried)

6. Business Requiring Direction/Decision

a) Government Relations Strategy: **Report #29/18**

This report from Phil Beard and Jayne Thompson is to obtain direction from the Board regarding the proposed key messages, topics and format of government relations messages to be delivered in 2018.

Phil Beard reviewed the proposed outlines to be presented to all audiences in 2018 and invited feedback from the members.

For municipal outreach, staff recommend that each Director whose municipality will be visited in 2018 review the proposed items with their respective council and determine if there are any additional topics that should be covered in their respective presentations. Phil Beard will consult with municipal administrators for feedback on information to be included.

For government outreach, the board has given direction for the Chair and Vice-Chairs to initiate discussion on key priorities with the MP's and MPP's who have ridings in the Maitland Conservation watersheds.

Suggestions were given to break out the value of development at risk from erosion along the Lake Huron shoreline to the three-year work plan summary for municipalities. The following motion was made.

Motion FA #56/18

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: David Blaney

THAT the government relations strategy for Maitland Conservation be implemented as outlined in Report #29/18.

(carried)

b) Galbraith Conservation Areas Infrastructure Options: **Report #30/18**

This report from Stewart Lockie is to obtain direction about the future operations and infrastructure at the Galbraith Conservation Area. In the fall of 2017, the Galbraith Optimist Camp for Kids notified Maitland Conservation that they made a decision to terminate their lease due to increasing costs and failure to attract volunteers. The existing lease will terminate on June 1, 2018.

The Board discussed the options and reviewed them against MVCA's priorities. The following motion was made.

Motion FA #57/18

Moved by: Roger Watt

Seconded by: Bob Burtenshaw

THAT staff investigate with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, the process for disposing of the Galbraith Conservation Area and report back to the Board.

(carried)

c) Carbon Footprint Initiative: Revisions to the Framework & MVCA's Carbon Footprint Strategy: **Report #31/18**

This report from Phil Beard outlines changes to the CFI framework following the April Meeting of the Leadership Team. New research findings indicate that the planting of trees will not offset the burning of fossil fuels. Therefore the CFI Framework has been modified to focus on reducing fossil fuel use to reduce green-house gas emissions and to plant trees to help sequester carbon and reduce CO2 levels in the atmosphere.

Motion FA #58/18

Moved by: Roger Watt

Seconded by: Art Versteeg

THAT MVCA supports the revised Carbon Footprint Initiative Framework.

(carried)

- d) Letter from MNRF re: Request for Water and Erosion Funding: Technical Study: Gorrie Dam: **Report #32/18**

Stewart Lockie presented this report to update the Board on the WECI fund application that has been submitted to the MNRF for the Gorrie Dam Technical Study earlier in 2018. MVCA has received notification that this study project was not amongst the successful selections and therefore will not receive WECI funding. As a result, decision is required whether to fund the entire cost of the study from accumulated surplus or from the WECI reimbursement of 2017 repairs that were received in 2018.

The following motion was approved.

Motion FA #59/18

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Paul Gowing

THAT \$8,000 from the 2017 WECI funding reimbursement be used to fund the 2018 Gorrie Dam technical requirements study.

(carried)

- e) Letter from Ontario Rivers Alliance (ORA): Re: Gorrie Dam: **Report #33/18**

The Ontario Rivers Alliance has submitted a letter to MVCA encouraging the Board to consider decommissioning the Gorrie Dam. The Chair of the ORA has asked MVCA for a response. The following motion was passed.

Motion FA #60/18

Moved by: Matt Duncan

Seconded by: Wilf Gamble

THAT the letter from Ontario Rivers Alliance be noted and filed.

(carried)

7. Chair and Member's Reports

a) Chair's Report

There were no reports from Chair Campbell tonight.

b) Member's Reports

David Blaney reported that he attended a Source Protection meeting earlier today and that the Source Protection Plan has been submitted to the Ministry by the Source Protection Authority for the first review.

Deb Shewfelt and Alison Lobb attended the Lake Huron Centre of Coastal Conservation Conference and Gala held on May 10th and 11th at the Oakwood Resort in Grand Bend and reported that the event was enjoyable, well attended and there were great presenters.

Dave Turton announced that there will be a meeting hosted by the Town of Minto to discuss the June 23, 2017 flood event with the public. Steve Jackson, FESS Coordinator and other MVCA staff will be in attendance at this event. The meeting will be held at the Harriston Auditorium on May 29, 2018 at 7:00 pm. Local MP's and MPP's have been invited by the Council to this event.

At this time, Dave acknowledged the dedication to the Galbraith property by the Galbraith Optimist Club for many years and then this motion was made.

Motion FA #61/18

Moved by: Dave Turton

Seconded by: Art Versteeg

THAT staff send the Galbraith Optimist a letter of appreciation and thank them for the commitment and work that they have done over the years to make the Galbraith Camp for Kids such a successful program.

(carried)

8. Consent Agenda

- a) Revenue/Expenditure Report - April **Report #34/18** (attached)
- b) Agreements Signed: **Report #36/18** (attached)
- c) Correspondence: For Directors' Information:

The following items were circulated to the Board of Directors for their information.

The following motion was made.

Motion FA #62/18

Moved by: David Blaney

Seconded by: Alison Lobb

THAT reports #34/18 through #35/18 along with their respective recommended motions and correspondence as outlined in the Consent Agenda be accepted as presented.

(carried)

9. Review of Meeting Objectives/Follow-up Actions/Next meeting: June 20, 2018

Chair Campbell reminded the members about the June meeting and declared that the May meeting objectives have been met which include;

- Providing direction on the Government Relations Strategy for 2018
- Providing direction on the Galbraith Conservation Area Infrastructure Options
- Providing direction on the Carbon Footprint Initiative Framework

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm with this motion.

Motion FA #63/18

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Art Versteeg

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

carried)



Jim Campbell
Chair



Danielle Livingston
Administrative/Financial
Services Coordinator