

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CATFISH CREEK CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

Thursday, November 12th, 2015

Meeting #09/2015

PRESENT:

Sally Martyn	Chairperson	Municipality of Central Elgin
Arthur Oslach	Vice-Chairperson	Town of Aylmer
Rick Cerna	Member	Township of Malahide
Mark Tinlin	Member	City of St. Thomas
Anne Vanhoucke	Member	Township of South-West Oxford

STAFF:

Kim Smale	General Manager / Secretary – Treasurer
Tony Difazio	Resource Planning Coordinator
Peter Dragunas	Water Management Technician

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kyle Cronk	Delegation, Shoreline Management Plan
Elizabeth VanHooren	Delegation, Kettle Creek Conservation Authority
Joe Gordon	Staff, Kettle Creek Conservation Authority
Linda Stevenson	Board Member, Kettle Creek Conservation Authority
John Luttmmer	Shoreline Resident
Pat Bondy	Shoreline Resident
Rick Pineo	Shoreline Resident
Gregg Montgomery	Shoreline Resident
Gary Somerville	Shoreline Resident
Georg & Lora Dargelies	Shoreline Resident
David Harding	Shoreline Resident
Eugene Crosby	Shoreline Resident
Bryon Craik	Shoreline Resident
Craig Bradford	Reporter, The Aylmer Express

WELCOME / CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Martyn welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at (10:00 a.m.).

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Motion # 118/2015 A. Vanhoucke A. Oslach CARRIED

THAT, the Agenda for the November 12th, 2015, Full Authority meeting be adopted as circulated.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

No one had a pecuniary interest to declare at this time.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Motion # 119/2015 A. Vanhoucke A. Oslach CARRIED

THAT, the Minutes of Full Authority meeting # 08/2015 (October 8, 2015), be accepted as circulated.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

No one reported any outstanding business to discuss from the previous Minutes.

PUBLIC / SPECIAL DELEGATIONS:

a) Kyle Cronk – Shoreline Management Plan Policies:

The Chairperson called upon Kyle Cronk to address the Board with regards to his concerns with the Prohibited Activities Polices being proposed in the Elgin County Shoreline Management Plan.

Mr. Cronk thanked the Board for allowing him the opportunity to speak to this matter that he felt will negatively impact the local landowners residing along the north shore of Lake Erie. He referred to a written presentation that he had prepared for the meeting noting that the existing Shoreline Management Plan approved more than 20 years ago provided landowners with the right to protect their property using structural measures. He stated that the new policies take away that right by prohibiting any new shoreline protection in the Erosion Hazard Areas. Mr. Cronk concluded his presentation by asking that these policies be deferred until the Board has conducted complete due diligence and take into account the private property owners who are truly impacted by this change.

Chairperson Martyn thanked Mr. Cronk for attending the meeting and presenting his concerns.

b) Elizabeth VanHooren – Shoreline Management Plan Presentation:

Elizabeth VanHooren, General Manager/ Secretary-Treasurer of the Kettle Creek Conservation Authority was introduced by the Chairperson to provide a PowerPoint presentation on the Elgin County Shoreline Management Plan. Existing plans which were prepared in the late 1980s were out-of-date and needed to take into consideration current mapping and technical standards pertaining to shoreline hazards. A collaborative approach to shoreline management provided a more consistent technical study area and guide for municipal land-use planning, and a more accurate investigation into the dynamics of the entire extent of the shoreline rather than a sectional or watershed view. After explaining the background and purpose of the study, she proceeded to highlight the various sections in the plan which described the reaches that featured similar geologic and geomorphic conditions, land use patterns, exposure to coastal hazards and the management activities being recommended by the Consultant.

Chairperson Martyn thanked Elizabeth for providing the Board and those in attendance with a very informative overview of the draft Elgin County Shoreline Management Plan.

Mr. Cronk and the shoreline residents left the meeting at (10:50 a.m.).

REPORTS:

Report FA 59/2015 – Monthly Staff Reports, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # 120/2015 A. Vanhoucke A. Oslach CARRIED

THAT, Staff Reports for the month of October, 2015, be noted and filed.

Report FA 60/2015 – October Summary of Revenue and Expenditures, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # 121/2015 A. Oslach A. Vanhoucke CARRIED

THAT, Report FA 60/2015, be noted and filed.

Report FA 61/2015 – Accounts Payable, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # 122/2015 A. Vanhoucke A. Oslach CARRIED

THAT, Accounts Payable totaling \$81,615.79, be approved for payment as presented in Report FA 61/2015.

Report FA 62/2015 – Monthly Plan Review, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # 123/2015 M. Tinlin R. Cerna CARRIED

THAT, the Full Authority approve the Monthly Plan Review Report for the months of September and October, 2015.

Report FA 63/2015 – Elgin County Shoreline Management Plan, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

The members asked several questions about the plan which were answered by the Resource Planning Coordinator. It was noted that the plan will be presented to the Kettle Creek Conservation Authority Board of Directors on November 18th and Elgin County Council on November 24th, 2015, for final approval.

Motion # 124/2015 M. Tinlin A. Oslach CARRIED

THAT, the Elgin County Shoreline Management Final Report be approved and incorporated as the Elgin County Shoreline Management Plan and sent to the County of Elgin for adoption; and further,

That, the Elgin County Shoreline Management Plan be adopted as the Catfish Creek Conservation Authority's jurisdiction within Elgin County for the purposes of enacting Ontario Regulation 146/06; and finally,

That, the Technical Advisory Committee established for the purposes of the development of the Elgin County Shoreline Management Plan remain in place to collaboratively consider how the Plan's recommendations may be carried out.

Elizabeth VanHooren and Joe Gordon left the meeting at (11:20 a.m.).

Report FA 64/2015 –Special Projects Funding, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # 125/2015 R. Cerna M. Tinlin CARRIED

THAT, the Full Authority acknowledge receipt of the additional list of 2015 Special Projects as outlined in Report FA 64/2015.

Report FA 65/2015 – Springwater Washroom Accessibility Project, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # 126/2015 M. Tinlin R. Cerna CARRIED

THAT, the Full Authority accept the revised tender from Oscar Temple and Sons Construction Ltd. for the construction of the Springwater Washroom Accessibility Project in amount of \$98,900.00; and further,

That, the Authority's share of the total project cost be funded from the Springwater Conservation Area Capital Development Reserve.

Report FA 66/2015 – Catfish Creek Channel Sounding, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # 127/2015 R. Cerna A. Oslach CARRIED

THAT, the channel sounding observations described in Report FA 66/2015, be received as information at this time; and further,

That, staff be directed to contract the enlargement of the Catfish Creek Sediment Retention Structure through the Catfish Creek Flood Disaster Mitigation Infrastructure Project.

GENERAL MANAGER / SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT:

a) Christmas Spirit Walk:

The members were reminded about the Annual Christmas Spirit Walk being held at the Springwater Conservation Area on December 5th, 2015, starting at (6:00 p.m.). The event is organized as a fund-raiser in partnership with the Elgin Hiking Trail Club.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

CHAIRPERSON'S / BOARD MEMBER'S REPORT:

Chairperson Martyn took the opportunity to acknowledge the presence of Linda Stevenson, a Board Member on the Kettle Creek Conservation Authority who was in attendance as an observer.

Vice-Chairperson Oslach circulated a copy of the Municipal World Magazine for information. He noted that the November issue contained articles on the importance of wetlands, environmental protection, preserving urban water sources and forest stewardship.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS / NEW BUSINESS:

a) December Full Authority Meeting Date Change:

The members were asked to consider changing the date of the December Full Authority meeting to avoid a conflict with the election of the Warden for Elgin County. The General Manager / Secretary-Treasurer reminded the members that the start time of the December Full Authority meeting was changed from (10:00 a.m.) to (1:30 p.m.) to address any potential conflicts on December 10th, 2015. It was decided to leave the meeting as scheduled.

CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Copied:

- Municipality of Central Elgin – a copy of a resolution endorsing the comments from the Kettle Creek and Catfish Creek Conservation Authorities regarding the Conservation Authorities Act Review.
- Town of Aylmer – a copy of a letter from Aylmer Town Council to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry regarding the Conservation Authorities Act Review Discussion Paper.

b) Not Copied:

- Correspondence Register for October 1-31, 2015.

<u>Motion # 128/2015</u>	R. Cerna	A. Oslach	CARRIED
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THAT, the Copied Correspondence and Correspondence Register for October, 2015, be noted and filed.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

There were no personnel, property, or legal matters to be discussed in the Committee of the Whole.

NEXT MEETING / ADJOURNMENT:

The next meeting of the Catfish Creek Conservation Authority will be held on Thursday, December 10th, 2015, commencing at (1:30 p.m.).

<u>Motion # 129/2015</u>	M. Tinlin	R. Cerna	CARRIED
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THAT, the Full Authority be adjourned at (11:41 a.m.).

General Manager / Secretary –Treasurer

Authority Chairperson