MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CATFISH CREEK CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Thursday, June 13, 2019

Meeting #05/2019

PRESENT:

Rick Cerna

Sally Martyn

Mark Tinlin

Paul Buchner

Chairperson

Member Member

Member

Township of Malahide

Municipality of Central Elgin

City of St. Thomas

Township of South - West Oxford

STAFF:

Christopher Wilkinson

Dusty Underhill Peter Dragunas

Susan Simmons

Tony Difazio

General Manager / Secretary - Treasurer

Financial Services Coordinator Conservation Areas Supervisor Water Management Technician

Resource Planning Coordinator

ABSENT:

Arthur Oslach

Vice-Chairperson

Town of Aylmer

Emily Febrey

Active Naturally Program Manager

OTHERS PRESENT:

Robert Pearson

Reporter, The Aylmer Express

WELCOME / CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Cerna welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at (10:05 a.m.).

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Motion # 58/2019

S. Martyn

P. Buchner

CARRIED

THAT, the Agenda for the June 13th, 2019 Full Authority meeting be adopted as circulated.

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

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

DISCLOSURE OF INTENTION TO AUDIO / VIDEO RECORD MEETING:

The Chairperson asked for disclosures of intentions to audio or video record the meeting. No one indicated any such intentions at this time.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Motion # 59/2019

M. Tinlin

P. Buchner

CARRIED

THAT, the Minutes of Full Authority Meeting #04/2019 (May 2, 2019), be accepted as circulated.

Motion # 60/2019

M. Tinlin

P. Buchner

CARRIED

THAT, the Minutes of Land Management Committee Meeting #01/2019 (May 2, 2019), be accepted as circulated.

Motion # 61/2019

S. Martyn

M. Tinlin

CARRIED

THAT, the Minutes of Health & Safety Committee Meetings #HS01/2019 (January 11, 2019) and #HS02/2019 (May 23, 2019), be accepted as circulated.

Motion # 62/2019

M. Tinlin

S. Martyn

CARRIED

THAT, the Minutes of Interview Committee Meetings #IC02/2019 (April 26, 2019), and #IC03/2019 (June 6, 2019) be accepted as circulated.

Member Martyn suggested, and the other members agreed that in future, one motion can be used to pass all meeting minutes.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

None

PUBLIC / SPECIAL DELEGATIONS:

None

REPORTS:

Report FA 23/2019 - Monthly Staff Reports was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # 63/2019

S. Martyn

M. Tinlin

CARRIED

THAT, Staff Reports for the months of April and May, 2019, be noted and filed.

Report FA 24/2019 - May Summary of Revenue & Expenditures was presented, discussed, and resolved

Motion # 64/2019

P. Buchner

S. Martyn

CARRIED

THAT, Report FA 24/2019, be noted and filed.

Report FA 25/2019 - Accounts Payable

Motion # 65/2019

M. Tinlin

P. Buchner

CARRIED

THAT, Accounts Payable totaling \$67,907.05, be approved for payment as presented in Report FA 25/2019.

Report FA 26/2019 - Monthly Plan Review was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # 66/2019

M. Tinlin

P. Buchner

CARRIED

THAT, the Full Authority approve the Monthly Plan Review Report for the months of March, April, and May, 2019.

Report FA 27/2019 – Approved Section 28 Regulation Applications

Motion # 67/2019

P. Buchner

M. Tinlin

CARRIED

THAT, the Full Authority receive the staff approved Section 28, Regulation Applications Report FA 27/2019, as information.

Report FA 27/2019 - Strategic Plan 2019-2023

Motion # 68/2019

P. Buchner

M. Tinlin

CARRIED

THAT, the Full Authority approve the Catfish Creek Conservation Authority 2019-2023 Strategic Plan; and further,

THAT, Staff publish the plan on the CCCA website.

Member Martyn suggested that the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer attend the Municipality of Central Elgin Council meeting to present the Strategic Plan. Member Tinlin then mentioned that the City of St. Thomas should also be contacted to have the Plan presented at a council meeting.

GENERAL MANAGER / SECRETARY - TREASURER'S REPORT:

a) Bill 108 Update:

The General Manager / Secretary-Treasurer advised the Board about the recent passage of Bill 108 which as updated now results in a partial win for the Authority due to the fact there is now some more flexibility for mandatory programs.

b) <u>Transfer of Responsibility from Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP):</u>

The General Manager / Secretary-Treasurer advised the Board about recently released details regarding the responsibility for the administration of the Conservation Authorities Act which is now with MECP, Great Lakes Office, Great Lakes and Inland Waters Branch, Land and Water Division. The Authority lands matter such as approvals related to land

dispositions, revenue from dispositions and projects under Section 24 of the Act (e.g., land acquisition strategies) are now administered by MECP's Great Lakes Office.

Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) remain responsible for the natural hazards and Crown Land Components and Section 28 Regulations.

c) VanFest:

The General Manager / Secretary-Treasurer advised the Board about the positive feedback received from organizers and guests about the quality of service received by Catfish Creek Conservation Authority (CCCA) Staff leading up to and throughout the event.

d) Grant Applications:

The General Manager / Secretary-Treasurer advised the Board that the CCCA was unsuccessful in receiving funding from Water Erosion and Control Infrastructure (WECI), EcoAction for a Stewardship / Restoration in Catfish Creek, and Celebrate Ontario for upgrades to the Springwater Stage.

The General Manager / Secretary-Treasurer and Resource Planning Coordinator advised the Board that the CCCA was successful in receiving funding from Erie Essex Aquatic Species At Risk Project group submission for Habitat Stewardship as well as from TD Bank Friends of the Environment for a Springwater Pollinator Garden. The Springwater Pollinator Garden is due to be planted in July, and is to have a lot of community involvement.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

CHAIRPERSON'S / BOARD MEMBER'S REPORT:

Member Martyn asked Staff to look into nominating a landowner for the Municipality of Central Elgin Carolinian Restoration Award. Member Martyn also suggested that the Authority save towards purchasing an electric vehicle.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS / NEW BUSINESS:

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Not Copied:
 - Correspondence Registers for April and May, 2019

b) Copied:

- Municipality of Central Elgin a copy of a letter received on April 9, 2019 regarding Springwater Road Speed Limit and Community Safety Zone
- Municipality of Central Elgin a copy of the letter sent on May 14, 2019 regarding Springwater Road Speed Limit and Community Safety Zone
- Karen Vecchio, MP a copy of a letter received on April 17, 2019 regarding the successful application for Canada Summer Jobs
- Conservation Ontario Submission of key Recommendations for Modernization of Conservation Authority Operations and Schedule 2 of Bill 108 (ERO 013-5018) Submitted May 10, 2019
- Conservation Ontario Comments on the 10th Year Review of Ontario's Endangered Species Act: Proposed Changes (ERO#013-5033) Submitted May 17, 2019
- Conservation Ontario Comments on Focusing conservation authority development permits on the protection of people and property" (ERO# 013-4992) Submitted May 21, 2019
- Conservation Ontario Comments on Modernizing Ontario's environmental assessment program *Environmental Assessment Act* (ERO#013-5102), Discussion paper: Modernizing Ontario's environmental assessment program (ERO#013-5101), and Schedule 6 of Bill 108, *More Homes, More Choice Act*, 2019
- Conservation Ontario Comments on "Bill 108 (Schedule 12) the proposed More Homes, More Choice Act: Amendments to the Planning Act" (ERO# 019-0016)
- Environment and Climate Change Canada (EcoAction) a copy of a letter received on May 27, 2019 from the Federal Government indicating CCCA was unsuccessful in the EcoAction grant proposal
- Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport a copy of a letter received on May 31, 2019 from the Provincial Government indicating CCCA was unsuccessful in the Celebrate Ontario grant proposal

Motion # 69/2019

S. Martyn

P. Buchner

CARRIED

THAT, the Correspondence Registers and the Copied Correspondence for April and May, 2019, be noted and filed.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

None

NEXT MEETING / TERMINATION:

The next meeting of the Catfish Creek Conservation Authority will be held on Thursday, August 8th, 2019, commencing at (10:00 a.m.).

Motion # 70/2019

P. Buchner

S. Martyn

CARRIED

THAT, the Full Authority meeting be terminated at (11:33 a.m.).

General Manager / Secretary -Treasurer

Authority Chairperson