

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

Thursday, September 12, 2019

Meeting #07/2019

PRESENT:

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

STAFF:

Christopher Wilkinson	General Manager / Secretary – Treasurer
Susan Simmons	Financial Services Coordinator
Peter Dragunas	Water Management Technician
Tony Difazio	Resource Planning Coordinator
Dusty Underhill	Conservation Areas Supervisor

ABSENT:

Emily Febrey	Active Naturally Program Manager
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OTHERS PRESENT:

Robert Pearson	Reporter, The Aylmer Express
Mykal Donald	Fanshawe College Co-Op Student
Sue Suess	Treasurer, Friends of Springwater
Duane Corner	President, Friends of Springwater

WELCOME / CALL TO ORDER:

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

<u>Motion # 90/2019</u>	S. Martyn	P. Buchner	CARRIED
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THAT, the Agenda for the September 12, 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 # 91/2019 P. Buchner S. Martyn CARRIED

THAT, the Minutes of Full Authority Meeting #06/2019 (August 8, 2019), be accepted as circulated.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

None

PUBLIC / SPECIAL DELEGATIONS:

a) Sue Suess, Treasurer for the Friends of Springwater:

Mrs. Suess provided a presentation which included their objectives, fundraising efforts, improvements observed over the summer, and previous projects. The Friends of Springwater requested a meeting to discuss a list of observations and park improvements, which has been scheduled for Thursday September 19, 2019.

Chairperson Cerna indicated he would like to also attend the meeting, and thanked the representatives for their presentation.

REPORTS:

Report FA 41/2019 - Monthly Staff Reports was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # 92/2019 P. Buchner A. Oslach CARRIED

THAT, Staff Reports for the months of June and July, 2019, be noted and filed as amended.

Report FA 42/2019 – August Summary of Revenue & Expenditures was presented, discussed, and resolved

Motion # 93/2019 S. Martyn P. Buchner CARRIED

THAT, Report FA 42/2019, be noted and filed.

Report FA 43/2019 – Accounts Payable, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # 94/2019 P. Buchner S. Martyn CARRIED

THAT, Accounts Payable totaling \$39,455.18 be approved for payment as presented in Report FA 43/2019.

Report FA 44/2019 – Monthly Plan Review, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # 95/2019 A. Oslach S. Martyn CARRIED

THAT, the Full Authority approve the Monthly Plan Review Report for the months of June, July, and August, 2019.

Report FA 45/2019 – Property Tax Comparison, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # 96/2019 M. Tinlin P. Buchner CARRIED

THAT, Report FA 45/2019, be received as information at this time.

Report FA 46/2019 – Section 36 Order, Clean Water Act 2006, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # 97/2019 S. Martyn A. Oslach CARRIED

THAT, the Full Authority receive Report FA 46/2019 for information.

Report FA 47/2019 – Draft 2020 Budget, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Various aspects of the Draft 2020 Budget were highlighted for the members. Member Tinlin indicated the use of reserves is not sustainable.

Motion # 98/2019 P. Buchner M. Tinlin CARRIED

THAT, the Full Authority approve the 2020 Draft Budget as approved in report FA 47/2019; and further,

THAT the Draft Budget and General Levies be circulated to the member municipalities for the 30 day notice period in accordance with the Municipal Levy Regulation made under the Conservation Authorities Act, after the 2020 assessment data has been provided by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) so that apportionment figures can be calculated.

GENERAL MANAGER / SECRETARY - TREASURER'S REPORT:

a) Aylmer Woodlot Agreement:

The General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer advised the agreement was now in force. The CCCA will be visiting the woodlot, developing a management plan, and hiring third parties to a limit of \$2,500.00 to handle matters for which staff are not qualified such as hazard tree removal.

b) Meeting with Flood Advisor:

The General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer referred to a piece of correspondence indicating Conservation Ontario and a few Conservation Authorities have met with the Flood Advisor hired by the Province. Results of that meeting will be communicated once available.

c) Letter from the Province:

The General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer thanked municipal members who sent letters to the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks supporting the non-mandated role of the Conservation Authorities such as the Maple Syrup Festival. The members noted the Festival and campground are important revenue generators which offset costs associated with mandated programs.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

CHAIRPERSON'S / BOARD MEMBER'S REPORT:

None

NOTICE OF MOTIONS / NEW BUSINESS:

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Not Copied:

- Correspondence Register for August, 2019

b) Copied:

- A letter from Conservation Ontario to Mr. Doug McNeil, Special Advisor on Flooding, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) August 9th, 2019 providing additional information resulting from an August 1st, 2019 meeting between CO and MNR regarding flooding.
- A letter from the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) to Catfish Creek Conservation Authority (CCCA) on August 19th, 2019 indicating CAs should "wind down" non-mandatory programs.
- A letter from the Catfish Creek Conservation Authority to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks on August 21, 2019 indicating the Letter from the minister was premature, and committing CCCA to full participation in the upcoming regulatory consultations related to the changes to the Conservation Authorities Act via Bill 108.
- A letter from the Catfish Creek Conservation Authority to member municipality mayors and CAOs sent on August 21, 2019 requesting member municipalities support the CCCA as they work through the Changes to the CA Act and enforcing the idea that Municipalities should have the flexibility to determine whether or not to support non-mandated programs.
- A letter from the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks to Conservation Ontario (CO) on August 23 providing additional context, and clarifying several statements made in August 16, 2019 letter.
- A letter from Conservation Ontario to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation & Parks regarding Conservation Ontario's Comments on the Proposed new Canada-Ontario Agreement on Great Lakes Water Quality and Ecosystem Health (ERO# 019-0198).

- A letter from the Municipality of Central Elgin to Chairperson Cerna regarding "wind down" of Non-Mandatory Program, stating that they have directed staff to send correspondence to Minister Yurek expressing the concerns of Central Elgin Council.

Motion # 99/2019

P. Buchner

S. Martyn

CARRIED

THAT, the Correspondence Register and the Copied Correspondence for August, 2019, be noted and filed.

CLOSED SESSION:

None

NEXT MEETING / TERMINATION:

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

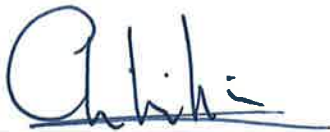
Motion # 100/2019

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M. Tinlin

CARRIED

THAT, the Full Authority meeting be terminated at (11:12 a.m.).



General Manager / Secretary –Treasurer



Authority Chairperson