

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

Thursday, October 10, 2019

Meeting #08/2019

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
Dusty Underhill	Conservation Areas Supervisor
Emily Febrey	Active Naturally Program Manager

ABSENT:

Peter Dragunas	Water Management Technician
Tony Difazio	Resource Planning Coordinator

OTHERS PRESENT:

Rob Perry	Reporter, The Aylmer Express
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WELCOME / CALL TO ORDER:

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

<u>Motion # 101/2019</u>	P. Buchner	A. Oslach	CARRIED
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THAT, the Agenda for the October 10, 2019 Full Authority meeting be adopted as amended.

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 # 102/2019 A. Oslach P. Buchner CARRIED

THAT, the Minutes of Full Authority Meeting #07/2019 (September 12, 2019), be accepted as circulated.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

None

PUBLIC / SPECIAL DELEGATIONS:

None

REPORTS:

Report FA 48/2019 - Monthly Staff Reports was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # 103/2019 S. Martyn M. Tinlin CARRIED

THAT, Staff Reports for the month of September, 2019, be noted and filed.

Report FA 49/2019 – September Summary of Revenue & Expenditures was presented, discussed, and resolved

Motion # 104/2019 P. Buchner A. Oslach CARRIED

THAT, Report FA 49/2019, be noted and filed.

Report FA 50/2019 – Accounts Payable, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # 105/2019 A. Oslach M. Tinlin CARRIED

THAT, Accounts Payable totaling \$61,300.77, be approved for payment as presented in Report FA 50/2019.

Report FA 51/2019 – Programs & Services Guide, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # 106/2019 M. Tinlin P. Buchner CARRIED

THAT, the Full Authority receive the updated Programs & Services Guide as per Report FA 51/2019 as amended.

Report FA 52/2019 – 2020 Proposed Organizational and Staff Workplans, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # 107/2019 M. Tinlin A. Oslach CARRIED

THAT, the Full Authority adopt the 2020 proposed workplan as presented in Report FA 52/2019.

Report FA 53/2019 – Budget Voting Procedure, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # 108/2019 A. Oslach P. Buchner CARRIED

THAT, the Full Authority receive Report FA 53/2019; and further,

THAT, future approval of the annual budget be completed as outlined in the *Conservation Authorities Act*, O. Reg. 139/96 and O. Reg. 670/00.

Report FA 54/2019 – Conservation Ontario Meeting, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # 109/2019 P. Buchner M. Tinlin CARRIED

THAT, the Full Authority receive Report FA 54/2019 as information at this time.

Report FA 55/2019 – Ice Breaking Quotations, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # 110/2019 M. Tinlin A. Oslach CARRIED

THAT, the Catfish Creek Conservation Authority forward the Quotation for the dragline to the Township of Malahide for the Council's review and consideration.

GENERAL MANAGER / SECRETARY - TREASURER'S REPORT:

a) Carolinian Forest Festival:

The General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer advised the Board that the Annual Carolinian Forest Festival was ongoing from October 7 – 10th and the first couple of days had been successful. The General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer then invited the members to join him in checking out the Festival at the conclusion of the meeting.

b) Town of Aylmer Surplus Lands:

The General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer anticipates the Town of Aylmer declaring the adjoining lands to the Aylmer Tract as surplus lands and they will be moving through the public notice period. The General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer stated that should there be no other interest, this acquisition is expect to come back to Council in December.

c) Updated Fisheries Act:

The General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer announced that new provisions to the *Fisheries Act* that came into force August 28, 2019. As a result both the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada will be working to clarify questions that have arose over the coming months to ensure that the roles and responsibilities of both governments, partners, project proponents and the public are clear and implementable.

d) Provincial Consultations of Conservation Authorities Act Amendments:

The General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer informed the Members that the province was starting consultations with each Conservation Authority regarding amendments to the *Conservation Authorities Act*. The meeting would include members of the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Staff, the Chairperson of the CCCA, the CCCA General Manager / Secretary-Treasurer and one senior staff member. The proposed meeting date was October 16th, 2019. The General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer invited other Members to attend, and would provide them with the finalized meeting date.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

CHAIRPERSON'S / BOARD MEMBER'S REPORT:

None

NOTICE OF MOTIONS / NEW BUSINESS:

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Not Copied:

- Correspondence Register for September, 2019

b) Copied:

- A letter from the Catfish Creek Conservation Authority to the Bursary Selection Committee on September 3, 2019, for a bursary to facilitate the attendance of Mr. Gerrit Kremers at the 2019 Conservation Areas Workshop.
- A letter from the Town of Aylmer to Minister Yurek (MECP) on September 10, 2019, indicating support for the Catfish Creek Conservation Authority and the programs that generate revenue to offset the costs to deliver the provincially mandated programs.
- A letter from the Township of Malahide to Minister Yurek (MECP) on September 23, 2019, indicating support for the Catfish Creek Conservation Authority and the programs that generate revenue to offset the costs to deliver the provincially mandated programs not be "wound down" at this time.
- A letter from Ministry Yurek (MECP) to Catfish Creek Conservation Authority received on September 23, 2019, thanking the Authority for reaching out and indicating that a meeting will be scheduled in the near future. A staff contact was also provided.

- An email received from Ministry Yurek (MECP) to Catfish Creek Conservation Authority received on September 25, 2019, proposing dates for consultations regarding the changes proposed to the *Conservation Authorities Act, 2006* via the *More Homes, More Choice Act*.
- A letter from the Township of South-West Oxford to Minister Yurek (MECP) on September 23, 2019, indicating support for the Catfish Creek Conservation Authority and the programs that generate revenue to offset the costs to deliver the provincially mandated programs not be "wound down" at this time.

Motion # 111/2019

A. Oslach

P. Buchner

CARRIED

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

CLOSED SESSION:

None

NEXT MEETING / TERMINATION:

The next meeting of the Catfish Creek Conservation Authority will be held on Thursday, November 7, 2019, commencing at (10:00 a.m.).

Motion # 112/2019

A. Oslach

S. Martyn

CARRIED

THAT, the Full Authority meeting be terminated at (11:15 a.m.).

General Manager / Secretary –Treasurer

Authority Chairperson