

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

Thursday, November 7, 2019

Meeting #09/2019

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
Dusty Underhill	Conservation Areas Supervisor
Peter Dragunas	Water Management Technician
Tony Difazio	Resource Planning Coordinator
Emily Febrey	Outdoor Education Technician
Kelsey Oatman	Program Support Assistant

ABSENT:

Susan Simmons	Financial Services Coordinator
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OTHERS PRESENT:

Rob Perry	Reporter, The Aylmer Express
Mykal Donald	Co-operative Student, Fanshawe College

WELCOME / CALL TO ORDER:

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

<u>Motion # 113/2019</u>	P. Buchner	A. Oslach	CARRIED
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THAT, the Agenda for the November 7, 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 # 114/2019 M. Tinlin P. Buchner CARRIED

THAT, the Minutes of Full Authority Meeting #08/2019 (October 10, 2019), be accepted as circulated.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

None

PUBLIC / SPECIAL DELEGATIONS:

None

REPORTS:

Report FA 56/2019 - Monthly Staff Reports was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # 115/2019 A. Oslach M. Tinlin CARRIED

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

Report FA 57/2019 – October Summary of Revenue & Expenditures was presented, discussed, and resolved

Motion # 116/2019 M. Tinlin P. Buchner CARRIED

THAT, Report FA 57/2019, be noted and filed.

Report FA 58/2019 – Accounts Payable, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # 117/2019 A. Oslach M. Tinlin CARRIED

THAT, Accounts Payable totaling \$17,584.43, be approved for payment as presented in Report FA 58/2019.

Report FA 59/2019 – Approved Section 28 Regulation Applications, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # 118/2019 P. Buchner M. Tinlin CARRIED

THAT, the Full Authority receive the staff approved Section 28 Regulation Applications Report FA 59/2019, as information.

Report FA 60/2019 – 94.1 myFM Spirit Awards, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # 119/2019 P. Buchner A. Oslach CARRIED

THAT, the Full Authority receive Report FA 60/2019 as information at this time.

GENERAL MANAGER / SECRETARY - TREASURER'S REPORT:

a) Provincial Special Flood Advisor Report:

The General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer advised the Members that the Provincial Flood Advisor Report had been submitted to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR). The Province had stated that they will be reviewing the report and the recommendations then they will be releasing the report in the coming weeks.

b) Provincial Fall Economic Statement:

The General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer informed the Members that the Provincial Government's Fall Economic Statement had recently been released and unlike the previous year there were no further cuts to Conservation Authorities. The Provincial Government will also be undertaking a Climate Change Impact Assessment, which may relate to the role of Conservation Authorities.

c) Provincial Consultations of *Conservation Authorities Act* Amendments:

The General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer informed the Members about the results of the consultations with the Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks regarding amendments to the *Conservation Authorities Act*. He felt the meeting was over all positive, and had reinforced the importance of the CCCA and Springwater Conservation Area to the local community. He indicated that the individual consultations would end in December, with a full consultation meeting occurring sometime in January with new legislation ready in February or March.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

CHAIRPERSON'S / BOARD MEMBER'S REPORT:

Member Martin announced that the Municipality of Central Elgin had declared a climate emergency. The Municipality had been doing all activities from an environmentally conscious focus but it makes it official.

Member Oslach informed the Members that the Town of Aylmer had joined the Blue Dot Movement, which is a campaign based on the idea that everyone in Canada deserves the right to a healthy environment, including clean air and water, and a say in decisions that affect their health and well-being.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS / NEW BUSINESS:

a) Incentive Based Recycling Pilot Project – Mykal Donald, Fanshawe College Co-op Student:

Mr. Donald gave a presentation to the Members regarding his idea of introducing an incentive based recycling pilot project. He had been awarded a \$15,000.00 grant by the Elgin – St. Thomas Community Foundation to get started on his business idea. The CCCA would be involved with a possible collection area at the Springwater Conservation Area.

b) Central Elgin Environmental Committee – Emily Febrey, CCCA Outdoor Education Technician:

Ms. Febrey informed the Members that she had been awarded a place on the Central Elgin Environmental Committee as a Representative of the CCCA. She is looking forward to working with the Municipality and other members to achieve the goals of the Committee.

CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Not Copied:

- Correspondence Register for October, 2019

b) Copied:

- A letter from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) to Conservation Authority General Managers sent on October 9, 2019 regarding a number of matters raised regarding the implementation of Schedule 2, *Conservation Authorities Act*, Bill 108.
- A letter from CCCA to the Township of Malahide sent October 15, 2019 regarding the contract for Ice Breaking at Port Bruce.
- A letter from Emily Febrey, Outdoor Education Technician, to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks sent October 17, 2019, providing input into the Provincial Healthy Parks Healthy People Consultations.

Motion # 120/2019 S. Martyn A. Oslach CARRIED

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

CLOSED SESSION:

Motion # 121/2019 A. Oslach S. Martyn CARRIED

THAT, the Full Authority adjourn to Closed Session to discuss one (1) matter of personnel at (11:03 a.m.).

Motion # 122/2019 S. Martyn A. Oslach CARRIED

THAT, the Full Authority rise from Closed Session with report at (11:07 a.m.).

Motion # 123/2019 A. Oslach S. Martyn CARRIED

THAT, the Full Authority receive the confidential staff report for information.

NEXT MEETING / TERMINATION:

The next meeting of the Catfish Creek Conservation Authority will be held on Friday, December 13, 2019, commencing at (10:00 a.m.).

Motion # 124/2019

S. Martyn

P. Buchner

CARRIED

THAT, the Full Authority meeting be terminated at (11:08 a.m.).



General Manager / Secretary –Treasurer



Authority Chairperson