



Membership Minutes

Membership Meeting #8-2024

October 16, 2024

Members Present: Alison Lobb, Ed McGugan, Alvin McLellan, Megan Gibson, Matt Duncan, Evan Hickey, Anita Van Hittersum, Ed Podniewicz, Sharen Zinn, Matt Duncan

Regrets: Andrew Fournier, Vanessa Kelly

Staff Present: Phil Beard, General Manager-Secretary-Treasurer
Stewart Lockie, Conservation Areas Services Coordinator
Patrick Huber-Kidby, Planning and Regulations Supervisor
Jayne Thompson, Communications, GIS, IT Coordinator
Shannon Millar, Restoration Supervisor

Others Present: Cory Bilyea, Midwestern News

1. Call to Order

Chair, Ed McGugan, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no pecuniary interests at this time.

3. Minutes

The minutes from the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA) General Membership Meeting #7-2024 held on September 18, 2024.

Motion FA #85-24

Moved by: Alvin McLellan

Seconded by: Evan Hickey

THAT the minutes from the General Membership Meeting #7-2024 held on September 18 2024, be approved.

(carried)

4. Business out of the Minutes:

- a) 75th Anniversary Planning Report #60-2024

Report #60-2024 was presented to the members and the following motion was made:

Motion FA #86-24

Moved by: Matt Duncan

Seconded by: Ed Podniewicz

That staff investigate the idea of organizing a river festival as part of MVCA's 75th anniversary in 2026.
(carried)

- b) Administrative Review Draft Policy: Report #61-2024

Report #61-2024 was presented to the members and the following motion was made:

Motion FA #87-24

Moved by: Evan Hickey

Seconded by: Alvin McLellan

THAT the draft Administrative Review policy be approved for posting for 30 days and to review any comments at the November 20th Members meeting
(carried)

- c) Technical Guidelines for Natural Hazards-Response from the Ministry of Natural Resources: Report #62-2024

Report #62-2024 was presented to the members and the following motion was made:

Motion FA #88-24

Moved by: Megan Gibson

Seconded by: Alison Lobb

THAT the draft interim policy utilizing the most updated Technical guidelines available to MVCA be used to review development applications in hazardous area;
AND THAT the draft policy outlined in Report 62-2024 be posted for public comment for 30 days; AND FURTHER THAT the comments be reviewed by the Members at the November 20, 2024 meeting.
(carried)

5. **Business Requiring Decision and or Direction:**

- a) 2025-2027 Work Plan and Budget Forecast: Report #63A&B-2024

Report #63A-2024 was presented to the members and the following motion was made:

Motion FA #89-24

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Megan Gibson

THAT the three-year work plan outlined in Report #63a-2024 be approved for planning purposes as well as a guide for the development of the 2025 work plan.
(carried)

Report #63B-2024 was presented to the members and the following motion was made:

Motion FA #90-24

Moved by: Evan Hickey

Seconded by: Megan Gibson

THAT the 2025-2027 financial forecast be accepted with the addition of the inclusion of including a proposed levy increase of \$128,394 for 2027 for planning purposes;

AND THAT the 2025 draft budget include a proposed levy increase of \$175,000;

AND FURTHER THAT the amount of the approved levy allocated for projects be increased by \$10,000 per year over the next three years.

(carried)

b) Southern Lake Huron Coastal Action Plan-Restoring Sediment Pathways & Dam Decommissioning Project: Report #64-2024

Report #64-2024 was presented to the members and the following motion was made:

Motion FA #91-24

Moved by: Ed Podniewicz

Seconded by: Alvin McLellan

THAT THE MVCA's 2024 budget be amended to include the funding received from Environment Canada and Climate Change for the Southern Lake Huron Coastal Action Plan: Restoring Natural Sediment Transport Pathways Project (2024-2028).

(carried)

c) Comments Received – Draft Watershed Strategy: Report #65-2024

Report #65-2024 was presented to the members and the following motion was made:

Motion FA #92-24

Moved by: Matt Duncan

Seconded by: Megan Gibson

That the Township of Howick be thanked for their comments and that the draft watershed strategy be accepted.

(carried)

d) Conservation Lands Strategy: Report #66-2024

Report #66-2024 was presented to the members and the following motion was made:

Motion FA #93-24

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Megan Gibson

THAT THE Members approve the Draft Conservation Areas Strategy as amended;

AND THAT the members approve public and stakeholder consultation be performed as outlined.

(carried)

6. Chair and Member Reports

No reports.

7. Consent Agenda:

The following items were circulated to the Members for their information:

- a) Revenue/Expenditure Report for September 2024: Report #67-2024
- b) Agreements Signed: Reepport #68-2024
- c) Carbon Footprint Initiative-October 2 Meeting Summary: Report #69-2024
- d) Story: Destination Maitland

Motion FA #94-24

Moved by: Matt Duncan

Seconded by: Alvin McLellan

THAT Report #67-69 along with the respective motions as outlined in the Consent Agenda be approved.
(carried)

8. Adjournment: Next meeting: November 20, 2024, at 7:00 pm at the Administrative Centre, Wroxeter.

Motion FA #95-24

Moved by: Megan Gibson

Seconded by: Matt Duncan

THAT the Members Meeting be adjourned at 8:25pm
(carried)



Ed McGugan
Chair

Phil Beard
General Manager / Secretary-Treasurer