

## Annual Meeting of the Membership #2-2022

### Virtual Location via Zoom

February 16, 2022

#### Members Present:

David Turton, Matt Duncan, Roger Watt, Alison Lobb, Ed McGugan, Kevin Freiburger, Anita van Hittersum, Megan Gibson, Cheryl Matheson, Alvin McLellan, John Grace

#### Staff Present:

Phil Beard, General Manager Secretary-Treasurer  
Chris Van Esbroeck, Watershed Stewardship Coordinator  
Jayne Thompson, Communications GIS IT Coordinator  
Stewart Lockie, Conservation Areas Coordinator  
Cheryl Dobbyn, Clerk  
Dave Nuhn, Field Services Technician  
Ben Van Dieten; Stewardship Project Lead  
Greg Urquhart, Forestry Technician  
Sarah Gunnewiek, EIT  
Erin Norsworthy, Outreach Assistant  
Alaina Lennox, Admin. Assistant

#### Others in Attendance:

Doug Harding, Reeve, Township of Howick; Derrick Thomson, CAO, Town of Minto; Glen McNeil, Warden of Huron County; Todd Kasenberg, Mayor, Municipality of North Perth; Deb Shewfelt, Kriss Snell, Chair, MCF; Cory Bilyea, Wingham Advance Times; Kathy Duncan, Keith Handegord, Shawn Loughlin, The Citizen

### 1. Welcome and Remarks by the Chair, Dave Turton

Chair Turton called the meeting to order at 2:01pm, welcomed everyone to MVCA's 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting;

He reviewed the meeting objectives which were as follows:

Presentation of Staff Service Awards

Election of Officers

Presentation on Inventory of MVCA Services and Programs



## 2. Introduction of the Members of Maitland Conservation

Chair Turton introduced all the Members of the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority and the Municipalities that they represent.

## 3. Chair's Remarks:

I have had the honour of serving as MVCA's Chair for the past three years. It has been a privilege and an honour to work with the members over that time period. We have accomplished a lot and we have developed a strong path forward.

Some of the highlights for me include:

- assisting the Town of Minto to update their flood plain mapping and to develop a plan to reduce the risk for future flood damages in Harriston.

However, we will need financial support from both the federal and Provincial governments to make this a reality.

- decommissioning the Gorrie Dam and Mill and restoring the Gorrie Conservation area for watershed residents to enjoy. I would especially like to thank the Provincial and Federal Governments for providing grants to assist with this project.
- celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Falls Reserve Campground and the upgrading of both the hydro and sewage infrastructure. The Falls Reserve campground has experienced record usage by the public over the past two years. Indeed, all our conservation areas have experienced increased usage by the public over this time period. Spending time in nature is good for our physical and mental health!
- OMAFRA and MECP's continuing leadership and support for the Healthy Lake Huron collaborative. It is a model for how Federal, Provincial can work with conservation authorities, counties, and other community groups to improve the health and resiliency of the watersheds that empty into Lake Huron.
- I would like to especially thank our MPP's Lisa and Randy for always being willing to meet with me and to help champion the needs of rural conservation authorities. Your support and assistance is appreciated, especially as we navigate our way through the changes to the conservation authorities act.

To our member municipalities, I would like to thank you for your continued support of MVCA over the past few years. We appreciate your willingness to support our work and especially the increases in the levy that we have had to make. These are challenging times for municipalities as well as conservation authorities.

I would also like to thank the Maitland Conservation Foundation and the John Hindmarsh Environmental Trust Fund Boards for their continuing efforts to raise money for improving our conservation areas and restoring natural areas across the watershed.

In 2021 I had the opportunity to Chair a meeting of the Carbon Footprint Initiative. The CFI is comprised of business and municipal leaders in the watershed. These companies and municipalities have developed strategies to reduce their use of fossil fuels and to sequester carbon by restoring natural areas on their lands and in the communities where they are located. They are leading by example, and we have learned a lot by working with them.

- In closing I thank the members for their support over the last three years and I look forward to working with the new Chair and members in 2022.

**4. Introduction of guests:** Dave Turton introduced the following guests and asked them to make remarks:

Randy Pettapiece, MPP, Perth Wellington  
John McPhee on behalf of Lisa Thompson, MPP, Huron Bruce  
John Nater, MP, Perth Wellington who sent his regrets  
Glen McNeil, Warden, Huron County  
Todd Kasenburg, Mayor, North Perth  
Doug Harding, Reeve, Howick Township  
Kriss Snell, MCF Chair  
Derrick Thomson, CEO, Minto  
Deb Shewfelt

**5. Presentation of Staff Service Awards: Chair, Dave Turton**

**a) Ben Van Dieten, Stewardship Project Lead - 5 years**

Chair, Turton presented Ben with his 5-year service award and thanked him for all his contributions towards to MVCA.

**b) Dave Nuhn, Conservation Areas Technician -15 years**

Chair, Turton presented Dave with his 15-year service award and thanked him for all his hard work over the years at MVCA.

**6. Election of Officers (Maitland Conservation and Maitland Source Protection Authority)**

**a) Appointment of Presiding Officer and Scrutineers**

Chair Turton called for an appointment of a Presiding Officer for the election of Chair.

**Motion FA #9-2022**

**Moved by: John Grace**

**Seconded by: Alison Lobb**

THAT Deb Shewfelt act as the Presiding Officer for the election of Chair, Vice and Second Vice for the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA) and the Maitland Source Protection Authority (MSPA).

(carried)

**b) Appointment of Scrutineers by Presiding Officer**

Presiding Officer Shewfelt declared all offices vacant and called for a motion to appoint two Scrutineers.

**Motion FA #10-2022**

**Moved by: Alvin McLellan**

**Seconded by: Alison Lobb**

THAT Doug Harding and Glen McNeil be appointed as Scrutineers for the election of officers;  
AND THAT the Scrutineers be responsible for destroying ballots after the election if needed.

(carried)

c) Election of Chair for 2022

Presiding Officer Shewfelt called for nominations for the position of Chair for the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority and the Maitland Source Protection Authority for 2022.

**Motion FA #11-2022**

**Moved by: Dave Turton**

THAT Matt Duncan is nominated for Chair of the MVCA and the MSPA for 2022.

Presiding Officer Shewfelt called for nominations for the Chair position two more times. There were no further nominations and the Presiding Officer called for a motion to close nominations.

**Motion FA #12-2022**

**Moved by: Ed McGugan**

**Seconded by: Megan Gibson**

THAT nominations for the position of Chair of the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority and Maitland Source Protection Authority for 2022 be closed.

(carried)

Matt Duncan agreed to stand for the position of Chair in 2022.

Presiding Officer, Shewfelt declared Matt Duncan as the Chair of the MVCA and MSPA for 2022.

d) Election of Vice-Chair for 2022

Presiding Officer, Shewfelt called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority and Maitland Source Protection Authority for 2022.

**Motion FA #13-2022**

**Moved by: Alvin McLellan**

THAT Ed McGugan is nominated for Vice-Chair of the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority and Maitland Source Protection Authority for 2022.

Presiding Officer, Shewfelt called for further nominations for Vice-Chair two more times and no others were made so then called for a motion to close nominations.

**Motion FA #14-2022**

**Moved by: Alvin McLellan**

**Seconded by: Dave Turton**

THAT nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority and Maitland Source Protection Authority for 2022 be closed.

(carried)

Ed McGugan accepted the Vice-Chair position.

Presiding Officer, Shewfelt declared Ed McGugan as Vice-Chair of the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority and Maitland Source Protection Authority for 2022.

e) Election of 2nd Second Vice-Chair for 2022

Presiding Officer, Shewfelt called for nominations for the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair of the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority and Maitland Source Protection Authority for 2022.

**Motion FA #15-2022**

**Moved by: Matt Duncan**

THAT Roger Watt is nominated for 2nd Vice-Chair of the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority and Maitland Source Protection Authority for 2022.

Presiding Officer, Shewfelt called for further nominations for 2nd Vice-Chair and this motion was made.

**Motion FA #16-2022**

**Moved by: Ed McGugan**

**Seconded by: John Grace**

THAT nominations for the position of 2nd Vice-Chair of the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority and Maitland Source Protection Authority for 2022 be closed.

(carried)

Presiding Officer, Shewfelt declared Roger Watt as 2nd Vice-Chair of the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority and Maitland Source Protection Authority for 2022.

**7. Presentation: Inventory of MVCA Services and Programs: Report #10-2022**

Phil Beard, General Manager Secretary Treasurer and Chris Van Esbroeck, Watershed Stewardship Services Coordinator presented the draft Inventory of Services and Programs to the Members as outlined in Report #10-2022 and the following motion was made:

**Motion FA #17-2022**

**Moved by: Alison Lobb**

**Seconded by: Dave Turton**

THAT the draft Inventory of Services and Programs as outlined in Report 10-2022 be circulated to MVCA's Member Municipalities for review and comment.

(carried)

**8. Adoption of Meeting Schedule for 2022: Report #11-2022**

Phil Beard presented Report #11-2022 and the following motion was made:

**Motion FA #18-2022**

**Moved by: Roger Watt**

**Seconded by: Alvin McLellan**

THAT the meeting schedule for 2022 be approved as outlined in Report #11-2022

(carried)

**9. Closing Remarks: Chair, MVCA**

Chair Duncan thanked Dave Turton for his 3 years as Chair of the MVCA. He also thanked the Members for nominating him to be the Chair of the MVCA board for 2022 and he stated that he looks forward to working with our Municipal, County, Provincial and Federal partners on moving ahead and continuing work on some of our ongoing projects. Chair Duncan has been a part of the MVCA board for 12 years working with a few different Chairs is looking forward to leading the MVCA in 2022.

**10. Next meeting date: March 16, 2022, at 7:00pm**

There was discussion on where the meeting location would be held, and the following motion was made:

**Motions FA #19-2022**

**Moved by: Dave Turton**

**Seconded by: Ed McGugan**

THAT the Wroxeter Hall be used for the March 16<sup>th</sup> meeting which will be a hybrid meeting for anyone not able to attend in person.

(carried)

**11. Adjournment**

**Motion FA #20-2022**

**Moved by: Anita van Hittersum**

**Seconded by: Ed McGugan**

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

(carried)

The meeting adjourned at 2:50pm.



Matt Duncan  
Chair



Phil Beard  
General Manager Secretary Treasurer