

MEETING NO: # 05 19

MINUTES

A meeting of the Conservation Halton Board of Directors was held on Thursday, April 25, 2019 beginning at 3:15 p.m. at Halton Region Council Chambers - 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville ON

Members Present: Hamza Ansari
Rob Burton
Mike Cluett
Rick Di Lorenzo
Joanne Di Maio
Cathy Duddeck
Allan Elgar
Dave Gittings
Zeeshan Hamid
Zobia Jawed
Moya Johnson
Gordon Krantz
Bryan Lewis
Rory Nisan
Gerry Smallegange
Marianne Meed Ward
Jean Williams

Absent with regrets: Stephen Gilmour
Jim Sweetlove

Staff present: Kim Barrett, Associate Director, Science & Partnerships
Brenna Bartley, Coordinator, Educational Programs, Parks & Recreation
Hassaan Basit, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer
Garner Beckett, Director, CH Foundation
Adriana Birza, Manager, Office of the CAO
Niamh Buckley, Administrative Assistant, Office of the CAO
Nigel Finney, Project Manager, Greenspace Restoration & Conservation
Gene Matthews, Director, Parks & Recreation
Amy Mayes, Coordinator, Floodplain Mapping
Anthony Molignano, Human Resources Generalist
Kellie McCormack, Senior Manager, Planning & Regulations
Marnie Piggott, Director, Finance
Plezzie Ramirez, Senior Manager, Human Resources
Jill Ramseyer, Director, Corporate Compliance
Janelle Weppler, Associate Director, Engineering
Barb Veale, Director, Planning & Watershed Management

1. Acceptance of AMENDED Agenda as distributed.

CHBD 05 01

Moved by: Marianne Meed Ward
Seconded by: Rory Nisan

That Conservation Halton Board of Directors **accept the AMENDED Agenda as distributed.**

Carried

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest for Board of Directors

There was no disclosure of Pecuniary Interest.

3. Consent Items

Roll call & mileage

Approval of Board of Director Meeting minutes dated March 21, 2019

Approval of Finance & Audit Committee Meeting Minutes dated April 11, 2019

3.1 Kelso Dam Update

3.2 Conservation Halton's Draft Comments on the Ontario
Endangered Species Act 10th Year Review Discussion Paper
Report #: CHBD 05 19 13

3.3 Purchasing Report December 2018 to March 2019
Report #: CHBD 05 19 01

3.4 Quarterly Permits & Letters of Permission issued under Ontario Regulation 162/06
January 1, 2019 to March 31, 2019
Report #: CHBD 05 19 02

3.5 Conservation Halton Engineering Year End Report, 2018
Report #: CHBD 05 19 03

The Consent Items were adopted.

4. Action Items

4.1 Authorization for CAO to Award Floodplain Mapping Contracts:
Floodplain Mapping: Morrison Wedgewood, RFP#CW0009-19-01
Report #: CHBD 05 19 04

CHBD 05 02

Moved by: Dave Gittings
Seconded by: Mike Cluett

THAT the Conservation Halton Board of Directors **delegate authority to the Chief Administrative Officer to award the Floodplain Mapping: Urban Milton and Floodplain Mapping: Morrison**

Wedgewood studies, provided the combined contract values fall within the approved 2019 budget for these projects.

Carried

4.2 Mitigating Impacts of Cuts to Provincial Transfer Payment
Report #: CHBD 05 19 05

CHBD 05 03 Moved by: Moya Johnson
Seconded by: Mike Cluett

That the Conservation Halton Board of Directors **approve a transfer of up to \$145,000 from the Watershed Management & Support Services (WMSS) Stabilization reserve to offset the reduction in 2019 provincial operating funding.**

Carried

4.2.1 **Provincial Cutbacks to Conservation Authorities for Flood Forecasting and Control**
Report #: CHBD 05 19 13

CHBD 05 04 Moved by: Moya Johnson
Seconded by: Mike Cluett

THAT the Conservation Halton Board of Directors direct the **Chair of Conservation Halton to write to the Honorable John Yakabuski, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry to express his and the Board of Directors concerns related to the loss of provincial funding and request that the Province of Ontario reinvest in Conservation Authority Flood Forecasting, Operations and Natural Hazards management core programs,**

And

THAT the Conservation Halton Board of Directors direct the CAO to provide **a copy of this letter and resolution to the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Rod Phillips, the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, and to the Towns of Halton Hills, Milton, Puslinch and Oakville, the Cities of Burlington, Hamilton, Mississauga, and the Regions of Halton and Peel and all Halton MPPs and MPs.**

Moya Johnson and Mike Cluett put forward the above resolution to the CH Board Members. It was recommended by the Board that this report also be sent to leaders of the opposition and other municipalities and copied to the neighbouring conservation authorities to drum up support.

4.3 **Cootes to Escarpment EcoPark System Heritage Land Management Plans**
Report #: CHBD 05 19 06

CHBD 05 05 Moved by: Cathy Duddeck
Seconded by: Allan Elgar

THAT the Conservation Halton Board of Directors **endorse the “Borer’s Falls-Rock Chapel Management Plan” and “Cootes Paradise Management Plan”**

AND FURTHER THAT **Conservation Halton staff be directed to work with the Cootes to Escarpment EcoPark System partners to implement the objectives of these plans.**

Carried

4.4 Recommendation from the F&A Committee to the CH BOD to approve the Financial Audited Statements for 2018
Report #: CHBD 05 19 07

CHBD 05 06 Moved by: Rob Burton
Seconded by: Zeeshan Hamid

THAT the Finance & Audit Committee **recommend to the Conservation Halton Board of Directors the attached audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2018 be approved.**

That the Board of Directors of Conservation Halton **approve the attached audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2018 as recommended by the Finance & Audit Committee at their meeting on April 11, 2019.**

Carried

4.5 Meeting Provincial Priorities for Reducing Regulatory Burdens
Report #: CHBD 05 19 08 **(AMENDED)**.

CHBD 05 07 Moved by: Marianne Meed Ward
Seconded by: Rob Burton

THAT the Board of Directors **endorse the three key solutions developed by the Conservation Ontario working group to improve client service and accountability; increase speed of approvals; and, reduce the regulatory burden;**

And

THAT the Board of Directors **direct staff to continue to work with Conservation Ontario and clients to identify areas for additional improvements;**

And

THAT the Board of Directors **direct Conservation Halton staff to circulate this amended report and Board resolutions to Conservation Halton's area municipalities, neighbouring conservation authorities, and Conservation Ontario for information purposes.**

Carried

4.6 Proposed Amendments to the Conservation Authorities Act and Regulations for Development Permits
Report #: CHBD 05 19 11 **(AMENDED)**

CHBD 05 08

Moved by: Cathy Duddeck
Seconded by: Rob Burton

THAT the Conservation Halton Board of Directors **receive for information the report entitled “Proposed Amendments to the *Conservation Authorities Act* and Regulations for Development Permits”;**

And

THAT the Conservation Halton Board of Directors **direct Conservation Halton staff to amend Report No. 05 19 11 to include additional comments outlining opportunities for Conservation Authorities to assist the Province in streamlining approvals;**

And

THAT the Conservation Halton Board of Directors **direct Conservation Halton staff to revise the draft letters to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry respectively, as Conservation Halton’s formal responses to the Province on the proposed changes to the Conservation Authorities Act (ERO number 013-5018 “Modernizing CA operations – CA Act” and ERO number 013-4992 “Focusing CA development permits on the protection of people and property”) in accordance with the changes to Report No. 05 19 11;**

And

THAT the Conservation Halton Board of Directors **direct Conservation Halton staff to circulate this report and Board resolution (s) to Conservation Halton’s area municipalities, neighbouring conservation authorities and Conservation Ontario for information purposes.**

Carried

5. In Camera**CHBD 05 09**

Moved By: Jean Williams
Seconded By: Marianne Meed Ward

That the Conservation Board of Directors **convene In Camera**

Carried

5.1 Legal Matter
Report #: CHBD 05 19 08

5.2 Legal Matter
Report #: CHBD 05 19 09

CHBD 05 10

Moved By: Jean Williams
Seconded By: Marianne Meed Ward

THAT the Conservation Halton Board of Directors **reconvene in public forum**

CHBD 05 11

Moved by: Jean Williams
Seconded by: Marianne Meed Ward

THAT the Conservation Halton Board of Directors **direct staff to proceed as discussed In Camera.**

Carried

6. Other Business

6.1 CHF Update

In the absence CHF Chair, Jim Sweetlove, CAO Hassaan Basit provided an update on the CHF Gala scheduled for June 20, 2019. Hassaan advised that the board members would be receiving a suite of electronic products which can be used on social media where appropriate.

Garner Beckett provided an introduction and some background on the Gala theme “Friluftsliv” to the new CH Board members.

6.2 Marianne Meed Ward shared that the City of Burlington approved a resolution to apply for municipal natural mapping and are looking into developing a collaborative expression of interest with Conservation Halton, City of Hamilton and the Royal Botanical Gardens for a joint project funded through the Municipal Natural Asset initiative.

7. Adjournment

CHBD 05 12


Moved by: Jean Williams

THAT the Conservation Halton Board of Directors adjourn at 3:49 p.m.

Carried

Gerry Smallegange advised that the Board would take a 10 minutes break before returning for Conservation Halton AGM.

Signed:


Hassaan Basit, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer

Date:

May 23, 2019