



GRAND RIVER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DECEMBER 14, 2012

The following are the minutes of the General Membership Meeting held at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, December 14, 2012 at the Administration Centre, Cambridge, Ontario.

Members Present: J. Mitchell, Chair, L. Armstrong, B. Banbury, B. Bell, L. Boyko, J. Brennan, B. Coleman, T. Cowan*, J. d'Ailly, J. Haalboom, R. Hillier, J. Jamieson, R. Kelterborn, M. Laidlaw*, B. Lee, G. Lorentz, C. Millar, T. Nevills, V. Prendergast, P. Salter, S. Schmitt, W. Stauch, G. Wicke

Members Regrets: R. Deutschmann, F. Morison, J. Ross-Zuj

Staff: J. Farwell, K. Murch, D. Boyd, N. Davy, B. Brown, S. Lawson, L. Minshall, F. Natolochny, B. Parrott, S. Shifflett, B. Veale

Also Present: Professor Mark Servos, University of Waterloo; Gerald Tetreault, University of Waterloo; Craig Ashbaugh, Chair, Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee

1. Call to Order:

J. Mitchell, Chair called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

2. Roll Call and Certification of Quorum – 13 members constitute a quorum (1/2 of members appointed by participating municipalities).

The Secretary-Treasurer called the roll and certified a quorum with 21 members present. A total of 23 members attended the meeting.

*M. Laidlaw joined the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

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3. Chair's Remarks:

J. Mitchell welcomed members, staff and guests and made the following comments:

On November 29, 2012 J. Mitchell attended a display of pictures in Milton showing volunteer work undertaken by the employees of Holcim to celebrate the company's 100th anniversary. The company's subsidiary Dufferin Aggregates planted trees. The Mill Creek Rangers and others assisted in the cleanup of Mill Creek resulting in the return of a large number of fish.

On November 30, 2012, J. Mitchell presented a cheque to Ryerson Public School as part of the Community Conservation Grant program.

On December 4, 2012 J. Mitchell, J. Farwell and S. Wilbur attended a luncheon hosted by the Ontario Stone, Sand and Gravel Association to recognize the successful fundraiser for the Parkhill dam hydro project.

On December 5, 2012 J. Mitchell attended the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce breakfast for Mayor Doug Craig. Presentations were made by the Mayors of Milton and Burlington.

On December 6, 2012 the regularly scheduled Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee meeting was held. Agenda topics included updates on the proposed Catfish Creek, Long Point Region and Grand River Source Protection Plans.

Also on December 6, 2012, J. Mitchell, V. Prendergast, J. d'Ailly, B. Banbury, P. Salter, B. Lee and L. Armstrong attended the Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA) Staff Recognition and Holiday Celebration. Recognition was given to staff who reached milestones in increments of five years including staff with 25, 30 and 35 years of service.

On December 7, 2012 J. Farwell and D. Schultz met with the MPP from Kitchener-Waterloo, Catherine Fife at the GRCA Administration Centre to discuss GRCA programs. A tour of a GRCA dam will be scheduled in the future.

On December 10, 2012 J. Mitchell and J. Farwell attended the regular meeting of Conservation Ontario. The CAO, Don Pearson is leaving Conservation Ontario to take the position of CAO at the Lower Thames Conservation Authority. Conservation Ontario's responses to various provincial issues and the successful distribution of the White Paper were highlighted. A protocol for Open Data for Conservation Authorities was discussed.

On December 11, 2012 J. Mitchell, J. Farwell and S. Wilbur attended a Cambridge Chamber of Commerce breakfast with Chris Bentley, the Minister of Energy. He announced that a window of opportunity for applications for small energy projects is opening but gave no time for a window of opportunity for approval of larger energy projects such as that proposed for the Parkhill dam.

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On December 12, 2012 J. Mitchell attended the Grand River Conservation Foundation's (GRCF) regular meeting and Holiday luncheon.

On December 13, 2012 the GRCA's Annual Resource Management/Engineering Staff Meeting and Potluck Luncheon was held. Several staff members conducted presentations with respect to major projects worked upon during the year.

Further to the most recent update with respect to the HockeyFest law suit the GRCA has been served with an Amended Statement of Claim adding Star Security as a second defendant. The GRCA solicitor has confirmed that the allegations against the GRCA have not changed. This is a public document. Any member wishing to review the Amended Statement of Claim can speak with B. Parrott. If the members wish to discuss this matter it can be placed on the agenda for the next meeting as an in camera item.

J. Mitchell reminded the members that the end of the year is approaching and is the time when people make their final donations to charity. She thanked everyone who made a donation to the GRCF in 2011. She extended a special thank you to those who have given a multi-year pledge. She asked members who only donated in 2011 or have not donated at all to consider a donation to the GRCF. She said that if 100% of the GRCA members make a donation this will send a message of commitment to the GRCF donors. To date, the GRCA members have committed more than \$36,000 to the *Your River, Your Life* campaign. A form detailing options for giving as well as copies of the GRCF's most recent Annual Report are located on the registration desk.

J. Mitchell reminded the members that the Chair's Holiday Reception will be held in the Executive Offices following the Source Protection Authority meeting.

J. Farwell advised the members that Randy Machan has retired after 33 years of service with the GRCA. He was integral to the program that has seen hundreds of thousands of trees planted. He most recently took on additional responsibilities as manager of Central Services following the retirement of Steve Gemmell. Nathan Munn will fill Randy's former position as Supervisor of Forestry.

4. Review of Agenda:

The following item was added to the agenda:

12. Reports

i) GM-11-12-92 Water Quality Management in the Grand River Watershed

Moved by: L. Armstrong
Seconded by: P. Salter (carried)

THAT the agenda for the General Membership Meeting of December 14, 2012 be approved as amended.

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5. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest:

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest made in relation to the matters to be dealt with.

6. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

General Membership Meeting – November 23, 2012

Moved by: J. Brennan
Seconded by: C. Millar (carried)

THAT the Minutes of the General Membership Meeting of November 23, 2012 be approved as circulated.

7. Business Arising from Previous Minutes:

None

8. Hearing of Delegations:

None

9. Presentations:

Professor Mark Servos, Canada Research Chair, Water Quality Protection Department of Biology, University of Waterloo Re: One Fish, Two Fish, Boy Fish, Girl Fish? Feminization of Fish in the Grand River Exposed to Municipal Wastewater

M. Servos conducted a PowerPoint presentation indicating as follows:

- Emerging contaminants of concern include salicylic acid, ibuprofen, fenoprofen, ketoprofen, indomethacin, diclofenac, naproxen, benafibrate, gemfibrozil, clofibic acid and carbamazepine
- There are 30 wastewater treatment plants in the Grand River watershed
- The study site he refers to is the central reach of the Grand River
- Sentinel species involved in the study are the Rainbow Darter and the Greenside Darter – both are widespread across the watershed – both are synchronous spring spawners having a short life span of three to four years – they have a small home range (limited mobility) and are sexually dimorphic
- In 2008 75% of Rainbow Darters in the watershed at Pioneer Tower and 60% of the Greenside Darters were intersex
- The lab at the University of Waterloo is trying to link emerging contaminant exposure in watersheds to ecologically significant effects in fish

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- A transition to larger, more mobile, tolerant species such as suckers is being found
- In the fall of 2012 there were no Darters and almost no other fish found below the Doon Outfall to the Speed River
- There is no biological monitoring program in the Grand River that would detect or assess effects in the fish in the river
- Causative agents include estrogens, anti-androgens, drugs, oxygen and ammonia
- It is unknown whether the planned \$700 million in upgrades to Region of Waterloo wastewater treatment plants will completely remove the impacts that we are seeing in the fish
- There is a need to understand the significance and extent of these effects, the identity of the responsible chemicals and to assess how they respond to treatment

M. Laidlaw said that it is unusual to see fully developed eggs in the testes of fish. She referred to the comment that there is no concern for the human population and asked whether bioaccumulation is occurring. M. Servos said that the threat to humans is very low primarily due to the mode of exposure whereas fish live their entire lives in the water and are exposed constantly. M. Laidlaw said she read a recent study noting lower sperm counts in human males that could possibly be related to water consumption. She asked if there is any correlation. M. Servos answered that this was a British study and the lower sperm count in males could have been related to life style. M. Laidlaw said that a good number of the drugs found are anti-inflammatories. M. Servos said such drugs are easy to measure whereas estrogens are difficult to measure. The University of Waterloo has only recently become capable of doing so. M. Laidlaw said there will be an increased use of drugs due to the aging population. She asked whether this study is continuing. M. Servos answered that the study has never been funded. G. Lorentz said he was surprised that the University of Waterloo is working closely with GRCA staff and not with the Region of Waterloo. M. Servos responded that the University is working with Region of Waterloo staff. He said that Regional staff are very supportive of this research as they have helped facilitate access to the Kitchener wastewater plant for sampling. G. Lorentz asked if the amount of money being spent will "clean some of this up". M. Servos said that there is no monitoring program in existence and he therefore cannot answer the question. G. Lorentz asked what the solution is. He said that this is a serious problem and asked how we resolve it. He then asked if there is any "simple" solution. M. Servos said spending \$700 million will make a difference. However there is no monitoring program and no way of measuring whether that investment will have achieved what people want it to achieve. He said that a biomonitoring program is needed to assess effects in fish. J. Mitchell asked whether antibacterial soaps and foaming agents contribute to this issue. M. Servos said that anything put on your body contributes. He also said that some perfumes are extremely toxic and the substances in hand washes will turn female fish to males.

*T. Cowan joined the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

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J. Haalboom said that she sat on a team dealing with upgrades to the wastewater treatment plants. She asked for confirmation that M. Servos was not saying that drugs are being flushed but the chemicals are coming from ingested drugs. M. Servos said that ten percent of the chemicals are caused by the flushing of drugs with the remainder being released by ingested drugs. J. Haalboom said there is a program to take drugs back to the pharmacy and there is not enough awareness in the community of this program. M. Servos reiterated that drugs being flushed only equate to ten percent of the problem. J. Haalboom asked if Regional staff or the province should be asked to do more. M. Servos said that the members should not wait for action from the Federal government but should make the Grand River a leader in the world. He then said the Region should be a leader as well. He also said that the Federal government has national priorities.

W. Stauch said that what the University is doing is important and the young people doing research are the future. M. Laidlaw said that the inception of a national program in five to ten years is "too little, too late". She asked for confirmation that only ten percent of the drugs are being flushed. M. Servos responded in the affirmative and also said this percentage includes perfumes. M. Laidlaw said that an educational campaign is needed.

T. Nevills said that as a rural resident he has another concern, i.e. taking biosolids from waste water treatment plants. He asked how much of the drugs remain following treatment. M. Servos answered that some of the drugs will remain in biosolids. He also said that estrogen is used on farm animals and this can be detected in manure. If manure is not managed properly these drugs can make it into the surface water.

J. Mitchell indicated that S. Cooke would speak to Report No. GM-12-12-92 – Water Quality Management in the Grand River Watershed. S. Cooke invited the members to read her report. She said that research plays a critical role in identifying emerging issues and addressing science gaps that can inform future management decisions. She also said that collaborative partnerships with researchers such as M. Servos and others at local universities present tremendous opportunities to leverage the expertise of local scientists to inform key water quality management decisions for the watershed. J. d'Ailly asked what the GRCA can do to ensure that fundamental research is done and funded. S. Cooke answered that we have supported many research initiatives through in-kind support of our monitoring data. She highlighted two recent research partnerships including the Canadian Water Network's Grand River Watershed Consortium and the Southern Ontario Water Consortium that the GRCA and the Region of Waterloo are part of. The GRCA and partners to the Water Management Plan were able to leverage \$600,000 over three years from the Canadian Water Network to develop a biomonitoring framework for the Grand River. Both research initiatives support the work that M. Servos is undertaking. She also indicated that there is a trend toward more innovative funding arrangements for research and the need to look beyond typical government agencies like the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada. A good example is the Canadian Water Network. She stated that the Region of Waterloo is putting a lot of money into upgrades in its wastewater treatment plants and other municipalities are optimizing their wastewater treatment plants to collectively improve the effluent quality being

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discharged into the river. She said that staff will keep the dialogue going and continue the monitoring that is being done.

Res. No. 107-12 Moved by: J. d'Ailly
Seconded by: J. Brennan (carried)

THAT Report No. 12-12-92 – Water Quality Management in the Grand River Watershed be received as information.

10. Correspondence:

- a) Copies for Members
- i) Correspondence from The Honourable Dalton McGuinty, Premier, Province of Ontario to Jane Mitchell, Chair, Grand River Conservation Authority dated September 25, 2012 Re: *Increased Federal and Provincial Roles in Urban and Watershed Forestry*
- ii) Correspondence from Gary Schellenberger, MP, Perth-Wellington to Jane Mitchell, Chair, Grand River Conservation Authority dated October 3, 2012 Re: *Increased Federal and Provincial Roles in Urban and Watershed Forestry*
- iii) Correspondence from the Honourable Joe Oliver, P.C., M.P., Minister of Natural Resources to Jane Mitchell, Chair, Grand River Conservation Authority dated October 11, 2012 Re: Resolution No. 48-12 Passed by the Grand River Conservation Authority
- iv) Correspondence from Ted Arnott, MPP, Wellington-Halton Hills to Jane Mitchell, Chair, Grand River Conservation Authority dated October 29, 2012 Re: Res. No. 48-12
- v) Correspondence from N. Gauthier, Chief, Departmental Correspondence Unit to Jane Mitchell, Chair, Grand River Conservation Authority dated October 29, 2012 Re: Letter Addressed to the Honourable James M. Flaherty, Minister of Finance
- vi) Correspondence from the Honourable Gerry Ritz, PC, MP, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food to Jane Mitchell, Chair, Grand River Conservation Authority dated October 31, 2012 Re: Emerald Ash Borer
- vii) Email communication from Evelyn Eichenbaum, Clerk, Haldimand County to Joe Farwell, CAO, Grand River Conservation Authority dated November 7, 2012 Re: Caledonia Old Mill Corporation – Proposed Replication Project in Conjunction with a Water Power Hydro Generation Component

G. Lorentz requested a staff report with respect to Item 10 vii).

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b) Not Copied:

None

Moved by: V. Prendergast
Seconded by: L. Armstrong (carried)

THAT correspondence from The Honourable Dalton McGuinty, Premier, Province of Ontario to Jane Mitchell, Chair, Grand River Conservation Authority dated September 25, 2012 Re: *Increased Federal and Provincial Roles in Urban and Watershed Forestry*; correspondence from Gary Schellenberger, MP, Perth-Wellington to Jane Mitchell, Chair, Grand River Conservation Authority dated October 3, 2012 Re: *Increased Federal and Provincial Roles in Urban and Watershed Forestry*; correspondence from the Honourable Joe Oliver, P.C., M.P., Minister of Natural Resources to Jane Mitchell, Chair, Grand River Conservation Authority dated October 11, 2012 Re: Resolution No. 48-12 Passed by the Grand River Conservation Authority; correspondence from Ted Arnott, MPP, Wellington-Halton Hills to Jane Mitchell, Chair, Grand River Conservation Authority dated October 29, 2012 Re: Res. No. 48-12; correspondence from N. Gauthier, Chief, Departmental Correspondence Unit to Jane Mitchell, Chair, Grand River Conservation Authority dated October 29, 2012 Re: Letter Addressed to the Honourable James M. Flaherty, Minister of Finance; correspondence from the Honourable Gerry Ritz, PC, MP, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food to Jane Mitchell, Chair, Grand River Conservation Authority dated October 31, 2012 Re: Emerald Ash Borer and the email communication from Evelyn Eichenbaum, Clerk, Haldimand County to Joe Farwell, CAO, Grand River Conservation Authority dated November 7, 2012 Re: Caledonia Old Mill Corporation – Proposed Replication Project in Conjunction with a Water Power Hydro Generation Component be received as information.

11. 1st & 2nd Reading of By-Laws

None

12. Presentation of Reports:

a) **GM-12-12-83** Financial Summary for the Period Ending November 30, 2012

There were no questions or comments with respect to this report.

Res. No. 108-12 Moved by: J. d'Ailly
Seconded by: T. Cowan (carried)

THAT the *Financial Summary* for the Period Ending November 30, 2012 be approved.

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- b) **GM-12-12-84** Amendments to Ontario Regulation 150/06 – Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation

N. Davy indicated that a new category of permit has been added providing for the validity of a permit for 60 months. Staff will present a further report recommending criteria for such permits.

Res. No. 109-12 Moved by: V. Prendergast
Seconded by: S. Schmitt (carried)

WHEREAS an 'amending' regulation to the individual *Conservation Authorities Act* Section 28 'Development Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation' has been prepared in conformity with the provisions in Section 28 of the *Conservation Authorities Act* and the amended *Ontario Regulation 97/04*;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Grand River Conservation Authority adopts the subject 'amending' regulation that will amend the individual *Conservation Authorities Act* Section 28 'Development Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation *Ontario Regulation 150/06*'

AND THAT the said 'amending' regulation be submitted to the Ministry of Natural Resources for consideration by the Minister of Natural Resources for the Minister's approval.

- c) **GM-12-12-85** Cash and Investments Status Report

There were no questions or comments with respect to this report.

Res. No. 110-12 Moved by: T. Nevills
Seconded by: G. Wicke (carried)

THAT Report No. GM-12-12-85 – Cash and Investments Status Report as at November 30, 2012 be received as information.

- d) **GM-12-12-86** Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation

C. Millar asked if the members would be "open" to litigation if they approved a development and there was an "unexpected deluge of water" and if so how it would be handled. F. Natolochny said that he did not have an answer to the question and it would require a legal opinion. He also said that the GRCA is administering a regulation that was created by the province.

M. Laidlaw referred to Permit Application #598/12 – Union Gas Limited and quoted: "To install a gas line under a watercourse 16 metres from a wetland". She asked if staff give any special consideration to these installations. F. Natolochny said that

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staff review the nature of the installation and ensure that there is no potential for erosion that would expose the gas line. M. Laidlaw asked if staff are reducing the risk. F. Natolochny responded in the affirmative.

Res. No. 111-12 Moved by: L. Armstrong
Seconded by: B. Banbury (carried)

THAT Report No. GM-12-12-86 – Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation be received as information.

e) GM-12-12-87 Appeal Decision – Conviction under Section 28(16) of the *Conservation Authorities Act*

N. Davy displayed various slides showing the laneway and affected wetlands. She reminded the members that the defendants were convicted of development without a permit, were fined a total of \$15,625 including a victim surcharge and ordered to rehabilitate the disturbed area of the wetland. The defendants subsequently appealed the convictions and sentences. The appeal was dismissed and the order reinstated with the same fines and requirement to rehabilitate the wetland. J. Mitchell said that what the defendants had done affected the neighbours' property. M. Laidlaw noted that the cost of the appeal was \$18,830. She asked what the original trial cost. N. Davy answered that legal expenses for the original trial approximated \$24,800. M. Laidlaw said that the GRCA's total cost is \$45,000 and fines of \$15,000 were imposed, therefore the GRCA is "in the hole". She asked if there will be a second charge. N. Davy said that staff have already laid another charge which is working its way through the courts. M. Laidlaw asked what the maximum fine is for a second conviction. N. Davy answered that the maximum fine is \$10,000. She then said that the appeal decision is significant. M. Laidlaw said she recognizes that the decision is precedent setting. T. Nevills said that staff have to monitor the property and follow up. N. Davy said that the GRCA Regulation Officers are monitoring the site and that the neighbours are in contact with staff on a regular basis. G. Lorentz said he is concerned that the neighbours had to report the defendants. He asked how the GRCA can be more proactive. He said that it is important that this decision is a precedent and the GRCA has to get the word out that it is not putting up with this. N. Davy said that staff are proactive and work closely with building officials. GRCA mapping is accessible on the website. She also said that, in the past, staff have sent information with municipal tax bills and the education of residents in the watershed is an ongoing endeavor. A news release will also be made with respect to the appeal decision.

*B. Lee left the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

L. Armstrong said the maximum fine is \$10,000 and the cost of this action was four times that amount. He said that the GRCA has to lobby the government to increase the fines and to give it the power to recoup part of the costs. He said this would add a deterrent. C. Millar said that the GRCA must be able to get costs and that costs should be part of the hearing. N. Davy said that the Provincial Offences Court is operated by the municipalities which use the fines to pay for their costs of doing so. C. Millar said that "there has got to be a way and we should find it". L.

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Boyko quoted: "In other words, the Conservation Authority does not have to demonstrate during a trial that development occurred without permission and that there was an impact to the wetland". He said that he did not understand what this means. N. Davy answered that the operative word is "and". As a result the GRCA did not require technical witnesses. L. Boyko requested confirmation that the defendants did not have a permit. He asked what the GRCA is going to do if the defendants do not stop their actions. He said staff will lay charges under the Provincial Offences Act and the defendants can appeal again. He asked if staff are making planning divisions aware of this decision. N. Davy said staff have not done so. L. Boyko said it is his understanding that planning staff say you have to apply for a GRCA permit and they should know about this decision so that they can encourage people to apply for permits. R. Hillier asked if there is a communication plan and suggested a mail out to earth moving companies in the watershed.

Res. No. 112-12 Moved by: J. d'Ailly
Seconded by: L. Boyko (carried)

THAT Report No. GM-12-12-87 – Appeal Decision – Conviction under Section 28(16) of the *Conservation Authorities Act* be received as information.

f) GM-12-12-88 Environmental Assessments

M. Laidlaw asked if there will be further information forthcoming regarding the Ellice Landfill Expansion Project. J. Farwell confirmed that additional information will be presented to the members as it becomes available.

Res. No. 113-12 Moved by: S. Schmitt
Seconded by: B. Coleman (carried)

THAT Report No. GM-12-12-88 – Environmental Assessments be received as information.

g) GM-12-12-89 2013 Draft Budget Update

There were no questions or comments with respect to this report.

Res. No. 114-12 Moved by: T. Nevills
Seconded by: V. Prendergast (carried)

THAT Report No. GM-12-12-89 – 2013 Draft Budget Update be received as information.

h) GM-12-12-90 Current Watershed Conditions as of December 11, 2012

S. Shifflett conducted a PowerPoint presentation indicating the following:

- Precipitation in the first half of December, 2012 has been near normal across the Grand River watershed

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- The average air temperature to date in December, 2012 has been above the long term average
- Reservoir levels at the four largest reservoirs are at normal operating levels for this time of year
- Environment Canada's forecast for the December, 2012 to February, 2013 period for southern Ontario is above normal temperatures and normal precipitation
- A meeting has been scheduled with watershed police on January 23, 2013 to review fan out procedures

G. Lorentz noted that precipitation is tracked to 1958 and asked whether the air temperature has been tracked to that date as well. S. Shifflett said that staff do not have that data.

Res. No. 115-12 Moved by: B. Coleman
Seconded by: W. Stauch (carried)

THAT Report No. GM-12-12-90 – Current Watershed Conditions as of December 11, 2012 be received as information.

13. Committee of the Whole:

None

14. General Business:

None

15. 3rd Reading of By-laws:

None

16. Other Business:

- a) C. Millar said that she wished to address the issue of pavement on the river. She noticed an area upstream where it has been re-cemented. N. Davy said that she was not aware of this, but other staff might be.
- b) J. Haalboom asked if a staff report will be forthcoming regarding the Caledonia Mill. J. Mitchell responded in the affirmative. J. Haalboom then referred to the email communication from Haldimand County and quoted: "... and will result in the replication of a heritage landmark along the Grand River". She asked whether there are pictures of what they intend to do and what they mean by "replication".

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17. **Closed Meeting:** (*motion required – pursuant to Section 36 of By-law No. 1-2012*)

a) **GM-12-12-91** Salary Adjustmnts – January 1, 2013

Res. No. 116-12 Moved by: L. Armstrong
Seconded by: T. Cowan (carried)

THAT the General Membership Meeting of December 14, 2012 adjourn into closed session to discuss a personnel matter.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 11:25 a.m.

Res. No. 117-12 Moved by: M. Laidlaw
Seconded by: G. Lorentz (carried – one opposed)

THAT the salary ranges for non-union positions be increased by 2.0% effective January 1, 2013.

18. **Next Meetings:**

- i) General Membership and Special General Meeting (Election of Officers)
Friday, January 25, 2012 – 9:30 a.m.
Auditorium/Boardroom
Administration Centre, Cambridge
- ii) Annual General Meeting
February 28, 2013 – 9:30 a.m.
Auditorium/Boardroom
Administration Centre, Cambridge

19. **Adjourn:**

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

20. **Grand River Source Protection Authority Meeting (if required)**

Chairman

Secretary-Treasurer

**Report
COP Committee**

**January 23, 2013
Township of Puslinch Office**



Present: Glenna Smith (Chair), Councillor Susan Fielding, Vaughan Norman, Doug Smith, Holly Franklin, Heather Laybourne, Frank Montgomerie, Ted Laws, Paul Anderson, Wayne Stokley, Karen Harding, Dave Haley, Ron Van Ooteghem and Sandra Solomon.

Regrets: Sgt. Mike Ashley

Meeting commenced at 6:00 pm.

Welcome

- Glenna welcomed everyone, thanked them for coming early to accommodate Council and wished them a Happy New Year.
- Glenna noted that Councillor Susan Fielding had been re-appointed as our Council representative for 2013.

Business Arising from Minutes of October 24, 2012

- **Traffic calming in Morriston and Highway 6**
 - It was noted that the large 50 kph signs had been installed in Morriston.
 - There had been no e-mail correspondence from Bill K. for a while.
 - Wayne updated everyone on what was happening with the Township meeting with Minister Chiarelli.
 - Some University of Waterloo students, under the guidance of their Professor, were going to be doing an economic value study related to the by-pass and should be ready in April, 2013.
 - Once received, MPP Ted Arnott would set up a meeting with the Minister and the meeting would be attended by the Mayor, Councillors and affected stakeholders.
 - They were hoping that Minister Chiarelli would still be the minister but the bureaucrats were also on side so it was not expected to matter.
 - Ron commented that we had been approaching the realignment from a safety point of view and yet the study was looking at economics, not safety.
 - Wayne explained that the Township was still concerned with safety but the Minister was more interested in the economic impact and that was how they were dealing with it.
 - He also mentioned that they were not asking for the work to be done right now, just asking for it to be put on the 5-Year Plan (or any definitive term plan).
 - It was noted that it should be shovel ready very quickly as the EA had already been passed and they were working on the detailed designs.

- Wayne said that there was also a project in the works to widen the 401 in the area and it's plans showed Highway 6 realigned (parts of the realignment are integral to the 401 plan).
- Sandra asked if Wayne knew who the stakeholders were.
- He said that the Mayor had not been very specific but he knew that Maple Leaf was involved.
- Sandra commented that several years ago she and Susan had met with Enno Jacobson from Challenger Trucking and he had been instrumental in getting the Ontario Trucking Association to write the letter to the Minister.
- She would really like to see, as a courtesy, that, at the very least, he be kept informed of what was going on.
- Wayne noted that the Mayor was dealing with the Ontario Trucking Association.
- **Petition for the Highway 6 Realignment**
 - Sandra said that she felt an on-line petition was the way to go as most of the users of the highway were likely to be attuned to modern technology.
 - Sandra admitted that she was not very computer literate and did not know how to go about setting up an on-line petition.
 - It was suggested that there was a firefighter who might be able to help.
 - A Sub-Committee consisting of Dave, Karen, Heather and Sandra was set up to look into it.
 - Karen has a relative who can help with the technology side of things.
 - Sandra asked if they could meet quickly as she will not be able to do anything in February.
- **Puslinch Lake 911 problem**
 - Nothing had been done yet.
- **Speaker on Bullying**
 - Mike was away and had not responded to e-mails regarding the change in situation for the speaker we had in mind.
 - Sandra wondered if a letter could be sent from the Committee asking if he or anyone else would be able to come and give a talk.
 - Susan said that she had the same contact names that Mike had and she would look into it.
 - If she was not successful, she would also look into getting someone from another sport.
 - We were hoping for some time in late April or early May as our main target group were the youth.
- **Santa Claus Parade/Christmas Party**
 - Both were a great success and Glenna thanked all involved
- **Annual COP/SCC Conference – November 17th**
 - Susan said she thought it was a good conference.
 - There were several speakers, mainly OPP, and one of the biggest problems seems to be drug use.
 - Each community had a different type of drug that was the main problem.

- At the end of the conference, all the Committees gave a report on what they had done and were doing and it was obvious that Puslinch was way ahead of everyone else.
- The new OPP Inspector (Scott Lawson) was very anxious to come to one of our meetings.
- Insp. Lawson was keen for all the Committees to merge under the SCC title but Susan Gray noted that they had agreed to give the Committees the options to remain as COP Committees (*which we have*).
- Susan Gray had also put together a list of the various activities that are being done by all the Committees.

Sub-Committee Reports

- **Vial of Life**
 - Glenna reported that we had none of our own magnets left; we were using the EMS ones.
 - Susan had been to Sunset Villa and met with the residents.
 - The program had been very well received and she handed in a list of people participating.
 - Dave said they had handed out 108 vials and, as new people moved into the complex, the Vial of Life would be part of their package.
 - Karen had handed some out at the Mount Carmel-Zion United Church (Morriston) Christmas luncheon.
 - She had also dropped some off at the Township Office as people wanted to pick them up there, too.
- **Safe Communities Canada**
 - Glenna reported that the meeting on November 22, 2012 had been very well attended.
 - The next meeting would be on **February 20, 2013 (9:00 to 11:00 am at the Museum)** and she invited anyone interested to attend.
 - Glenna noted that the SCC had compiled a list of the greatest injuries.
 - Motor vehicle accidents were the top problem, followed by falls, poisoning and intentional "self harm".
- **Road Watch**
 - Dave had misread the Agenda and thought it referred to the Road Safety Challenge.
 - However, he gathered some very important information on the Challenge – thanks, Dave!
 - There are a number of criteria that have to be met to enter this Challenge and the main one seems to be that the group is registered as a charity.
 - This alone was enough to negate us but other criteria, especially the liability responsibility, made the Committee decide they would not be participating.

Correspondence

- Glenna had received two items of correspondence from the Optimists.
 - Both dealt with the **Family Winter Weekend** which takes place at the Community Centre/ORC complex on February 16, 17 and 18.

- The first letter asked if we would be interested in participating in the snow sculpturing contest.
- Glenna, Heather and Karen (the artistic members!!) would take on the task.
- Other Committee members were planning to stop by and offer verbal assistance!
- The second letter related to the Great Canadian Trivia contest on Sunday, February 17 (3:00 to 5:00 pm in the Community Centre).
- Teams consist of four people. Entry fee: \$100 per team. Prizes for top three teams.
- Glenna, Susan and Karen have put their names down and will work on getting a fourth person.

MOTION: *That COP pay the \$100:00 entry fee for the Trivia contest to the Optimist Club of Puslinch Inc.*

Proposed: Susan **Seconded:** Paul **CARRIED**

Goal Setting

- Glenna reminded everyone of our 2012 goals: Road Watch, Domestic Violence and implementing Vial of Life.
 - What did we want to do this year?
 - Continue with Road Watch, Vial of Life and Domestic Violence (Bullying)
 - New this year: Highway 6 petition
 - We will also continue with using our Speed Monitor.

Election of Officers

MOTION 1.: *That the following slate of officers be elected:*

Chair:	Glenna Smith
Secretary/Treasurer:	Sandra Solomon
Road Watch Chair:	Dave Haley

Proposed: Susan **Seconded:** Heather **CARRIED**

MOTION 2.: *That Susan Fielding be elected as the Puslinch Pioneer Reporter*

Proposed: Glenna **Seconded:** Holly **CARRIED**

New Business

- **Vandalism in township**
 - Susan reported that they were experiencing a lot of vandalism (trucks) on the soccer fields at Badenoch.
 - Hard to know what time of day or night it is taking place.

- Wayne suggested that it be brought to the Badenoch Committee's attention.
- The soccer fields are not their responsibility but many live in the area.
- Karen will speak to people she knows in the area, too.
- **Items missing from the Community Centre**
 - A microphone stand and kitchen items (chafing dishes, pots, etc.) have gone missing from the Community Centre
 - Susan doesn't think it is necessarily deliberate and it was suggested that Lisa check with users after events if anything goes missing.

The next COP Committee meeting will be held on February 27, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at Township Office.

TOWNSHIP OF PUSLINCH
PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

AGENDA

Date: Monday, January 28th, 2013
Time: 7:30 p.m.



1. Calling of the meeting together and order
2. Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof
3. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting
4. Adoption of the minutes
5. Business arising from the minutes.

6. COMMUNICATIONS:

1. a) Committee Appointments for 2013
b) Meeting Dates for 2013
2. a) Bruce Donaldson's e-mail dated December 17, 2012 re: Kingdom Construction
3. Zoning By-law Amendment Application #P7/2012
Harrison/Gingras 6926 Gore Road
 - a) Brenda Law's e-mail dated December 21, 2012 to Sarah Wilhelm
 - b) Township of Puslinch's Notice of Public Meeting
4. a) Township of Puslinch Passing of By-law #9/13 (Housekeeping By-law)
b) Township of Puslinch Passing of By-law #10/13 (McMaster)
c) Township of Puslinch resolution to adjust Development Charges
5. a) County of Wellington comments dated January 7, 2013 re Mini Lakes Residents Association
6. a) Hamilton Conservation Authority letter dated January 17, 2012 re: new service fees
7. Persian Investments Ltd., 424 Maltby Road West
 - a) Draft Terms of Reference from Dance Environmental dated December 11, 2012
 - b) Grand River Conservation Authority comments dated December 20, 2012
 - c) GWS Ecological & Forestry Services comments dated January 2, 2013
8. a) Ted Arnott's letter dated December 12, 2012 to Hon. Bob Chiarelli
b) Dr. Rob Leone's letter dated December 4, 2012 to Ted Arnott
c) Ted Arnott's letter dated December 21, 2012 to Brenda Law
d) Ted Arnott's letter dated December 21, 2012 to Hon. Bob Chiarelli
e) A Proposal for the Estimation of Highway 6 Traffic Impacts submitted by Dr. Clarence Woudsma dated December 17, 2012

7. COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT REPORT:

1. A1/13: WINGERT, Part Lot 20, Concession 10, 7808 Wellington Rd. 34
 - i) Notice of Public Hearing
 - ii) Notice of Decision

8. COUNTY OF WELLINGTON LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE: Applications:

1. B130/12: ST. MARY'S CEMENT INC., Part Lots 11&12, Concession 4
 - i) GRCA Plan Review Report
2. B140/12: MELO, Part Lot 30, Gore Concession
3. B146/12: CLARKE, Part Lot 20, Concession 9
 - i) GRCA Plan Review Report
4. B148/12: Cherry Forest Products Ltd.
 - i) GRCA Plan Review Report

5. B150/12: JOHN, Part Lot 32, Concession 8
6. B151/12: JOHN, Part Lot 32, Concession

9. **COUNTY OF WELLINGTON LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE: Decisions:**

1. B141/11: SO, Part Lot 16, Concession 7
2. B117/12: LEE, Part Lot 16, Concession 10
3. B126/12: KILLAM INVESTMENTS INC., Part Lots 21&22, Concession 8
4. B127/12: CERNIUK CONSTRUCTION, Part Lot 14, Concession 9

10. **NEW BUSINESS:**

Nil.

11. **CLOSED MEETING:**

12. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Nil.

13. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Nil.

TOWNSHIP OF PUSLINCH
PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES

Date: Monday, December 17th, 2012

Time: 7:30 p.m.

The Ninth Regular 2012 Planning Advisory Committee meeting was held on the above date and called to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

ATTENDANCE: All members of the Committee and the Secretary were in attendance.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

1. Sarah Wilhelm
2. Jerry Schmidt

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF:

Nil.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:

Motion No. 1: MOVED by Marilyn Fisher and SECONDED by Brian Cowan;
THAT: The Minutes of the Eighth Regular 2012 Planning Advisory Committee Meeting dated November 26th, 2012 be and are hereby adopted as presented.
CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES:

Nil.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Zoning By-law Amendment Application #P7/2012
Harrison/Gingras 6926 Gore Road
 - a) Township of Puslinch letter dated November 28, 2012 wherein Mrs. Harrison is advised of the PAC Committee's recommendation to Council regarding the above noted zoning application.
2. Zoning By-law Amendment Application #P4/2012
R&C Holdings Inc., 20 Brock Road North
 - a) Brad Finck's letter dated December 10, 2012 wherein he provides additional comments regarding the November 1st meeting summary notes that were circulated.
3. Zoning By-law Housekeeping Matters
 - a) County of Wellington letter from Sarah Wilhelm dated December 7, 2012 wherein she provides comments regarding the housekeeping by-law and advises that no agency or public comments have been received. The County has consulted with Grand River, Hamilton and Halton Conservation Authority staff concerning the proposed change to the Natural Environment Zone setback and they have no concerns.
 - b) County of Wellington "Draft" by-law regarding zoning by-law amendment – housekeeping amendment.
 - c) Sarah Wilhelm's report on second residential units dated November 26, 2012 wherein she provides an information report concerning second residential units and the implementation of Bill 140. Ms. Wilhelm advises that she will attend the December 5th, 2012 Council meeting and answer any questions that may arise.
 - d) County of Wellington 5-Year Review Amendment. County of Wellington letter to John Ghent in reply to his letter of October 11, 2012 in which he requested that the Krayishnik issue be dealt with as part of the Official Plan review process. Mark Paoli

advised that the County do not intend to deal with this matter through the 5-year review amendment. Mr. Paoli advises that a public meeting will likely be held in late winter, 2013 regarding the 5-year review.

- e) Township of Puslinch letter dated December 11, 2012 to the County of Wellington advising "That the Township review the options for accessory residential uses to determine which ones are appropriate for Puslinch and provide input for the County's Bill 140 Review."
Garden Suites are not included in the Bill 140 Review are as they temporary uses. Bill 140 will deal with more permanent uses.
- 4. a) E-mail from heather Ireland, GRCA regarding the Martinello Pit. Ms. Ireland provides three points that GRCA wants included in the EIS that is being prepared. *The Township's site alteration by-law is currently more stringent than the requirements of the GRCA. Water monitoring will be required for two years.*
- 5. a) E-mail from Grand River Conservation Authority regarding the new contact person who is replacing Liz Yerex. Nathan Garland is the new planner at the GRCA responsible for Puslinch Township.
- 6. Development Charges Indexing
 - a) E-mail from Cathy Butcher of the County of Wellington regarding the indexing of the County of Wellington Development Charges. Changes to the development charges come in to effective January 1, 2013.
 - b) Township of Puslinch information sheet regarding the 2013 development charges.
- 7. a) Copy of e-mail from Sarah Wilhelm to Mike Wassilyn regarding the information that should be provided to the County and the Planning Advisory Committee regarding the justification for farm help residence.
- b) Township of Puslinch letter dated December 17th, 2012 wherein Mr. Wassilyn is requested to attend the January 28th, 2013 Planning Advisory Committee meeting and give the Committee an up-date on the progress of his rezoning application.

COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT:

- 1. A7/2012: HAYDEN, 7128 Smith Road
 - a) Notice of No Appeals. The decision of the committee is now final and binding.
- 2. A8/2012: 2025590 ONTARIO LTD.(REMLEY)
 - a) Notice of No Appeals. The decision of the committee is now final and binding.

COUNTY OF WELLINGTON LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE: Applications:

Nil.

COUNTY OF WELLINGTON LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE: Decisions:

Nil.

DELEGATION:

Nil.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Nil.

REPORTS:

Nil.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Council will be holding in camera meetings on Wednesday, December 19th, 2012 to choose Committee members for the up-coming years. Chairman Fielding wished a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion #2: MOVED by Beverley Nykamp and SECONDED by Barry Lee;
THAT: The Puslinch Planning Advisory Committee does hereby adjourn at
7:50 p.m.
CARRIED.

Chairman

Secretary

NEXT MEETING – Monday, January 28th, 2013
7:30 p.m.

TOWNSHIP OF PUSLINCH
COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

AGENDA



Date: Tuesday, February 12th, 2013

Time: 9:30 a.m.

1. Calling the Meeting Together and Order.
2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof.
3. Reading of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting.
4. Adoption of the Minutes.
5. Business Arising Out of the Minutes:
6. **BUSINESS:**
 1. A2/2013: Ashraf & Bibi ALLY 9:35 a.m.
Part Lot 20, Concession 1
4210 Sideroad 20 South
Purpose: Relief from provisions of Zoning By-law #19/85 as follows:
Section 5, (3)(b), Lot Frontage (minimum), Agricultural Zone. The by-law requires that the minimum lot frontage for all lots 4.0 ha and over should be at least 121.9 m. Requesting permission to allow the retained parcel to have only 60.91 m. Total relief being requested is 60.99 m on the retained parcel.
7. Other Business.
8. Unfinished Business.
9. New Business.
10. Adjournment.

TOWNSHIP OF PUSLINCH
COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, January 8, 2013

Time: 9:30 a.m.

The First Regular 2013 Committee of Adjustment Meeting was held on the above noted date and called to order at 9:30 a.m. in the Municipal Office, Aberfoyle.

ATTENDANCE: All members of the Committee as well as Mayor Lever were in attendance.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

1. Bruce Donaldson
2. Colin & Anne Peace

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF:
Nil.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:

Motion #1: MOVED by Mayor Lever and SECONDED by Matthew Bulmer
THAT: The Minutes of the Fifth Regular 2012 Committee of Adjustment meeting dated November 13th, 2012 be and are hereby adopted as presented.
CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES:
Nil.

BUSINESS:

1. A1/2013 James & Linda WINGERT 9:35 a.m.
Part Lot 20, Concession 10
7808 Wellington Road 34
Purpose: Relief from provisions of Zoning By-law #19/85 as follows: Section 5(3)(b), Lot Frontage (minimum), Agricultural Zone. The by-law requires that the minimum lot frontage for all lots 4.0 ha and over should be at least 121.9 m. Requesting permission to allow the severed parcel to have only 117.37 m and the retained parcel to have only 99.49 m. Total relief being requested is 4.53 m on the severed parcel and 22.14 m on the retained parcel.

The Secretary provided the following correspondence to the Committee with regard to this application:

- i) County of Wellington letter dated January 3, 2013 wherein Sarah Wilhelm advises that the County would have no concerns with this request.
- ii) Grand River Conservation plan review report dated January 5, 2013 wherein Fred Natolochny advises that they have no concerns with this request.

Bruce Donaldson attended the meeting on behalf of the applicants and advised that both parcels require relief from frontage. The Land Division Committee approved the severance application subject to 10 conditions which included the Minor Variance for reduced frontage. The proposed house shown on the severed parcel needs to be 30 m from the Natural Environment zone.

The frontage is acceptable to the Grand River Conservation Authority. The house location will have to be moved. The set-back from the Natural Environment does not need to be a condition of the Minor Variance.

Motion #2: MOVED by Dennis Lever and SECONDED by Matthew Bulmer;
THAT : THE Committee of Adjustment after considering the criteria when deciding a Minor Variance Application does hereby Application #A1/2013, James Michael & Linda Diane WINGERT, 7808 Wellington Road 34, relief from provisions of Zoning By-law #19/85 as follows:
Section 5(3)(b), Lot Frontage (minimum), Agricultural Zone. The by-law requires that the minimum lot frontage for all lots 4.0 ha and over should be at least 121.9 m. The applicant is requesting permission to allow the severed parcel to have only 117.37 m and the retained parcel to have 99.49 m. Total relief being requested is 4.53 m on the severed parcel and 22.14 m on the retained parcel.
CARRIED.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. The Committee of Adjustment members have been invited to attend a planning seminar at the end of the Planning Advisory meeting on January 28th, 2013. Sarah Wilhelm and Aldo Salis will be making a presentation.
2. The green paper being used for the sign is very close in color to the yellow of the Land Division Committee. Secretary to use 'orange' paper for the sign.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Nil.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nil.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion #3: MOVED by Matthew Bulmer and SECONDED by Beverley Nykamp;
THAT : The Committee of Adjustment does hereby adjourn at 9:48 a.m.
CARRIED.

Chairman

Secretary