

2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

There were none.

3. Approval of Agenda

The Chair indicated there was a walk-on staff report, item 10.3, regarding the Specific Agreement with the Haudenosaunee Wildlife and Habitat Authority for the 2019 deer harvest. The item was moved up on the agenda immediately following approval of the agenda, as representatives from the Haudenosaunee First Nation were in attendance to provide a traditional greeting and speak to the relationship and partnership with HCA.

BD12,2689

**MOVED BY: Santina Moccio
SECONDED BY: Tom Jackson**

THAT the agenda be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

The Chair also advised that Don McLean from the Hamilton 350 Committee was in attendance and requested to delegate to the Board of Directors. In accordance with HCA's Administrative By-law, the Board or Directors is able to approve a request to delegate at the start of a meeting.

BD12,2690

**MOVED BY: Brad Clark
SECONDED BY: Susan Fielding**

THAT the request to delegate by Don McLean of Hamilton 350 Committee be approved.

CARRIED

4. Delegations

Don McLean thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak. He outlined Hamilton 350 Committee's concerns with potential environmental impacts associated with a new fracked gas pipeline in rural Hamilton. The pipeline is proposed by Enbridge Gas Inc. It crosses Beverly Swamp, HCA properties and lands within the Greenbelt Plan area. In light of a changing climate, 350 Committee has concerns with fossil fuel infrastructure. They are hoping to dissuade Enbridge from undertaking the project.

The process for pipeline approvals through the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) was discussed. An environmental assessment is required to be submitted to the OEB. Scott Peck spoke to HCA having been circulated on the notice of the proposal and receiving an environmental report for the project. Staff reviewed the report and submitted comments to Enbridge. Staff are currently reviewing a response to the comments. Scott advised that the proposed pipeline is within an existing easement through HCA lands for existing infrastructure. He indicated that permits would be required for some aspects of the work, however, Enbridge has not submitted applications for permits at this time. The topic lead to a discussion about the environmental benefits of HCA's land holdings in contributing to mitigation and adaptation to climate change.

BD12,2691 **MOVED BY: Santina Moccio**
SECONDED BY: Chad Collins

THAT the presentation by Don McLean of Hamilton 350 Committee be received.

CARRIED

BD12,2692 **MOVED BY: Santina Moccio**
SECONDED BY: Maria Topalovic

THAT staff explore the possibility of linking with McMaster University to have a graduate student undertake a study and analysis of the carbon sequestration benefit of our land holdings in regard to climate change mitigation.

CARRIED

BD12,2693 **MOVED BY: Brad Clark**
SECONDED BY: Santina Moccio

THAT staff be directed to confer with Halton and Grand River conservation authorities in regard to their processes for pipeline proposals.

CARRIED

5. Consent Items for Applications, Minutes, and Correspondence

- 5.1. Applications – Development, Interference with Wetlands, Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses

- 5.2. Approval of Board of Directors Minutes – September 5, 2019
- 5.3. Approved August 22, 2019 Budget and Administration Committee Minutes – for receipt only

BD12,2694

MOVED BY: Chad Collins
SECONDED BY: Tom Jackson

THAT the Consent Agenda be approved.

CARRIED

6. Member Briefing

6.1. Source Water Protection

Diane Bloomfield, Manager of Source Water Protection, outlined the roles and responsibilities of the Hamilton Region Source Protection Authority, including the legislative framework for the program. She highlighted the agreement between HCA and Conservation Halton to work together as the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Region, through the Source Protection Management Committee.

Diane introduced Bob Edmondson, Chair of the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee. Bob provided a history of drinking water source protection, beginning with the Walkerton Water Crisis in 2000, through the O'Connor report, and to the Clean Water Act in 2006. Bob provided an overview of the source protection process, beginning with assessment reports, through to creation and implementation of source protection plans.

Bob also provided an overview of the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee and the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Region. He reviewed the Wellhead Protection Areas and Intake Protection Zones around the drinking water sources in the Region. He highlighted approaches to address threats to drinking water as outlined in the Source Protection Plan. Diane and Bob advised that implementation of the Hamilton and Halton plan is going well.

The Chair thanked Diane and Bob for the comprehensive presentation. Diane and Bob answered members' questions. In light of the earlier delegation, Brad Clark inquired about Source Protection Authority circulation on pipeline proposals. Diane responded that municipalities are the lead on the implementation of the policies in the source protection plans. Pipelines carrying liquid hydrocarbons are identified as a significant threat to drinking water, however the Enbridge pipeline carries natural gas, which is not identified as a significant threat.

Road salt for winter maintenance was discussed as a significant threat to drinking water. Diane indicated the goal is to reduce the amount of salt used, with an emphasis on training and precision application rates. The members also discussed the local agricultural community's significant contribution to Source Water Protection.

BD12,2695

**MOVED BY: Jim Cimba
SECONDED BY: Cynthia Janzen**

THAT the presentation on Source Water Protection be received as information.

CARRIED

6.2. Insurance Policy Review

Neil McDougall made introductory remarks regarding HCA's insurance program. The program is coordinated through Conservation Ontario and is managed by a Committee. This approach allows for bulk purchasing and information sharing. The focus of the service team and committee has been risk management.

Glenn Sheppard of Marsh and McLennan then provided a detailed overview of the insurance program and its various coverages, including directors & officers liability, for HCA, the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Authority and the Hamilton Conservation Foundation. The presentation also included a discussion on trends in claims in the industry and outlined risk management practices, services and tools available.

BD12,2696

**MOVED BY: Cynthia Janzen
SECONDED BY: Maria Topalovic**

THAT the presentation on Insurance Policy Review be received as information.

CARRIED

7. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was none.

8. **Other Correspondence**

8.1. Provincial Direction and Response Regarding Core Programming

- a. September 19, 2019 email from Conservation Ontario to all Conservation Authorities, regarding Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks pre-consultation with Conservation Authorities
- b. September 13, 2019 email response from Ted Arnott, MPP, Wellington-Halton Hills, to Hon. Jeff Yurek, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks regarding HCA Board of Directors letter to the Minister, dated September 5, 2019
- c. September 5, 2019 letter from the Hamilton Conservation Authority Board of Directors in response to letter from the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, dated August 16th, 2019
- d. August 16, 2019 letter from the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks regarding the More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019

Lisa provided a summary of the correspondence and advised that the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks has agreed to pre-consult with all Conservation Authorities on proposed changes to the Conservation Authorities Act resulting from the passing of the More Homes, More Choice Act earlier this year. She advised that HCA would be represented by the Board Chair, Lloyd Ferguson and Vice-Chair, Santina Moccio, joined by herself and Scott Peck, Deputy CAO, at a meeting on October 22, 2019.

HCA's focus will be to explain our funding model, highlighting that our Conservation Areas are self-sustaining through collection of user fees, and that the CA's generate revenues that contribute to support of our core mandate programs. HCA's existing agreements with the City of Hamilton will also be highlighted. Clarification on how non-core programming relates to the More Homes More Choice Act will also be sought.

The members agreed that MPP Donna Skelly should be met with in advance or invited to attend the meeting, provided the MECP is supportive of that approach.

9. Reports from Budget & Administration Committee, Conservation Advisory Board, and the Foundation

9.1. Budget and Administration Committee –September 19, 2019

Santina Moccio reported on the following recommendations from the Budget & Administration Committee.

Resolution Number from Budget & Administration Committee Minutes - BA1928 –
HCA Purchasing and Contracts Policy and Procedures

BD12,2697

**MOVED BY: Santina Moccio
SECONDED BY: Jim Cimba**

**THAT the Budget & Administration Committee
recommends to the Board of Directors:**

**THAT the Hamilton Conservation Authority Purchasing
and Contracts Policy and Procedures be approved
subject to and including any further revisions as noted
during the August 22, 2019 meeting.**

CARRIED

Resolution Number from Budget & Administration Committee Minutes - BA1929 –
2020 Capital Budget

BD12,2698

**MOVED BY: Santina Moccio
SECONDED BY: Brad Clark**

**THAT the Budget & Administration Committee
recommends to the Board of Directors:**

**THAT the 2020 Capital Budget request as presented
herein be submitted to the City of Hamilton for
consideration and be included in their block funding
budget of 2020.**

CARRIED

9.2. Foundation Chairman's Report

Donations

We received a total of **\$69,594** in donations in September. They break down as follows:

- \$60,000 for plantings at the Eramosa Karst Feeder Lands
- \$5,050 for Outdoor Environmental Education
- \$2,925 for Tribute Benches
- \$904 for the Area of Greatest Need Fund

- The remaining \$715 came in donations for Westfield Heritage Village, the Canal Park Fund, the Dundas Valley Fund and our Tribute Tree Fund.

This brings our total for the current fiscal year (Dec 2018 to Sep 30) to **\$479,889**

Events

The Foundation hosted two events in September:

- The Friends of the Eramosa Karst (FOTEK) hosted volunteers from Mohawk College and the Hamilton Wentworth Catholic District School Board who planted 228 native trees and shrubs
- Thank you to Santina Moccio for helping us unveil a new Viewing Platform at Canal Park on Sunday, September 29

The Foundation also has a fundraiser planned for November 13th

- Adam Shoalts: Modern Day Explorer - Wednesday, November 13, 7:30pm – Westdale Theatre, visit hamiltonconservationfoundation.ca or thewestdale.ca for tickets.

10. Other Staff Reports/Memorandums

10.1. Current Watershed Conditions as of September 19, 2019

Scott Peck presented a summary of the memorandum, indicating there are no flooding or public safety concerns at this time. Lake Ontario water levels are still 42cm above average for this time of year but down 72cm from June. HCA will begin drawing down the Christie and Valens reservoirs for winter levels in the coming weeks/months.

BD12,2699

**MOVED BY: Chad Collins
SECONDED BY: Maria Topalovic**

THAT the memorandum entitled Current Watershed Conditions as of August 26, 2019 be received as information.

CARRIED

10.2. Upcoming HCA and Partner Events

Gord Costie presented the memorandum, noting that September was a busy month for events, including the Christie Lake Antique and Vintage Show, Telling Tales,

Tough Mudder and the Autumn Stroll. He also advised the members that all CA's anticipate very high visitor rates over Thanksgiving weekend.

BD12,2700

**MOVED BY: Tom Jackson
SECONDED BY: Brad Clark**

THAT the memorandum entitled Upcoming HCA and Partner Events be received as information.

CARRIED

10.3. Specific Agreement with the Haudenosaunee Wildlife and Habitat Authority

Chester Gibson, representing the Haudenosaunee Wildlife and Habitat Authority, provided a traditional greeting and spoke to HCA's successful relationship and partnership with the HWHA on the annual deer harvest. He was accompanied by Tom Deer, a Faithkeeper, and Wanda Davis and her son Mike. Wanda and Mike spoke to how the deer harvest has allowed people in their community to continue their traditions and to be able to share food with their elders and others. Chester Gibson requested consideration to obtain firewood from felled trees on HCA lands for heating long houses in their community.

Tom Deer then spoke using a wampum string. The three strings of the wampum string represented acknowledgement and appreciation for the past; for honouring the past of First Nations Peoples and for the work in partnering on the harvest, for the present; for maintaining the trust between one another and respectfully carrying on with the partnership, and the future; that we remain working together with good minds and good hearts, with continued trust and respect. Tom presented HCA with the wampum string.

The Chair thanked the guests for attending and educating the members and staff on their culture and customs.

BD12,2701

**MOVED BY: Jim Cimba
SECONDED BY: Susan Fielding**

THAT the Board of Directors approve the attached agreement allowing for a deer harvest in an area of Dundas Valley Conservation Area as identified on Schedule 'A', and generally bounded by Martin Road to the east, Jerseyville Road to the south, Paddy Green Road to the west, and Powerline Road to the north and; as identified on Schedule 'B' and generally bounded by 50 metres into HCA lands between Weir's Lane to the east, the CN rail line to the north, the lot line of private properties along the south and west only on weekdays

excluding Fridays between November 11 and December 5, 2019, inclusive.

CARRIED

BD12,2702

**MOVED BY: Tom Jackson
SECONDED BY: Santina Moccio**

THAT staff be directed to follow up on the request from the Haudenosaunee for potential available wood from felled trees on HCA property.

CARRIED

11. New Business

There was none.

12. In-Camera Items for Matters of Law, Personnel and Property

BD12,2703

**MOVED BY: Susan Fielding
SECONDED BY: Maria Topalovic**

THAT the Board of Directors moves *in camera* for matters of law, personnel and property.

CARRIED

12.1. Confidential Written Update – BD/Oct 01-2019

Lisa Burnside provided a written update regarding a property matter and answered the members' questions.

BD12,2704

**MOVED BY: Tom Jackson
SECONDED BY: Susan Fielding**

THAT the confidential written update entitled BD/Oct 01-2019 be received as information and remain in camera.

CARRIED

BD12,2705

**MOVED BY: Cynthia Janzen
SECONDED BY: Chad Collins**

THAT the Board of Directors moves out of *in camera*.

CARRIED

13. Next Meeting – Thursday, November 7, 2019

14. Adjournment

On motion, the meeting adjourned.



Neil McDougall
Secretary-Treasurer