

Hamilton Region Conservation Authority

Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting

July 4, 2024

Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on Thursday, July 4, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., at the HCA main office, 838 Mineral Springs Road, in Ancaster, and livestreamed on YouTube.

PRESENT: **Brad Clark – in the Chair**
 Jeff Beattie (virtual) **Craig Cassar**
 Lisa DiCesare **Susan Fielding**
 Brian McHattie (virtual) **Mike Spadafora (virtual)**
 Wayne Terryberry **Maureen Wilson**

Kathy Lacasse – Foundation Chair (virtual)

REGRETS: **Matt Francis, Alex Wilson**

STAFF PRESENT: **Jonathan Bastien, Lisa Burnside, Gord Costie, Marlene Ferreira, Scott Fleming (virtual), Liam Fletcher, Matt Hall, Amanda Martin, Scott Peck, Mike Stone, Jaime Tellier, Jeff Tweedle, Brandon Wood**

OTHERS: **Justyna Bak, Erin Davis, Carole Henry, Marianne Love (ML Consulting Inc.), John Olah (Beard Winter LLP), Brandon Orct (Beard Winter LLP)**

Note: For clarity, items on the agenda were captured in the order in which they were addressed.

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present. HCA's Indigenous Land Acknowledgement was read.

2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

The Chair asked members to declare any conflicts under the Board's Governance Policy. There were none.

3. Approval of Agenda

The Chair requested any additions or deletions to the agenda. The Chair requested the two in-camera items that were part of the agenda package be moved up immediately following approval of the agenda as a consultant and legal counsel were present.

Additionally, approval was requested for late delegation requests from Erin Davis, Carole Henry, Justyna Bak and David Murray to speak to the Ancaster Wells.

BD12, 3366

**MOVED BY: Maureen Wilson
SECONDED BY: Lisa DiCesare**

THAT the agenda be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

12. In-Camera Items

BD12, 3367

**MOVED BY: Susan Fielding
SECONDED BY: Wayne Terryberry**

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

CARRIED

During the *in camera* session, one personnel and one legal matter were discussed.

12.1. Confidential Report – BA/Jun 01-2024 (Personnel Matter)

Susan Fielding brought forward a summary of the report regarding a personnel matter, as recommended by the Budget & Administration Committee.

BD12, 3368

**MOVED BY: Susan Fielding
SECONDED BY: Lisa DiCesare**

strategic plan references to relationship building with Indigenous communities and requested HCA reconsider the temporary closure of the well.

4.3. Justyna Bak

Justyna Bak spoke to her use of the Ancaster Well for the past 17 years and noted she often meets other people that rely on the well. She indicated her hope that HCA will maintain access to the well.

4.4. David Murray

Mr. Murray was unable to attend the meeting and did not delegate.

BD12, 3371

MOVED BY: Susan Fielding

SECONDED BY: Lisa DiCesare

THAT the delegation presentations by Erin Davis, Carole Henry, and Justyna Bak be received.

CARRIED

Lisa Burnside provided background comments on the operation of the wells approved by the Board of Directors in 2017 and advised that since those changes the water is not provided for drinking water purposes, is not tested, and is known to contain high levels of arsenic and sodium. Further details on the upcoming temporary closure for public and worker safety during the city led construction project were noted by staff and that access to the well will resume once the construction project is completed by the City.

During the members' discussion on the matter, there were repeated disruptions from some members of the public and delegates in the audience. Following repeated warnings, a member of the public was asked to leave the meeting. The member stood up and approached the Board in close proximity and did not leave. Councillor Maureen Wilson called for a point of order and spoke to democratic rules of order that facilitate public participation. The Chair ended the meeting entirely when the public member continued to remain at the board table in the Auditorium.

Staff were not able to introduce the remaining items on the agenda due to the necessity to end the meeting early.

5. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting on point of order.

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Thursday, September 5, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the HCA Main Administration Office – Woodend Auditorium, 838 Mineral Springs Road, Ancaster, Ontario.



Scott Fleming
Secretary-Treasurer