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Present: Steve Arnold, Bill Bilton, Diane Brewer, Tony Bruinink, Andy Bruziewicz, Terry Burrell, Joe Faas, Norm Giffen, Percival Heath, Larry MacKenzie, Betty Ann MacKinnon, Kevin Marriott, Jon McEachran, Tom McGregor, Don McGugan, Dan McMillan, Steve Miller, Lonny Napper, John Phair

Regrets: Peter Gilliland, Carolyn Jamieson, Martin Vink

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Norm Giffen, who on behalf of the directors and staff of the Conservation Authority welcomed everyone to the 2010 annual meeting. He spoke of the Authority's program that speaks directly to the needs of our member municipalities and to the residents we serve. We truly believe in community conservation and we work with our community and our stakeholders helping to create a healthier and safer environment. While we look with pride on our past accomplishments, we also look forward to the challenges ahead. Issues related to climate change will have far-reaching impacts for our member municipalities. We expect more severe climate including both flooding and drought. Conservation Authorities are well positioned and capable of leading local initiatives to help cope with these difficult challenges. The Chairman thanked the Directors for their commitment and wisdom they bring to the table. They provide a wealth of municipal and authority experience to draw upon. Together with staff and partners we make a great team. On a sad note, he advised that we lost two of our conservation family this past year. Mary Jo Arnold lost her life while on her way to work as a tree planter for the Conservation Authority and Elmer Douglas, our representative from Booke Alvinston passed away after a short illness. Elmer joined the Board in 2007. They will both be sorely missed. A moment of silence recognized this loss.

The Chairman introduced Mr. Alan Dale, Vice Chair of Conservation Ontario to bring greetings.

Mr. Giffen reminded directors that only the 2009 directors should be voting for the first part of the meeting. He also advised that Don McGugan, Mayor of Brooke-Alvinston has been appointed by the municipality as a member for this meeting only.

BD-10-001

Bruinink - McEachran

"That the agenda for the Annual General Meeting be adopted."

CARRIED

The Chair requested that each Director declare a conflict of interest at the appropriate time, on any item within this agenda in that a Director may have pecuniary interest. Tom McGregor indicated he may have a conflict of interest with the property issue to be dealt with in camera.

BD-10-002

Napper - Bilton

"That the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held December 10, 2009, be approved as distributed."

CARRIED

BD-10-003

Miller - MacKinnon

"That the Board of Directors adopts the minutes of the Executive Committee of January 28, 2010."

CARRIED

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The Conservation Authority offers Conservation Awards to deserving individuals and groups who have contributed to the environmental health of our region. Four awards will be presented, all of which represent a personal commitment to conservation.

The first award was presented to the Village of Point Edward. The Village of Point Edward has actively pursued projects to enhance the environmental wellbeing of their community including the development of shoreline protection that built upon the historic link of the community to the St. Clair River, development of the waterfront trail and supporting an active tree planting program at the Point Edward Waterfront Park.

The second award was presented to Nelson Martinez. Mr. Martinez was the lead RAP vocalist for the RAP Video, One Shot. Mr. Martinez auditioned for the position and was chosen from several performers. He volunteered his talent for the video for a cause he strongly believes in. Since performing in the video, he has been taking his conservation messages to others and working personally to build upon his family's views on the environment. His talent and passion were instrumental in the success of One Shot: The River RAP.

The third award was presented to Lawrence Denkers, Janice LeBoeuf and Janice Mersereau Harris. These three individuals have been volunteers involved in the turtle surveys along the Sydenham River. For the past three years, these volunteers have joined Authority staff to canoe sections of the Sydenham to document the population of various turtle species. In 2009, a total of 62 kilometres were paddled while searching for turtles.

The fourth award was presented to the Walpole Island Land Trust. The Walpole Island First Nation has established the first aboriginal land trust to be registered as an incorporated charity in Canada. It aims to facilitate even greater conservation efforts through long-term protection of significant habitats by integrating formal land conservation with traditional cultural ties to the land. One important project that the Land Trust is working on with community partners is to conserve and restore a 171 acre marsh on Walpole Island with support from Ducks Unlimited Canada, Wildlife Habitat Canada, the Friends of the St. Clair River, and the Walpole Island First Nation. Funds raised for this pilot project will support management, ecological restoration, invasive species control, research, and training as well as community initiatives to teach their children how to sustainably harvest food and medicines.

Rick Battson, Director of Communications presented a year in review.

Mr. Ken Williams of Woods Pearson Associates, presented the 2009 Audited Financial Statements. It reflected the reporting changes and PSAB reporting as required. Mr. Williams indicated the Executive Committee was provided a detailed review at the January 28th meeting.

BD-10-004

Burrell - Bilton

“That the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority adopts the 2009 Auditor's Report as prepared by Woods Pearson Associates.”

CARRIED

The Chair advised that the Conservation Authority has been working with Dow Chemical for the last

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several years enhancing the Dow Wetlands and providing conservation education programs at the Wetlands. Norm welcomed Catherine Creber to the meeting. Catherine unveiled plans for the long-term management of The Dow Wetlands. She announced that Dow is delighted to be working on a long-term plan with the SCRCA, and attributes the success of The Wetlands to the commitment of both organizations to responsible land management and the environment. She stated that for over 10 years we have worked together and it's apparent when we review the number of visitors to the Wetlands that our efforts are appreciated by the community. Under the proposed plan, which would include funding from Dow, the SCRCA would work toward assuming ownership and management of The Dow Wetlands, including the preservation of crucial wildlife habitat and related woodlots, recreational areas, as well as on-going educational programs. Since its creation in 1997 over 15,000 schoolchildren have been able to experience firsthand an incredibly unique and complex ecosystem. The Wetlands is located at the corner of Highway 40 and LaSalle Line and provides habitat for waterfowl and other wildlife native to the Sarnia area. It is certified by the Wildlife Habitat Council. Thousands of people visit The Dow Wetlands each year and the public is welcome to continue to visit during daylight hours and enjoy the sheltered picnic areas and hiking trails. Signage is posted at the site for rules and regulations governing its use.

Andy Bruziewicz, Vice Chair, presented this year's service awards.

30 years of service:	Ralph Coe, General Manager
25 years of service:	Diane Brodie, Payroll and Accounting Clerk
20 years of service:	Patty Hayman, Director of Planning & Research
15 years of service:	Bill Bilton, representing the Township of Dawn-Euphemia
5 years of service	Alison Seidler, GIS Resources Technician
	Tony Bruinink, representing Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc

Bilton Bilton made a presentation to Ted Butler. After a tremendous 35 years of service, Ted Butler announced his retirement from the Foundation Board of Directors at its 2009 December meeting. Ted first joined the Conservation Authority in 1975 as a member representing Dawn Township. In 1989 Ted was elected to the executive committee, became Vice-Chair in 1992 and as Chair of the Authority from 1994 - 1997. Over these years Ted saw it all. He was there as we developed many of our programs such as tree planting. He was there for the building of our conservation areas and expansion of our campgrounds. Ted was a huge help as the Authority worked to build up its relationship with Lambton County. Ted was presented with a collage of pictures from his time with the Authority and Foundation

BD-10-005

Bruziewicz - MacKenzie

“That the Board of Directors acknowledges the service awards presented to the directors and staff and further that they be thanked for their years of dedicated service.”

CARRIED

Two directors's terms have ended. Diane Brewer, representing Southwest Middlesex and Newbury and Peter Gilliland, representing St. Clair Township. The Chair thanked them for their insight and contributions to the board. Their experience and dedication will certainly be missed. Before the 2010 business began, the Chairman called a break to give the members a chance to meet our guests.

The Chair, Norm Giffen, welcome the new members, Steve Arnold, presenting St. Clair Township and Martin Vink, representing Southwest Middlesex and Newbury. Allan McNeil, representing Brooke

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Alvinston will be at the April meeting.

The meeting continued with 2010 business.

BD-10-006

Burrell - MacKenzie

“That Ted Butler be appointed chairperson for the election of the 2010 Chairman and Vice Chairman.”

CARRIED

BD-10-007

Bilton - Burrell

“That Rick Visser and Ken Williams be appointed scrutineers in the event of an election.”

CARRIED

The positions of Chair and Vice Chair were declared vacant and nominations were called for the office of Chairman for 2010.

Terry Burrell nominated Andy Bruziewicz for the position of chair

John Phair nominated Norm Giffen for the position of chair

BD-10-008

MacKenzie - McEachran

“That nominations for the position of Chairman be closed.”

CARRIED

Andy Bruziewicz and Norm Giffen both advised that they would stand as Chair. Both nominees spoke and an election was held.

Andy Bruziewicz was declared Chair of the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority for 2010.

Ted Butler called for nominations for the office of Vice Chair for 2010.

Tony Bruinink nominated Norm Giffen for the position of Vice Chair.

Lonny Napper nominated Steve Arnold for the position of Vice Chair.

BD-10-009

MacKenzie - Burrell

“That nominations for the position of Vice Chairman be closed.”

CARRIED

Norm Giffen and Steve Arnold both advised that they would stand as Vice Chair. Both nominees spoke and an election was held.

Steve Arnold was declared Vice Chair of the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority for 2010.

Bill Bilton, Chair of the Nominating Committee brought forth the Nominating Committee report for 2010.

BD-10-010

Bilton - Burrell

“That the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority adopts the 2010 Nominating Committee's Report.”

CARRIED

With the election of Steve Arnold as Vice Chair, an addition person was required for the Low Water Response Committee. Joe Faas was added to that committee.

With the election of Andy Bruziewicz as Chair and Steve Arnold as Vice Chair, an additional 2 people were required on the Executive Committee.

Lonny Napper nominated Bill Bilton and Steve Miller.

Terry Burrell nominated Tony Bruinink.

BD-10-011

MacKenzie - Arnold

“That nominations for the positions on the Executive Committee be closed.”

CARRIED

Bill Bilton, Steve Miller and Tony Bruinink all advised that they would stand for the positions available on the Executive Committee. All nominees spoke and an election was held.

Bill Bilton and Steve Miller were declared to be the 2 directors added to the Executive Committee for 2010.

BD-10-012

MacKenzie - McEachran

“That the 2010 Executive Committee for the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority be Andy Bruziewicz, Chairman; Steve Arnold, Vice Chairman; Steve Miller, Bill Bilton, Terry Burrell, Norm Giffen, Larry MacKenzie, Betty Ann MacKinnon and Tom McGregor.”

CARRIED

BD-10-013

Marriott - MacKenzie

“That the ballots be destroyed.”

CARRIED

The new Chair, Andy Bruziewicz continued on with the meeting into the 2010 business. The 2010 budget was considered. Two votes on the budget were required. The first vote for non-matching levy utilized a weighted vote. A recorded vote based on weighting on the non-matching general levy was held.

BD-10-014

MacKenzie - Arnold

“That the Board of Directors approves the recommendation of the Executive Committee that the 2010 budget of \$6,064,963 with a non-matching general levy of \$269,500 with all member municipalities deemed as benefitting and further that the levy be apportioned using the modified CVA of each municipality within the Authority’s area of jurisdiction.”

CARRIED

The final vote represented 100% in favour based on the total CVA in attendance.

The matching general levy was also considered.

BD-10-015

Giffen - McMillan

“That the Board of Directors approves the recommendation of the Executive Committee that the 2010 budget of \$6,064,963 with a matching general levy of \$270,750 with all member municipalities deemed as benefitting and further that the levy be apportioned using the modified CVA of each municipality within the Authority’s area of jurisdiction.”

CARRIED

The 2010 borrowing bylaw was considered.

BD-10-016

Faas - Bilton

“That the Authority Chairman or the Vice Chairman and the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer or Director of Financial Services be authorized to borrow from the Libro Financial Group, Strathroy for the general operations and capital program of the Authority, a sum not to exceed \$850,250 to be repaid from grants received from the Province of Ontario, Government of Canada, levies assessed the member municipalities and general revenue.”

CARRIED

The appointment of the Authority auditor for 2010 was discussed.

BD-10-017

Miller - Burrell

“That Woods Pearson Associates be appointed auditors for the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority for 2010.”

CARRIED

The 2010 appointments to Conservation Ontario were considered.

The Chairman, requested that the Vice Chair, be the representative to Conservation Ontario for 2010.

BD-10-018**Burrell - Bruinink**

“That the Vice Chair be the Authority's 2010 representative to Conservation Ontario and the General Manager be the alternate.”

CARRIED

The General Manager’s Report was presented:

- 49 years of Conservation – “Working together for a better environment”
 - formed: January 12, 1961 - Sydenham Valley Conservation Authority
 - enlargement: June 12, 1974 - St. Clair Region Conservation Authority
 - enlargement: November 17, 2005- St. Clair Region Conservation Authority
- thanks to the Members:
 - 2009 has been another very successful year in program development and delivery. The Authority has been able to continue to expand programs in a financially responsible manner. The development of these diverse conservation programs at the St. Clair would not be possible without the support of our Board which encourages a progressive and entrepreneurial approach in the development of new opportunities that will benefit our member municipalities and resource management in the region. We take a business-like approach to public service and conservation in our region. Staff consistently and successfully seeks funding partners to support our programs and services. For every \$1 of municipal levy, we raise \$10 from other sources.
 - in 2009, Conservation Ontario compared all 36 Authorities in terms of programs, services, staffing, area, population and budgets. The St. Clair can be proud of the high level of service and program delivery in a cost effective manner.
 - the health of your local watersheds was reported in the newly released Watershed Report Cards. They have proven to be a useful tool to lead groups and funding opportunities to improve the health of locals watersheds.
 - additional partnerships were developed during the transition of the Parks Commission programs, services and assets to the local municipalities including waterfront protection for St. Clair Township, City of Sarnia, contract administration for Sarnia Bay Marina and other administrative responsibilities for the Parks Commission.
 - considerable effort has been invested in the background reports to meet the needs identified in the Clean Water Act and the work of the Drinking Water Source Protection Committee. There are several technical studies underway to assist municipal water managers in the protection of their intake zones for their facilities. These include Petrolia (Brights Grove), Wallaceburg and Lambton Area Water Supply System in Sarnia. Efforts continue to provide stewardship initiatives around municipal intakes to protect water at its source. The Committee base their monthly Board meetings from the St. Clair office.
 - we continue implementation of the programs and services into the new area of Lambton Shores which joined the Authority in late 2006. The Generic Regulation was approved and the development of implementation guidelines and new mapping.
 - we continue working with Lambton County on the management of the County of Lambton’s natural areas, forests and buffer lands. The management plans for the county lands are now complete and have been forwarded to the County for their consideration.
 - the Authority continues with greater involvement with our partners in the research and implementation of water quality, stewardship, shore protection and habitat programs in

the St. Clair River Area of Concern.

- with over 500 campsites, these regional campgrounds continue to provide economic growth and spinoffs to our local and regional tourism base.
- Conservation for Kids has over 10,000 students join for curriculum based outdoor education in the region.
- over 4000 acres of conservation lands provide diverse opportunities improving health and recreation opportunities for all ages. Popular hiking trails expanded and also included our first Water Trail on the Sydenham through Strathroy for canoe and kayak enthusiasts.
- staff wish to sincerely thank the Board members for their support and contributions to the Authority over the past year. We look forward to working with the Board, our member municipalities and our hundreds of partners in providing a comprehensive watershed management program throughout the region. One of our greatest strengths is that our conservation programs are locally driven. With issues such as climate change, a tough economy and continued downloading by upper levels of government, providing safe and healthy watersheds is becoming more complex. Your help in making the critical decisions needed in such a time is important for the environmental well being and safety of the residents in the watersheds. The work we do today not only impacts ours, but future generations as well. Your continued interest and support is sincerely appreciated.
- Auditors: Woods Pearson Associates have completed the 2009 audit. The audit took place January 12-19. Ken Williams of Woods Pearson presented the audit to the Executive Committee on January 28, 2010. The Conservation Authority had a successful year financially and with program delivery. The requirement of PSAB, Tangible Assets inclusion in the financial statements has been a labour of love for staff and auditors the last year.
- 2010 Proposed Budget: the draft budget was forwarded to member municipalities in December. We have included the summary of the budget in today's package. A detailed budget is available, with all changes based on carry forwards, year end audit adjustments etc with no impact on general levy from the 2010 draft budget. The amendments to the draft budget presented in November are in bold in the January 21, 2010 draft.
- 2010 Budget Process.
 - November 19, 2009 - Draft 2010 budget reviewed and recommendation for circulation by Board.
 - November : circulation to member municipalities for information and input.
 - December 10, 2009 - Board reviews municipal feedback
 - January 28, 2010 - Executive Committee reviews, minor amendments based on the audit and recommended a final budget to the Annual General Meeting for approval
 - February 18, 2010 - Annual General meeting and final budget approval.
- Provincial Funding: the 2010 allocation for Provincial Grants to support Flood and Erosion Control Operations and Maintenance, Planning, Technical studies and Administration has not changed since 1997, (\$310,000 – annually) The province uses the Authority's business plan for funding consideration. The Authority budget is required to be passed prior to the end of February, however the Provincial grants will be unknown until later in the year. This will not affect the municipal levy.
- Voting Procedure: Matching and Non-Matching levy: This procedure has not changed.
- Board Membership: three new directors have been appointed to the Board by their respective municipalities: Martin Vink returns to the Board replacing Diane Brewer - representing Southwest Middlesex/Newbury; Alan McNeil has been appointed by Brooke Alvinston to replace Elmer Douglas following his passing. Note: Mr Don McGugan, has been appointed by

Brooke Alvinston council as the voting member for the February 18, 2010 annual general meeting only; Steve Arnold returns to the Board replacing Peter Gilliland – representing St. Clair Township. All other directors that were up for renewal, have been re-appointed.

- Board Members, Committee appointments: all members were forwarded information regarding their interest in sitting on committees for 2010. The Nominating Committee reviewed their requests on January 28, 2010 and their recommendations will be presented to the Board of Directors at the Annual General Meeting.
- Source Protection Planning: The Source Protection Committee continues to meet monthly in the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority board room. Meetings are scheduled 6 months in advance and posted on the website. www.sourcewaterprotection.on.ca
Key work for staff and committee is developing of the Assessment Reports and public consultation. Details of their agenda are available on the website.
First Nations have now appointed 2 of the 3 members which have been allocated for their sector.
- First Nations, (Source Protection Planning): Agreement has been reached with the Source Protection Regions to include Kettle-Stony Point participation in the Ausable-Maitland Source Protection Region. Technical studies and reports and representation will be developed through the Ausable Maitland SPR. We are pleased for the involvement of First Nations interest in participating in the technical studies to protect their drinking water.
- Employment Programs: the Authority has submitted or will be submitting applications for the following programs: 2010 Employment Program Applications To Date (January 19)
 - Job Creation Partnership (Ontario Ministry of Training Colleges and Universities)
7 positions 34 – 51 weeks @ \$423/wk - \$146,358 wages; \$32, 687 support
Regulations Clerk (1) April 5, 2010 – March 25, 2011 – 51 weeks
Conservation Education Assistant (1) April 5, 2010 – December 17, 2010 - 37 weeks
Health and Safety Technician (1) April 5, 2010 – December 17, 2010 – 37 weeks
Conservation Technician (1) April 5, 2010 – March 25, 2010 - 51 weeks
Property Management Assistant (1) April 5, 2010 – November 26, 2010 - 34 weeks
Land and Water Operations Assistant (1) April 5, 2010 - November 26, 2010 - 34 weeks
Park Management Technician (3) April 5, 2010 – November 26, 2010 – 34 weeks
 - Career Focus (Service Canada - Labour Market & Social Development Programs Branch)
2 positions 21 weeks @\$16.80/hr April – Sept. - \$29,546.00
GIS Technician
Biological Technician
 - Summer Experience (MNR)
3 positions – 7 weeks at \$10.25/hr - \$7,500.00
Resource Technicians
 - Minimum Wage will be increased to 10.25per hour effective March 31, 2009. Currently the rate is \$9.50 per hour. (some variations may apply with short term summer students with age and hours of work.
 - Authority staff continues to monitor additional Federal and Provincial employment programs which may be initiated as a result of the economic downturn and retraining
- Administration Office - the furnace for the Boardroom and lower office required replacement and was completed on January 18, 2010. We continue to seek grants and support for accessibility modifications to the office. (Access ramp, washrooms, etc)
- Workwell Audit: we have been notified by WSIB that they will be in our office on February 11, 2010 to begin a workwell audit. The Health and Safety committee have worked diligently over the past year on policy and program safety issues. We will report on the results of the audit.

- Conservation Farm Award: in partnership with the Lambton Soil and Crop Association an Outstanding Farmer and Conservation Farm award is presented at their Annual General Meeting held January in Brooke Alvinston. Norm Giffen presented the award on behalf of the Conservation Authority. The award winner this year is Joe Kerr from St. Clair Township.
- Members (Directors) 2009 expenses/disbursements will be presented at the April Board meeting.
- Ministry of Natural Resources: Conservation Authority Year end reports for Provincial funds are due February 28, 2010. The reports have been submitted based on the audited financial statements and project descriptions have been provided.
- 2010 Fee Schedule: Amendments to the posted rates have been made to address the HST which will become effective July 1, 2010. As some of our fees are seasonal we and May 1 is a trigger date for payment of fees without incurring HST
- Meetings/Events: March 2, Conservation Ontario, Toronto, Chair/GM attend
- Upcoming Special Events:
 - Maple Syrup Festival: March 20 - 21. A.W. Campbell Conservation Area (displays/demonstrations) Alvinston Community Centre (pancake breakfast and maple syrup sales) - in partnership with the Alvinston Volunteer Firefighters. 9am- 4pm
 - Sydenham River Canoe Race: April 18, 2010 Registration 10 am at Sydenham River and Mossie Line. Race end at Shetland Conservation Area. A great event to cure cabin fever, get out of the house spring time event. Proceeds from the event support the Authority's outdoor education program.
 - Municipal Presentations: staff is available at your request for presentations to council or committees on any programs and services of the Conservation Authority or Foundation. We would be pleased to address council on any issue of interest.

BD-10-019**Faas - Bilton**

“That the Board of Directors acknowledges the General Manager's report dated February 11, 2010.”

CARRIED

An Activity Summary from the Watershed Services Department was reviewed.

- Drinking Water Source Protection
 - review stressed watersheds and permits within region
 - Intake Protection Zone 2 delineation, drainage analysis and draft review
 - funding agreement review and finalization
 - review of current and analysis of future pumping rates for region's groundwater wells
 - threats identification and summary tables for assessment reports
 - Flood Forecast & Warning*
 - Flood Forecasting software revision review and agreements for transfer
- refinement of internal web based reporting
- data acquisition
 - snow surveys completed weekly
 - ice Breaking Vessels – tracking availability
 - flood monitoring
- Low Water Response
 - data collection, review and analysis
 - Reforestation/Conservation Services

- finished collecting seed Red oak, Black Walnut and Hackberry
- writing funding proposal for seed collection to TD Friends of the Environment Fund
- landowner site visits for spring tree planting program
- project designs for spring planting 2010
- staffed a booth for BMP's at John Deere Days Dec. 10&11
- survival assessments for 2008 & 2009 Tree Ontario 50 Million Tree Program
- Woodlot Management
 - inventoried 3 properties 85 acres for ABCA
 - starting to call the list of landowner requesting woodlot management
 - drafted residence letter for Maples subdivision to Residence backing onto the property
 - updating Timber Buyer contact information
- Water & Erosion Control Infrastructure
 - monitoring reports and funding applications for Guthrie Park
 - preparation of RFP for Class Environmental Assessment and Detailed Design for Cathcart Park Erosion Control Project Revitalization
 - removal of concrete headwall at Coldstream
- McKeough Dam & Upstream Lands
 - grass cutting quotations obtained for the Dam & Outlet Park, Perch Creek and Nicholls Memorial Forest
 - liaised with Seismic company seismographic review of a couple of upstream properties

BD-10-020**Bruinink - MacKinnon**

“That the Board of Directors acknowledges the monthly activity summary, dated February 5, 2010, from the Watershed Services Department for December 2009 and January 2010.

CARRIED

A report on Water & Erosion Infrastructure projects was discussed.

Potential projects to be submitted for 2010-2011 funding review:

- McKeough Dam Operating Criteria Review
- Cathcart Park Erosion Protection Revitalization Study Phase II
- Guthrie Park Shore Protection Revitalization Phase III
- Lake Huron Shoreline Plan
- Running Creek Dyke Erosion Control at Forhan Street
- Additional funding applications have been submitted for several projects in an effort to reduce municipal costs
- 2005 - 2006 WECI Projects
 - Weir #2 (LCH) - Decommissioning / Revitalization Plan - Phase II of the Plan is underway including a review of the environmental impacts and impacts on CA activities - investigating opportunities to partner with Ducks Unlimited
- 2007 - 2008 WECI Projects - McKeough Dam - Watercourse Obstruction Removal -specific locations are being targeted next week and contractors or Authority staff will be undertaking
- 2008 - 2009 WECI Projects
 - McKeough Dam - Drop Structure Crack Repair Phase II - condition in the fall of 2009 did not provide an opportunity to complete the necessary works – therefore works will be schedule for summer or fall of 2010
- 2009 - 2010 WECI Projects

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- ARDA Dyke - Hazard Tree Removal Along Wren Line - to be completed in fall of 2010 subject to approval of 2010 budget
- Coldstream CA Dam - Headwall Safety Railing or Removal - complete
- McKeough Dam - Highway 40 Drain Outfall Erosion Protection - to be completed in summer of 2010 subject to approval of 2010 budget
- McKeough Dam - Diversion Berm Erosion Repair - to be completed in the summer of 2010 subject to approval of 2010 budget
- McKeough Dam - Dam Safety Review - to be completed in spring or summer 2010 subject to approval of 2010 budget
- Centennial Park - Splash Pad Repair and Drainage Improvements - one third of the project was completed with the assistance of City of Sarnia staff this fall. The remainder of the work will be completed as soon as weather permits in the spring of 2010.
- Guthrie Park - Shore Protection Revitalization Phase II - substantially complete with landscaping and other surface treatments to be completed in the spring of 2010
- Cathcart Park - Erosion Protection Revitalization Study - Requests for Proposals are expected to be forwarded to selected consultants in February.
- Guthrie Park Shore Protection Revitalization Project Phase II
- Construction re-commenced on January 5th (after a break over Christmas)
- The contractor has completed the installation of the revetment, removal of the steel sheet pile wall, re-shaping of the slope and installation of the timber curb
- The project was declared to be substantially complete on January 21st
- The contractor will be back in the spring to undertake some touch up work within the revetment, topsoil and sod placement and paving of the walkway
- The Authority will also be on site in the spring working on the installation of landscaping including the planting of the habitat pod
- The project was on time and within budget
- Applications for funding have been submitted to the US National Fish & Wildlife Federation and Federal Development Ontario for Phase III of the project

BD-10-021**Arnold - MacKenzie**

“That the Board of Directors acknowledges the report dated February 5, 2010, regarding Water & Erosion Control Infrastructure projects including Guthrie Park Shore Protection Revitalization and applications for funding for works in 2010.”

CARRIED

The Planning Department’s Regulations Activity Reports were discussed.

BD-10-022**MacKinnon - Marriott**

“That the Board of Directors acknowledges and concurs with the Regulations Activity Reports on "Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses" Regulations (Ontario Regulation 171/06), dated December 31, 2009 and January 31, 2010.”

CARRIED

The Planning Department’s January Planning Activity Summary Report was discussed.

BD-10-023

McMillan - McEachran

“That the Board of Directors acknowledges the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority's monthly Planning Activity Summary Report for January 2010.”

CARRIED

A Status Report on the St. Clair River AOC Sediment Project was presented

- Background:
 - the March 2008-March 2009 phase of the federally/provincially approved COA (Canada Ontario Agreement) Framework found that contaminated sediment had the potential to affect sediment-dwelling aquatic organisms and cause biomagnifications in higher trophic levels. Zones of sediment were prioritized for management based on risk to fish from biomagnification. As reported at the November Board meeting, authority staff participated in the selection of a consultant to evaluate sediment management options to remediate the high priority contaminated sediment areas identified in the 2008-2009 report. The following update is current to January 29, 2010.
- Update
 - Environ Consulting was the successful bidder. The company began work in November, 2009.
 - they have reviewed existing information and have completed Task 1 which involved submitting a Screening Table of sediment management options. Revisions and comments were provided from the Technical Steering Committee to ENVIRON in January.
 - additional field work is being proposed to survey the river bottom to more accurately assess potential remediation costs.
 - the report will consider a number of options for sediment remediation, estimate costs for each and propose a preferred alternative. A preliminary engineering design workplan for the preferred alternatives is also part of the study.
 - work by the consultant is proposed to be completed by August, 2010.

BD-10-024

Burrell - Miller

“That the Board of Directors acknowledges the status report on the St. Clair River AOC Sediment Project – Contaminated Sediment Management Options Evaluation phase dated February 5, 2010.”

CARRIED

The meeting went In Camera to discuss property issues. Tom McGregor had left the meeting and did not participate in any discussion or voting.

BD-10-025

McMillan - Napper

“That the Board of Directors go In Camera to discuss property matters at 3:25 p.m with General Manager and Administrative Assistant remaining.”

CARRIED

BD-10-026

Bilton - Burrell

“That the Executive Committee rise and report at 3:35 p.m.

CARRIED

BD-10-027

Marriott - McEachran

“That the Board of Directors of the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority approves the sale of the property described as Lots 4, 5 and 14, Plan 11, Part Lot 14, Concession 12, geographic Sombra Township, Municipality of St. Clair Township, County of Lambton, to William Card and Mary Card of Wilkesport, Ontario as the sale furthers the objects of the Authority under Section 21(c) of the Conservation Authorities Act, all subject to the approval of the Province of Ontario.”

CARRIED

BD-10-028

Bruinink - MacKenzie

“That the meeting be adjourned.”

Andy Bruziewicz
Chairman

Ralph Coe
General Manager