



Board of Directors *Notice of Meeting*

June 26th - ~1:00 p.m., Visitor Services Centre, A.W. Campbell C.A.

Tentative Agenda

1. Chair's Remarks
2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests
3. Minutes
4. General Manager's Report
 - (i) GM's Report
5. Chair & Conservation Ontario Report
 - (i) CO March 31, 2014 minutes verbal report on June 23, 2014 meeting
6. Business Arising from last meeting
7. Land Management Reports
 - (i) Conservation Lands Update
 - (ii) McKeough Residential Properties
 - (iii) Czech Hall
8. Water Resources Reports
 - (i) Current Watershed Conditions
 - (ii) WECI Projects
 - (iii) Running Creek/Forhan Street Erosion Project
9. Biology Reports
 - (i) Healthy Watershed Stewardship Programs
 - (ii) Municipal Drain Review
 - (iii) Aquatic Inventory and Education Outreach Program
 - (iv) Reptiles at Risk Program
10. Conservation Services Report
 - (i) 2014 Tree Planting on Private, Corporate and Public Lands
 - (ii) Larvicide Report
11. Planning & Research Reports
 - River & Stream Systems Flood Hazard Standard Presentation
 - (i) Regulations Committee Report
 - (ii) Monthly Planning Activity Summary Report
 - (iii) Drainage Act and Conservation Authority Act protocol (DART)
 - (iv) Memorandum of Agreement for SCRCA Planning Fees
12. Finance Reports
 - (i) Revenue & Expenditure Report
 - (ii) April and May Disbursements
 - (iii) 2014 General Levy Update
 - (iv) 2013 Directors' expenses
 - (v) March 20, 2014 draft Health & Safety Committee minutes
13. Communications Reports
 - (i) Conservation Education

14. In Camera
15. New Business
16. Adjournment

Please contact Marlene (call 519-245-3710, 1-866-505-3710 or e-mail mdorrestyn@scrca.on.ca) at the Administration Office by June 24th, if you are unable to attend.

Board of Directors Proposed Resolutions

2. It is 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.
- 3.(i) Moved by: _____ Seconded by: _____
That the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting, held April 17, 2014, be approved as distributed.
- 4.(i) Moved by: _____ Seconded by: _____
That the Board of Directors acknowledges the General Manager's report, dated June 16, 2014.
- 5.(i) Moved by: _____ Seconded by: _____
That the Board of Directors acknowledges the Conservation Ontario's minutes of March 31, 2014 as well as a verbal report from the Conservation Ontario Board Meeting of June 23, 2014 .
- 6.(i) Moved by: _____ Seconded by: _____
That the Board of Directors acknowledges the updates on business arising from the April 17, 2014 Board of Director's meeting.
- 7.(i) Moved by: _____ Seconded by: _____
That the Board of Directors acknowledges the Conservation Lands Update, dated June 4, 2014 on Conservation Areas, McKeough Upstream lands and Lambton County properties.
- 7.(ii) Moved by: _____ Seconded by: _____
That the Board of Directors acknowledges the report, dated June 11, 2014, regarding the status of residential rental properties on McKeough Upstream Lands and further instruct staff to provide the current tenants with 90 days notice to vacate the properties and subsequently demolish the houses and outbuilding and develop a naturalization plan to be commenced in the spring of 2015.
- 7.(iii) Moved by: _____ Seconded by: _____
That the Board of Directors acknowledges the report, dated June 16, 2014 regarding the Czech Hall in Dresden and further
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- 8.(i) Moved by: _____ Seconded by: _____
That the Board of Directors acknowledges the report dated June 10, 2014 on the current watershed conditions and Great Lakes water levels.

- 8.(ii) Moved by: Seconded by:
That the Board of Directors acknowledges the report dated June 13, 2014 on the ongoing Water and Erosion Control Infrastructure projects across the watershed and further acknowledges the project updates on the previously funding projects and projects submitted for 2014-2015 funding.
- 8.(iii) Moved by: Seconded by:
That the Board of Directors acknowledges the report dated June 13, 2014 on the Running Creek on Forhan Street Erosion Project.
- 9.(i) Moved by: Seconded by:
That the Board of Directors acknowledges the report dated June 12, 2014 on the Healthy Watershed Stewardship programs, including various outreach events to encourage implementation of best management practices in the Sydenham Headwaters and Lambton Shores watersheds.
- 9.(ii) Moved by: Seconded by:
That the Board of Directors acknowledges the report dated June 12, 2014 summarizing Municipal Drain Review activities, and the Municipal Drain Habitat Enhancement Program and funding opportunities.
- 9.(iii) Moved by: Seconded by:
That the Board of Directors acknowledges the report dated June 12, 2014 on the Aquatic Inventory and Education Outreach Program in our Lake Huron watersheds that will provide information on the watershed health and engage residents in stewardship actions.
- 9.(iv) Moved by: Seconded by:
That the Board of Directors acknowledges the report dated June 12, 2014 on the Reptiles at Risk program, including an outreach workshop with the Lambton County Roads Crew, and reptile habitat enhancements and recent site surveys for turtles, snakes and lizards on properties owned or managed by St. Clair Conservation.
- 10.(i) Moved by: Seconded by:
That the Board of Directors acknowledges the report dated June 12, 2014 regarding spring 2014 tree planting on private, corporate and public lands.
- 10.(ii) Moved by: Seconded by:
That the Board of Directors acknowledges the report dated June 12, 2014 regarding the Authority's agreement with Lambton County to undertake the application of Larvicide to catch basins as part of Lambton County Community Health Services West Nile Virus Program.

11. Moved by: Seconded by:
That the Board of Directors acknowledges the River & Stream Systems Flood Hazard Standard presentation.
- 11.(i) Moved by: Seconded by:
That the Board of Directors acknowledges and concurs with the Regulations Committee Reports on “*Development, Interference with Wetlands & Alterations to Shorelines & Watercourses*” Regulations (Ontario Regulation 171/06), dated April 30, 2014 and May 31, 2014.
- 11.(ii) Moved by: Seconded by:
That the Board of Directors acknowledges the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority’s monthly Planning Activity Summary Reports for April and May 2014.
- 11.(iii) Moved by: Seconded by:
That the Board of Directors acknowledges the report, dated June 12, 2014 on Drainage Act and Conservation Authority Act Protocol (DART) Municipal drain activities and drain Letters of Review for April and to date June 2014.
- 11.(iv) Moved by: Seconded by:
That the Board of Directors recommends the draft Memorandum of Agreement for SCRCA Planning Services be forwarded to the Lambton County Planning Department for initial feedback with a reporting back to the Board on feedback received.
- 12.(i) Moved by: Seconded by:
That the Board of Directors acknowledges the revenue and expenditure report to April 30, 2014, as it relates to the budget.
- 12.(ii) Moved by: Seconded by:
That the Board of Directors approves the April and May 2014 disbursements as presented in the amount of \$1,612,360.46.
- 12.(iii) Moved by: Seconded by:
That the Board of Directors acknowledges the status report on the 2014 general levy receipts to June 10, 2014.
- 12.(iv) Moved by: Seconded by:
That the Board of Directors acknowledges the Status Summary report, dated June 10, 2014 on directors’ expenses from January 1 to December 31, 2013.
- 12.(v) Moved by: Seconded by:
That the Board of Directors acknowledges the March 20, 2014 draft meeting minutes of Health and Safety Committee.

- 13.(i) Moved by: _____ Seconded by: _____
That the Board of Directors acknowledges the education staff report dated June 12, 2014, including the canoe race, spring education programs, and community outreach.
- 14.(i) Moved by: _____ Seconded by: _____
That the Board of Directors go in camera at _____ a.m. to discuss personal information, with all staff remaining.
- 14.(ii) Moved by: _____ Seconded by: _____
That the Board of Directors rise and report at _____ a.m.
16. Moved by: _____ Seconded by: _____
That the meeting be adjourned.

General Manager's Report 4.(i)

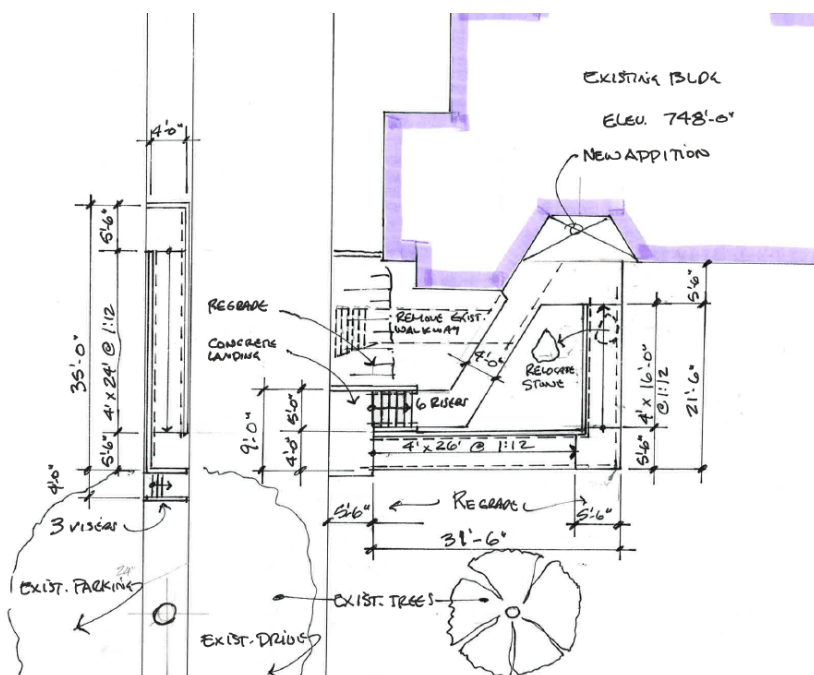


To: Board of Directors
Date: June 16, 2014
From: Brian McDougall, General Manager

- 6 Job Creation Partnerships (employment program) positions have been filled to date and the new staff are fitting in well and contributing to our progress on multiple projects
- 1 position has yet to be filled due to no qualified candidates
- as part of the Foundation Memorial Tree Program, the dedication ceremony for Denning's Memorial Forest in Strathroy was held on June 1st
- the event attracted a crowd in excess of 250

- Administrative Office accessibility renovation has been delayed to fall construction
- website, local newspaper and direct email advertising of the project and a mandatory site meeting produced only three contractor representatives
- all three contractors have recommended that final drawings be created prior to closing quotations for the project
- as a result, staff have contacted the consultants that provide the draft designs for the Accessibility Grant Application and we will be working with them to create the necessary

drawings to narrow the scope of the quotations and obtain the necessary permits based on current discussions, drawings should be available next month and construction should commence in September



**Conservation Ontario Council
Minutes from Meeting #1/14
Monday, March 31, 2014
Black Creek Pioneer Village**

Members Present:

Dick Hibma, Grey Sauble, Chair
Mark Burnham, Mississippi Valley, Vice Chair
Lin Gibson, Conservation Sudbury, Vice Chair

Bruce Horner, Ausable Bayfield
Allan McPhail, Cataraqui Region
Steve Knechtel, Cataraqui Region
Sally Martyn, Catfish Creek
Kim Smale, Catfish Creek
Russ Powell, Central Lake Ontario
Pat Mullin, Credit Valley
Don MacIver, Credit Valley
Deb Martin-Downs, Credit Valley
Barry Rand, Crowe Valley
Tim Pidduck, Crowe Valley
Richard Wyma, Essex Region
Forrest Rowden, Ganaraska Region
Linda Laliberte, Ganaraska Region
Jane Mitchell, Grand River
Joe Farwell, Grand River
John Cottrill, Grey Sauble
John Vice, Halton
Ken Phillips, Halton
James Howlett, Hamilton
Rob Messervey, Kawartha
Bill Mackie, Kettle Creek
Elizabeth VanHooren, Kettle Creek
Debbie Bath, Lake Simcoe Region
Geoffrey Dawe, Lake Simcoe Region
Gayle Wood, Lake Simcoe Region

Bill Bartley, Lakehead Region
Mervi Henttonen, Lakehead Region
Roger Geysens, Long Point Region
Cliff Evanitski, Long Point Region
Don Pearson, Lower Thames Valley
Phil Beard, Maitland Valley
Kees Pols, Mattagami Region
John Karau, Mississippi Valley
Paul Lehman, Mississippi Valley
Bruce Timms, Niagara Peninsula
Tony D'Amario, Niagara Peninsula
Brian Tayler, North Bay-Mattawa
Nina Bifolchi, Nottawasaga Valley
Wayne Wilson, Nottawasaga Valley
Denyse Sanderson, Otonabee
Terry Murphy, Quinte
Alton Blair, Raisin Region
Roger Houde, Raisin Region
Sandy Crites, Raisin Region
Ken Graham, Rideau Valley
Lyle Pederson, Rideau Valley
Wayne Brohman, Saugeen
William Smirle, South Nation
Doug Thompson, South Nation
Lawrence Levere, South Nation
Dennis O'Grady, South Nation
Brian McDougall, St. Clair Region
Brian Denney, Toronto and Region
Jane McKelvie, Upper Thames River

Members Absent:

Lower Trent

Sault Ste Marie

Guests:

Deputy Mayor Joscelyne Landry-Altmann (City of Greater Sudbury)
Ray Croteau (Ambassador to the FFW Program) Diane Del Monte, KPMG Auditors
Scott Peck, Hamilton

Staff:

Kim Gavine, General Manager
Jayme Crittenden
Jane Dunning
Samantha Dupre
Bonnie Fox
Cameron Hare
Erin Harkins
Jane Lewington
Leslie Rich
Jo-Anne Rzadki
Rick Wilson

1. Welcome from the Chair

Chair Dick Hibma introduced Brian Horner, General Manager and Secretary-Treasurer for the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority.

The following introductions were made:

Ken Graham introduced voting alternate Lyle Pederson (Rideau Valley CA)
Gayle Wood introduced Chair Debbie Bath (LSRCA)
Paul Lehman noted John Karau is Mississippi Valley Chair; Mark Burnham is the voting delegate.
Deb Martin-Downs introduced Vice Chair Don MacIver (Credit Valley Conservation)

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Items to be added under New Business:

- Update on **Biennial Tour2015 (Long Point Region CA/ Grand River CA)**
- Great Lakes Mayors Conference (Bill Bartley, Lakehead Region CA)

#01/14 Moved by: Mark Burnham Seconded by: Forrest Rowden

That the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

There was none.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

A typographical error was noted on the December 9, 2013 Council Meeting Minutes: The date should read December 9 (not December 6, 2013).

#02/14 Moved by: Bill Smirle Seconded by: Sally Martyn

THAT the Minutes for the meeting #04/13, December 9, 2013 be approved as amended.

CARRIED

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was none.

6. Conservation Ontario's 2013 Annual Report & Presentation

Dick Hibma presented the 2013 CO Annual Report to council. The Final 2013 Annual Report can be found here: <http://www.conservationontario.ca/about-us/conservation-ontario/annual-report>

#03/14 Moved by: Ken Graham Seconded by: Terry Murphy

THAT Conservation Ontario Council accept the 2013 Annual Report.

CARRIED

7. Adoption of 2013 Audited Financial Statements & Report on Appointment of Auditors for 2014

Mark Burnham (Treasurer) introduced Diane Del Monte, KPMG Auditors. There were no questions from the members.

#04/14 Moved by: Mark Burnham Seconded by: Terry Murphy

THAT the Conservation Ontario Audit Findings Report for the year ended December 31, 2013 be received;

THAT Conservation Ontario accept the Budget and Audit Committee's recommendation that the Financial Statements of Conservation Ontario for the year ended December 31, 2013 be approved;

AND THAT Conservation Ontario appoint KPMG as it's auditor for the 2014 audit.

CARRIED

8. Voting Delegates & Alternates; 2013 Committee Representatives

For the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, Bruce Timms will be the voting delegate and April Jeffs will be the alternate.

Steve Knechtel (Catarauqui Region) will replace Roger Houde (Raisin Region) on the CO Budget and Audit Committee.

#05/14 Moved by: Lin Gibson Seconded by: Forrest Rowden

THAT the Voting Delegates and Alternates and the Budget and Audit Standing Committee lists be accepted as amended.

CARRIED

9. CO Council Orientation – Presentation

The presentation is attached to the minutes. The Members Manual can be found: http://www.conservationontario.ca/about/Online_Manual.htm

10. Election of Conservation Ontario Chair, 2 Vice Chairs and 3 Directors

The proceedings were handed over to Kim Gavine (CO). All of the positions were declared vacant for 2014 and the election procedures were reviewed.

#06/14 **Moved by: Rob Messervey** **Seconded by: Brian Denney**

THAT Bonnie Fox and Jo-Anne Rzadki be appointed as scrutineers in the event of a vote.

CARRIED

Kim Gavine called for nominations for the position of Chair of CO for 2014.

Forrest Rowden (Ganaraska Region) nominated Dick Hibma (Grey Sauble).

Kim Gavine called a second and third time for nominations and hearing none called for a motion to close the nominations.

#07/14 **Moved by: Pat Mullin** **Seconded by: Forrest Rowden**

THAT the nominations for Chair of Conservation Ontario for 2014 be closed.

CARRIED

Dick Hibma accepted his nomination and was declared Chair of Conservation Ontario for 2014.

Kim Gavine called for nominations for Vice Chairs of Conservation Ontario for 2014.

Ken Graham (Rideau Valley) nominated Mark Burnham (Mississippi Valley).
Bill Bartley (Lakehead Region) nominated Lin Gibson (Conservation Sudbury).

Kim Gavine called a second and third time for nominations and hearing none called for a motion to close the nominations.

#08/14 **Moved by: Bill Bartley** **Seconded by: Ken Graham**

THAT the nominations for Vice Chairs of Conservation Ontario for 2014 be closed.

CARRIED

Lin Gibson and Mark Burnham accepted their nominations and were declared Vice Chairs for Conservation Ontario for 2014.

Kim Gavine called for nominations for the Directors (staff positions) for 2014.

Joe Farwell (Grand River) nominated Wayne Wilson (Nottawasaga Valley)
Ken Phillips (Halton) nominated Cliff Evanitski (Long Point Region)

Kim Gavine called a second and third time for nominations and hearing none called for a motion to close the nominations.

#09/14 Moved by: Rob Messervey Seconded by: Mark Burnham

THAT the nominations for staff position Directors of Conservation Ontario for 2014 be closed.

CARRIED

Cliff Evanitski and Wayne Wilson accepted their nominations and were declared Directors for 2014.

Kim Gavine called for nominations for the third Director for 2014, noting that this could be a staff or voting representative.

Sally Martyn (Catfish Creek) nominated Jane Mitchell (Grand River)

Kim Gavine called a second and third time for nominations and hearing none called for a motion to close the nominations.

#10/14 Moved by: John Cottrill Seconded by: Rob Messervey

THAT the nominations for the Director of Conservation Ontario for 2014 be closed.

CARRIED

Jane Mitchell accepted her nomination and was declared Director for 2014.

The newly elected Board of Directors each provided a brief background about themselves.

Dick Hibma resumed as Chair and thanked members for their support.

11. Motion to move from Full Council to Committee of the Whole

#11/14 Moved by: Brian McDougall Seconded by: Pat Mullin

THAT the meeting now move from Full Council to Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED

12. Committee of the Whole - Items for Decision

1) Conservation Ontario's Business Case for Strategic Reinvestment in Ontario's Flood Management Programs

Jo-Anne Rzadki's (CO) presentation is attached in the minutes of the meeting.

Members of Council expressed dissatisfaction with the response from the Minister of Natural Resources to Conservation Ontario's Business Case for Strategic Reinvestment in Ontario's Flood Management Programs. Chair Hibma indicated that he would be following up with all the Ministers copied in letters of correspondence in order to express his dismay with the Province.

Members discussed the importance of pushing this issue as appropriate at both the AMO (Association of Municipalities of Ontario) conference and ROMA (Rural Ontario Municipalities Association) conference. The need for a Communications/Advocacy strategy with materials to support the ability of Conservation Authorities to support this activity was raised. A clear message is needed for all politicians, be they federal, provincial or municipal.

Council then began a deliberation around floodplain mapping and the commitment of Conservation Authorities in administering their regulations.

Dick Hibma suggested developing a clear message that he can take to each of the boards to shed light on issues and challenges being faced and to reinforce the need for each board/CA to be clear as to their mandate.

Staff confirmed that the \$800,000 requested in the recommendation is only the first phase of what is part of a multi-year plan totaling \$147.95 million. The total budget for flood plain mapping and asset management planning is currently estimated at \$28.75 (provincial cost). The *Addendum to Conservation Ontario's September 2013 Business Case* (December 2, 2013) is attached to the meeting minutes.

#C.W. 01/14 Moved by: Pat Mullin Seconded by: Mark Burnham

THAT Conservation Ontario Council endorse the formation of a CO Flood Business Case working group consisting of representatives from the Conservation Ontario Provincial Flood Forecasting and Warning Committee and Provincial Water and Erosion Control Infrastructure - Asset Management Sub-Committee and a representative from regulations to continue advancing the case for reinvestment in Flood Management and associated business areas.

AND THAT this group be encouraged to collaborate with the MNR and other provincial ministries and agencies responsible for flood and emergency management to develop a coordinated response to Public Safety Canada on the Federal Disaster Mitigation Strategy.

AND FURTHER THAT Conservation Ontario staff continue to pursue in partnership with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) and other supportive agencies, the Province for funding as a 1st step (in the short term a 2014-15 financial commitment of \$800,000) in a multi-year funding request to advance collaborative work on floodplain mapping and asset management plans.

CARRIED

2) Conservation Halton: Request for Intervenor Status

Following up from the December 9, 2013 Council recommendation, Kim Gavine provided an overview of the information collected before making a recommendation to the Board of Directors regarding the feasibility of Conservation Ontario obtaining intervenor status for the Hanna case, including the Board's recommendation to bring it back to Council for further discussion.

Ken Phillips provided an update on the status of the case, including discussions with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Attorney General's Office.

Members discussed the value of having CO stand beside Conservation Halton in order to stress the provincial significance of this matter.

It was noted that expenses related to this item which are not covered in the approved operating budget or workplan could be covered by the unrestricted reserve and accounted for in the 2015 budget.

It was recognized that more information was needed before a decision could be made.

#C.W. 02/14 Moved by: Bill Smirle Seconded by: Bill Bartley

THAT Council defer the Conservation Halton request and that CO staff undertake an in-depth study on the merits of CO seeking intervenor status, including discussion with appropriate ministries;

AND THAT a full report be brought forward for discussion and decision at the June 23, 2014 meeting.

CARRIED

#C.W. 03/14 Moved by: Rob Messervey Seconded by: Wayne Wilson

THAT Council direct the Chair and General Manager of Conservation Ontario to seek an audience with the Ministers of Natural Resources, Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Attorney General requesting intervenor status.

CARRIED

3) Election Strategy

Jane Lewington reviewed the current environmental context around a potential provincial election and how this impacts Conservation Authorities. It was suggested that Conservation Authorities focus on the Flood Business Case in their pre-election advocacy efforts. Jane also suggested a list of various communication products that Conservation Ontario could develop for Conservation Authorities to use locally.

#C.W. 04/14 Moved by: Forrest Rowden Seconded by: Mark Burnham

THAT Conservation Ontario develop an elections package for Conservation Authorities which provides background and key messages around the Flood Business Case; and that Conservation Ontario meet with key government and opposition decision-makers on this issue prior to the election.

CARRIED

4) Conservation Ontario's Member and Staff Pass

#C.W. 05/14 Moved by: Ken Graham Seconded by: Wayne Wilson

THAT Conservation Ontario and the Conservation Authorities continue to offer the free pass to their staff and Board members; and that Jayme Crittenden (CO) work with Conservation Authority staff to develop methods for improving the process.

CARRIED

5) 2014 Special Projects Budget

#C.W. 06/14 Moved by: Bill Bartley Seconded by: Mark Burnham

THAT the draft 2014 Special Projects Budget in the amount of \$2,168,867 be approved as presented and as recommended by the Budget and Audit Committee.

CARRIED

6) Conservation Ontario (CO) Representation and Conservation Authorities' Program Discussion Groups – Amendments to CO Policy and Procedure (C.W. #17/03) and 2013-2014 CO Representatives and CA Discussion Group List

Bonnie Fox noted the attachment to "2013-2014 CO Representatives and CA Discussion Group List" which recognizes the representatives and discussion groups that to CO staff knowledge were active in 2013-2014. The list represents significant, volunteer contributions of CA staff to collective, strategic priorities.

#C.W. 07/14 Moved by: Mark Burnham Seconded by: Lin Gibson

THAT the amendments to the Conservation Ontario Policy and Procedure (C.W. #17/03) "CO Committee Representatives and Conservation Authorities Program Discussion / Working Groups" be endorsed.

CARRIED

7) New Ontario EcoHealth Collaborative (OEC)

#C.W. 08/14 Moved by: Ken Graham Seconded by: Rob Messervey

THAT Jane Lewington (and alternate, Jo-Anne Rzakki) represent Conservation Ontario on the new Ontario EcoHealth Collaborative.

CARRIED

8) Draft Conservation Ontario (CO) – Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) Memorandum of Understanding

Bonnie Fox confirmed that there will not be individual CA Agreements and that CO would be signing the Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of all 36 CAs (subject to CO Council's future endorsement).

#C.W. 09/14 Moved by: Deb Martin-Downs Seconded by: Mark Burnham

THAT the attached draft "Memorandum of Understanding between Fisheries and Oceans Canada and Conservation Ontario for Cooperation for Fisheries and Aquatic Resource Protection in Ontario" dated March 3, 2014 be endorsed in principle.

CARRIED

9) Conservation Ontario Comments on Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) Draft Letter to Municipalities on Species at Risk Act (SARA)

#C.W. 10/14 Moved by: Forrest Rowden Seconded by: Deb Martin-Downs

THAT the March 14, 2014 letter "Conservation Ontario/Conservation Authority Staff Comments on DFO Draft SARA Municipal letter" be endorsed.

CARRIED

10) Conservation Ontario's comments on the proposed updates to provincial requirements for the location and management of dams under the Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act (EBR # 012-0562) and Conservation Ontario Representative on the Ontario Dam Owners Advisory Committee

#C.W. 11/14 Moved by: Rob Messervey Seconded by: Jane Mitchell

THAT the January 13, 2014 comments submitted to the Ministry of Natural Resources on the proposed updates to provincial requirements for the location and management of dams under the Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act (EBR # 012-0562) be endorsed

AND THAT Joe Farwell (Grand River CA) and his alternate, Dwight Boyd (Grand River CA) be reaffirmed as Conservation Ontario's representatives on the Ontario Dam Owners' Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

11) Conservation Ontario's Comments on the Cornerstone Standards Council (CSC) Draft Responsible Aggregate Standards for Pits and Quarries

#C.W. 12/14 Moved by: Mark Burnham Seconded by: Lin Gibson

THAT the March 20, 2014 letter submitted to the Cornerstone Standards Council "Conservation Ontario's Comments on the Cornerstone Standards Council (CSC) Draft Responsible Aggregate Standards" be endorsed.

CARRIED

- 12) Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement Update on Committees and Endorsement of Lakewide Action and Management Plan task group representatives and Climate Change Annex 9 Subcommittee Representative and CAO Great Lakes Advisory Committee Representative**

#C.W. 13/14 Moved by: Rob Messervey Seconded by: Jane McKelvie

THAT Gary Bowen (Toronto and Region CA), Teresa Hollingsworth (Upper Thames River CA), and, Bonnie Fox (Conservation Ontario) be endorsed as Conservation Ontario representatives for the GLWQA Annex 2 Lakewide Action and Management Plan Task Groups related to Lake Ecosystem Objectives Development, Outreach and Engagement, and Nearshore Framework Task Groups, respectively;

AND THAT Stephanie Shifflett (Grand River CA) be endorsed to represent Conservation Ontario on the Climate Change Annex Bi-national Sub-committee;

AND FURTHER THAT Phil Beard (Maitland Valley CA) be endorsed to replace Tom Prout (Ausable Bayfield CA) on the Conservation Ontario Great Lakes CAO Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

The remaining 4 items for decision were approved in 1 recommendation:

#C.W. 14/14 Moved by: Don Pearson Seconded by: Ken Graham

THAT decision items 12-13 through 12-16 be received and approved.

CARRIED

- 13) Junior Rangers Program**

THAT Conservation Ontario, on behalf of the 36 Conservation Authorities, send a letter to Premier Kathleen Wynne and the Minister of Natural Resources, David Oraziotti, urging the Province to restore the Ontario Junior Ranger Program for future generations of young people.

- 14) CO Submission on Bill 69, The Prompt Payments Act, 2013 - An Act respecting payments made under contracts and subcontracts in the construction industry**

THAT the March 21, 2014 submission on Bill 69, The Prompt Payments Act, 2013 - An Act respecting payments made under contracts and subcontracts in the construction industry be endorsed.

15) Representation on Forests Ontario Board of Trustees

THAT Kim Gavine (Conservation Ontario) be approved to be a member of the Board of Trustees of Forests Ontario.

16) Board of Directors Meeting Minutes to be received

THAT the Minutes from the March 18, 2014 Board of Directors meetings be received.

13. Program Updates

1) Source Water Protection

Rob Messervey (Kawartha) stressed the need to be collectively pushing the Province for a stewardship initiative.

2) Marketing and Communications

Jane Lewington highlighted Conservation Ontario's new mini-website: www.watersheds101.ca which was launched March 18th as part of Canada Water Week. The theme for this awareness week was 'watershed education'. The new website provides messaging and visual resources which can be used by Conservation Authorities in their own local initiatives. The type of information provided includes: what is a watershed, how water moves in a watershed, benefits of natural resources and watersheds, as well as a new map which shows where Conservation Authorities watersheds are located in relation to the individual basins of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River. Conservation Authorities are asked to link to the new mini-website.

3) Watershed Stewardship

There were no additions to the report provided with the agenda package.

14. Presentations

Fast Flow Water Program

Lin Gibson (Conservation Sudbury) introduced Councilor & Deputy Mayor Joscelyne Landry-Altmann (City of Greater Sudbury) and Mr. Ray Croteau (Ambassador to the FFW Program). Lin's presentation is attached to the minutes of the meeting. The video can be found on this page: <http://www.youtube.com/user/petrynaadvertising>. More information about the program can be found <http://www.nickeldistrict.ca/en/fast-flow-water-program.html>.

Jane Lewington will explore the best way to transfer information about the Fast Flow program to other Conservation Authorities, possibly through a webinar.

#C.W. 15/14 Moved by: Don Pearson

Seconded by: Wayne Wilson

THAT CO Council endorse the Fast Flow Water Program developed by Conservation Sudbury;

THAT it be circulated to all member CAs for their information and/or participation;

AND FURTHER THAT the program be commended for presentation to the Minister of Education.

CARRIED

15. Committee of the Whole – Items for Information

1) Status Update - Conservation Ontario Re-organization Assessment

Kim Gavine provided an update on the status of Conservation Ontario's Re-organization Assessment including timeline, workloads and potential results.

In response to the discussion around General Manager meetings, the Council recommended that the first meeting be booked soon.

In response to the discussion around succession planning, Deb Martin-Downs highlighted the concept of a "Conservation Authorities University" which would provide education and training.

2) Conservation Areas Workshop 2014

Jayne Crittenden (CO) introduced Niall Loble (Conservation Halton), Chair of the Conservation Areas Workshop 2014. The theme will be "Great Places, Great Expectations" held October 29-31, 2014 at Geneva Park. Details will go out to all CAs in April.

3) General Managers Report

Kim highlighted the report provided with the agenda. Regarding the Whitepaper, there will be a meeting of the Whitepaper Working Group on April 1st. She emphasized that despite all the effort put into meetings with 5 Provincial Ministers, the Environmental Commissioner's Office, the Mining and Lands Commissioner and Members of Provincial Parliament, Conservation Ontario has been unable to secure a key champion for this portfolio.

4) Collaboration between Conservation Ontario (CO) and the Ontario OnSite Waste Water Association (OOWA)

There were no additions to the report provided with the agenda.

5) Low Impact Development and Green Infrastructure Update

Jo-Anne Rzadki noted that text within and after the section entitled “CA AGMs, Elections and Meetings” was not intended for inclusion in this report. It was included in the Watershed Stewardship Report of the Agenda.

6) Conservation Ontario Members Survey of the 2013 Council Year

There was some concern expressed about the response rate (60%) of the survey as well the purpose of the survey overall. Perhaps there is a need to refine the survey for future use.

7) 2014 Latornell Conservation Symposium Update

Jane Lewington highlighted the new dates for the 2014 Symposium: Tuesday to Thursday, November 18th to 20th. The deadline for the Leadership Award will be June 27th. Leadership Award application forms will be available on www.latornell.ca shortly.

8) Status Update – Drainage Act and Section 28 Regulations Team

There were no additions to the report provided with the agenda.

9) Water Resource Information Program (WRIP) Update

There were no additions to the report provided with the agenda.

10) Provincial Government Response on the Aggregate Resources Act

There were no additions to the report provided with the agenda.

11) Submission of Conservation Ontario’s Annual Effectiveness Report on the Class Environmental Assessment for Remedial Flood and Erosion Control Projects

There were no additions to the report provided with the agenda.

12) Project Tracking

Rob Messervey (Kawartha) regarding Large Scale Fill (pg 188) and the concern over sufficient and consistent regulatory oversight, Rob can report that Minister Bradley has committed to an 18 month review of the process.

13) Correspondence

- Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to Conservation Ontario re Provincial Policy Statement 2014
- Nottawasaga Valley CA re Navigable Waters Protection Act

#C.W. 16/14 Moved by: Wayne Wilson

Seconded by: Debbie Bath

THAT the concerns and request identified by the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority correspondence, as contained in the Navigation Protection Act – Addition of the Nottawasaga River report, dated Feb. 28 2014, be referred to the next General Managers/CAO meeting for consideration, support and action.

CARRIED

16. Motion to Move from Committee of the Whole to Full Council

#12/14 Moved by: Bill Smirle

Seconded by: Terry Murphy

THAT the meeting now move from Committee of the Whole to Full Council.

CARRIED

17. Council Business

- Council Adoption of Recommendations

#13/14 Moved by: Mark Burnham

Seconded by: Sally Martyn

THAT Conservation Ontario Council adopt Committee of the Whole (C.W.) Recommendations: C.W. #01/14 to C.W. #16/14.

CARRIED

18. New Business

Bill Bartley (Lakehead) reported that the Great Lakes Cities Initiative is to be held in Thunder Bay. Conservation Ontario is being asked to be a sponsor. CO Staff will follow up.

Jane Mitchell (Grand River) provided some highlights for the Biennial Tour scheduled for September 20-23, 2015. The Theme will be *Conservation Partnerships, They are in our Nature.*

The 2015 Biennial Tour will be centralized from Brantford with Monday spent touring parts of the lower Grand River watershed and Tuesday in the Long Point Region watershed. Demonstration projects and conservation lands visited will highlight innovative solutions that address rural water quality and landscape restoration along with the conservation partnerships that are often a key to their success.

19. Adjourn

#14/14 Moved by: Ken Graham

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Staff Report

6.(i)



To: Board of Directors
Date: June 3, 2014
From: Marlene Dorrestyn
Subject: Business Arising from April 17, 2014 meeting

- fees for planning services should be developed in conjunction with the appropriate planning authority and are set to recover but not exceed the costs associated with administering and delivering the services on a program basis –
 - would like to have time for the municipalities to incorporate the costs into their annual budgets – *will be included in the fall budget information.*
 - an PPS Executive Summary was requested – *emailed to directors on April 22nd*
- Special Events – director requested that some take place on days other than Sunday – *will take into consideration when planning the 2015 special events.*
- directors requested that a permit/floodplain issue presentation – *will take place later in meeting.*

Staff Report

7.(i)



To: Board of Directors
Date: June 4, 2014
From: Kevan Baker, Director of Lands
Subject: Conservation Lands Update

Conservation Areas:

Background:

- the Conservation Authority owns 15 conservation areas in the watershed
- of those 15 conservation areas, 6 are managed by the local municipality and 9 are operated by the Conservation Authority
- of these 9, 3 conservation areas are regional campgrounds which attract campers from primarily Southwestern Ontario
- our three regional campgrounds have over 500 campsites and 406 seasonal campers
- profits obtained from our campgrounds are used to offset capital improvements

Warwick Conservation Area:

- access roadway project is ongoing; currently negotiations are proceeding for land securement; designs and surveys are currently being prepared for road construction (anticipated for fall)
- 4' extensions have been installed on the main trail bridge
- a new property identification sign has been installed
- 15 new picnic tables and 3 new benches have been constructed and distributed
- roadways have be resurfaced with gravel and been treated with dust control
- a new 300 meter bike cross trail has been constructed (funded through Foundation bingo)
- main gatehouse interior walls and trim have been repainted



L.C. Henderson Conservation Area:

- new property identification sign has been installed
- 15 new picnic tables and 2 benches have been constructed and distributed
- a campsite reservation system has been purchased (Campground Master); it will be used on an experimental basis this year at LC Henderson and then implemented at the other campgrounds in 2015 if successful
- 5 new folding tables have been purchased for the visitor centre (funded through Foundation bingo)
- main reservoir weir to be improved with new cable concrete surfacing
- a number of dead ash trees have been removed

A.W. Campbell Conservation Area:

- new counter tops and sinks have been installed in the women's pool washroom
- 15 new picnic tables have been constructed and distributed
- a new property identification sign has been installed
- new campsite indicators have been installed on 20 campsites
- a number of dead ash trees have been removed in the day use and camping areas
- new carpet has been installed on the mini golf course (funded through Foundation bingo)
- 5 new tables have been purchased for the visitor centre (funded through Foundation bingo)



Wawanosh Conservation Area:

- a new property identification sign has been installed

Strathroy Conservation Area:

- Bonduelle Foods donated \$10,000 to improve trails and picnic tables within the conservation area; this donation will include 4 new picnic tables with concrete pads (one accessible table) and 375 meters of new trail surfacing
- a number of dead ash trees have been removed and 6 new board walks have been installed along the trails
- 2 new trail signs have been installed
- water trail paddle day was a big success this year with 108 people participating in the event (best ever); authority staff are assisted by volunteers and the 1st Strathroy Scouts



C.J McEwen & Highland Glen Conservation Areas:

- Highland Glen - a new property identification sign has been installed; boat ramp and harbour area has been dredged
- C.J. McEwen – renovations to the washrooms have been completed, they included new washroom partitions and ceilings; and floors and walls have been painted.

Marketing/Camping Statistics:

Our conservation areas have been marketed in the following publications or events in 2014:

- Sarnia Lambton Tourism Guide, Middlesex County Guide and Chatham-Kent Guide
- Camping ads have been placed on MyFm, Strathroy-Middlesex Chamber of Commerce, and Victoria Playhouse websites



- Blue Water Tourism Guide (in partnership with other Conservation Authorities)
- Middlesex Home & Leisure Show (Strathroy Gemini Complex – April 26th)
- Sarnia Art Walk (Downtown Sarnia, June 7th and 8th)
- Conservation Ontario has prepared a new “Conservation Areas of Ontario” guide to be available mid-June
- 406 seasonal campers have registered in our 3 campgrounds, up from 397 in 2013. 185 seasonal campers are registered at Warwick (187 in 2013), 118 at LC Henderson (113 in 2013) and 103 at A.W. Campbell (97 in 2013).

2014 Conservation Area Staff

Director of Lands	Kevan Baker
A.W. Campbell Conservation Area	Mike Tizzard (Superintendent) 847-5357 Don Skinner (Assistant Superintendent) Mary Ann Niewenhuizen (Maint. Foreman) Travis Pavey (Visitor Services) Yvette Bieman (Lifeguard - summer) Robert Parkhouse (Part-time lifeguard- summer) Ann Dymond (Visitor Services)
L.C. Henderson Conservation Area	Terry Barrie (Superintendent) 882-2280 Mark Bakelaar (Assistant Superintendent) Sherry Turner (Maint. Foreperson) Joe Breakey (Visitor Services) Mikaela Dupuis (Lifeguard – summer)
Warwick Conservation Area:	Bill Turner (Superintendent) 849-6770 Glenn Baxter (Assistant Superintendent) Jesse VanderVaart (Visitor Services – (seasonal)) George Ruiger (Visitor Services – seasonal) Riley Beaton (Gatehouse – summer) Allison Blunt (Gatehouse/ Events – summer) Bailey Nethercott (Maintenance – summer) Stephen Oulds (Maintenance – summer) Kayla Bakker (lifeguard – summer) Delaney Willemse (lifeguard – summer)
Trails and Trees Crew (JCP)	Dan Skinner Riley Fadden Cameron Wilson

McKeough Upstream Lands:

- Property 79/80 – a wetland has been developed (Conservation Services Department)
- Property 97 – wildlife shrubs have been planted around the wetland (Conservation Services)
- Properties 38, 39, 40, 83 north, 95 north – grass buffers strips have been planted along drains and natural water courses
- Property management plans for each parcel are ongoing, it is anticipated that plans will be completed for most properties by end of year
- Consent (severance) applications were heard by St. Clair Township's Committee of Adjustment for the Authority owned homes at 1323 and 1327 Wilkesport Line; the applications were denied.

Foundation Lands:

Keith McLean Conservation Lands:

- this property is still with the McLean Estate, however the Foundation (through the Authority) has signed a management agreement with the estate
- renovations to the home on the property have been completed; Matt Caron and Kelly Johnson have moved into the home and have assumed the property overseer position

Lambton County Lands:

Lambton County Heritage Forest:

- staff regularly inspect and perform maintenance on the 8 kms of trail
- Forestry staff have inventoried, marked and tendered a section of the woodlot for commercial thinning; two proposals have been received and thinning operations will be scheduled for this fall

Marthaville:

- a new trail sign has been installed
- 200 feet of property line fencing to be installed along the north side of the property
- staff regularly inspect and perform maintenance

Bowens Creek:

- 8,100 seedlings were planted and 43,000 previously planted seedlings to be sprayed with herbicide to control grass and weeds

Perch Creek

- trail improvements to include widening and extending the existing trail; and developing a plan for future trails
- 1,000 seedlings have been planted to replace ash trees affected by the Emerald Ash borer
- staff regularly inspect and perform maintenance

Staff Report

7.(ii)



To: Board of Directors
Date: June 11, 2014
From: Kevan Baker, Director of Lands
Subject: McKeough Lands Residential Property Status

- Conservation Authority currently owns 3 residential properties which are rented to individuals on a month to month basis
- they are located at 1323 & 1327 Wilkesport Line and 3238 Mill St. (all are located in or around the Village of Wilkesport).
- the residence on Mill St. has been recently renovated by the tenant and is in good condition
- the homes at 1323 and 1327 Wilkesport Line were purchased by the Authority around 1980 and have been rented for more than 30 years

1323 & 1327 Wilkesport Line:

1. 1323 Wilkesport Line, Lot 13 Concession XII (Property 38):

- 1½ story, framed vinyl sided dwelling
- serviced with a private well and septic system but has municipal water and natural gas available
- septic system is in poor working order - this past winter it froze requiring significant cost to repair
- presently has 3 outbuildings on the property, one used as detached garage and the others considered surplus
- the current tenant has lived in the home for approximately 25 years and pays \$608 per month



2. 1327 Wilkesport Line, Lot 14 Concession XII (Property 39):

- 1 story, framed vinyl sided dwelling
- connected to municipal sewer, water, and natural gas
- presently has 3 outbuildings on the property - one used as a detached garage and the others are considered surplus
- the current tenant has lived in the home for approximately 12 years and pays \$512 per month



Building Condition Status:

- both homes have many upgrades required from new windows and doors, decks, flooring foundations, etc; both are considered in poor condition
- the home at 1327 Wilkesport line has foundation problems (foundation has shifted)
- the home at 1323 Wilkesport Line has a septic system which will require replacement in the near future and exterior siding, roof and many of the windows will soon require replacement
- Authority staff continue to repair small items in the homes
- the cost to repair all the deficiencies in the homes would be substantial and may not be justified given the rents which are obtained in the area.

Severance Status:

- the consent applications (severances) were reviewed by the Committee of Adjustment for St. Clair Township on May 26th
- both applications were denied by the Committee with several issues brought forth by Committee members including “the Conservation Authority is not considered a bona-fide farmer as per the Provincial Policy Statement and local planning policies”

Recommendation:

- although the current tenants appear to be somewhat satisfied with the condition of the homes, there are liability issues and rental standards which the Authority may be required to meet if either of the tenants decide to pursue rent standards under the Residential Tenancy Act
- both homes are in poor condition and will require significant funds to repair to meet current building codes
- staff recommends to proceed with demolition of homes and outbuildings on these properties

Status Report

7.(iii)



To: Board of Directors
Date: June 16, 2014
From: Brian McDougall, General Manager
Re: Dresden Czech Hall

- ☞ In late May, staff were contacted by staff from Chatham-Kent and were requested to attend a meeting regarding the Czech Hall in Dresden

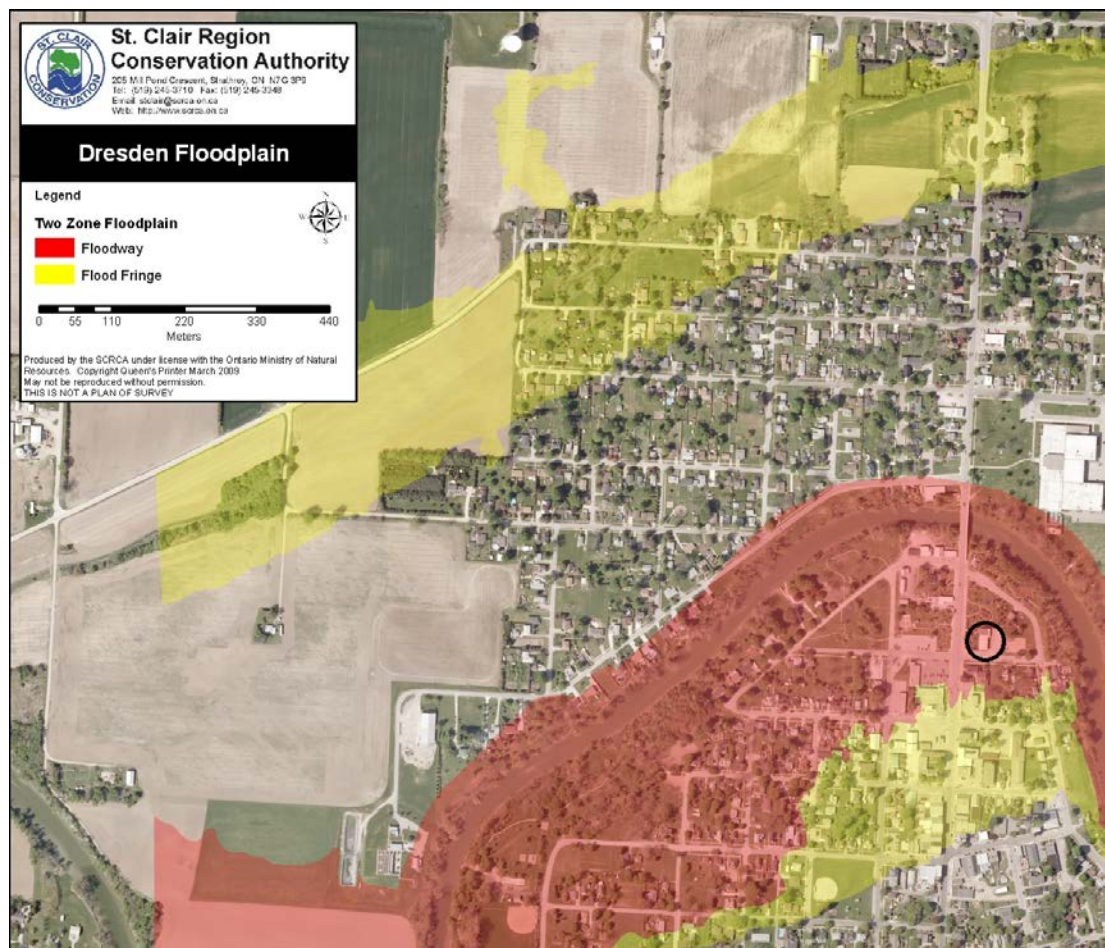


- ☞ As part of a review of areas of liability, Chatham-Kent is reviewing agreements that have been entered into where they have little control over the potential liabilities



- ☞ Chatham-Kent has an agreement with a local community committee who have been working to maintain the building as an event / occasion rental facility with mixed success
- ☞ Currently, the structure requires an infusion of capital funds to upgrade washrooms, etc. and due to limited cash flow over the past couple of years, tax arrears on the property exceed \$6,000
- ☞ The Dresden Rotary Club has come forward to discuss options to assist with the required capital works and possibly the operating costs of the building if several conditions are met, including long term viability of the building
- ☞ The attached lease agreement outlines the responsibilities of the Authority and the municipality
- ☞ We have drifted from the specifics of the existing agreement in several areas but, in most areas, have maintained the intent of the original agreement

- ☞ Representatives of the community continue to support the existence of the Czech Hall as it provides an economical event location for smaller events
- ☞ In general, the current proposal would be for the existing agreement between the Authority and Chatham-Kent to be dissolved and a new agreement to be developed between the Old Czech Hall Committee, the Rotary Club of Dresden (possibly) and the Authority
- ☞ In principle, the Authority has supported the use of Authority owned properties for as many opportunities as possible in support of our member municipalities and communities
- ☞ Several issues will have to be conquered to move forward with the proposal, but three are of specific concern:
 - Currently, the Authority maintains salvage insurance on the building in the order of \$114,075 – as outlined in the agreement the municipality is to be carrying \$1 million of insurance on the building
 - Each of these will be of issue to the Committee and the Rotary Club
 - Renovations will have to adhere to Authority Regulations as there will be an increase in the value of a building located in the floodway
 - Removal of the building from the site at the conclusion of tenancy



THIS INDENTURE MADE THE 21st DAY OF September 1994

IN PURSUANCE OF THE SHORT FORMS OF LEASES ACT:
BETWEEN:

ST. CLAIR REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

hereinafter called the "Landlord"

OF THE FIRST PART

- and -

TOWN OF DRESDEN

hereinafter called the "Tenant"

OF THE SECOND PART

WHEREAS the Landlord is the owner of the lands and premises described in Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of the lease;

1. PREMISES

NOW THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH that in consideration of the rents, covenants and agreements hereinafter reserved and contained on the part of the Tenant, to be observed and performed, the Landlord demises and leases unto the Tenant, its successors and assigns and the Tenant rents from the Landlord all those lands and premises described in Schedule "A" hereto annexed.

2. DEFINITIONS

In this lease, the following terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them in each subparagraph of this paragraph.

- (a) "Premises" means the lands described in Schedule "A" hereto and all buildings and improvements located in, upon or under the said lands;
- (b) "Permitted uses" means the use (that is not prohibited by any statute or regulations thereunder or by a by-law) of the premises during the term.

3. TERM

Without reservation, the Landlord leases to the Tenant, the premises on a month-to-month basis, to be computed from October 17, 1994.

4. RENT

- (a) The Tenant covenants and agrees that during the term it shall pay to the Landlord by way of rent, an amount equal to all taxes including local developments and drainage assessment rates, duties, and assessment charged, and incurred cost by the Landlord hereafter against the premises promptly when same become due.
- (b) The Landlord and the Tenant agree that is their mutual intention that this Lease shall be a completely carefree net lease for the Landlord and that the Landlord shall not, during the Term of this Lease, be required to make any payments in respect of the premises other than charges of a kind personal to the Landlord.

5. TENANT'S COVENANTS

- (a) **Repair:** The Tenant shall at its expense, maintain and repair the premises to a standard equal in quality and class to the standard as at the commencement of the term, reasonable wear and tear only excepted; provided that the Landlord shall not be required to repair either structurally or with respect to reasonable wear and tear or otherwise.
- (b) **Access:** Provided that during the term the Landlord, its servants or agents shall have the right at all times to enter upon the premises to examine the condition thereof and if any want of repair should be found upon such examination, the Landlord may notify the Tenant thereof in writing and the Tenant shall repair same in accordance with such notice as soon as it is reasonably possible after receiving such notice.
- (c) **Assignment:** The Tenant may not sublet the premises or any portion thereof without the consent of the Landlord provided that such consent may not be arbitrarily withheld.
- (d) **Re-entry:** Provided that whenever any of the Tenant's covenants herein shall not be performed or observed or should the premises be used for any other purposes than the permitted uses or if the Tenant should attempt to abandon the premises and provided further that if seven (7) consecutive days have elapsed after the Landlord notifies the Tenant of such default, at the option of the Landlord, the lease shall forthwith be terminated and the Landlord may re-enter and take possession of the premises. Any taxes or accrued portion thereof owing shall be recoverable by the Landlord in the same manner and the rights of the Landlord as exercised by the right of re-entry herein granted shall be without prejudice to the rights of the Landlord in respect of any breach of the Tenant's covenants herein.
- (e) **Insurance:** The Tenant shall effect and keep in force during the term of the lease, insurance protecting both the Landlord and the Tenant against claims for personal injury, death, property damage, or third party or public liability claims arising from any accident or occurrence upon or in or on the premises from any cause to an amount not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) in respect to any one accident or occurrence; provided that such policy shall contain a cross liability clause. All insurance policies shall require the insurer to give notice to the Landlord if changed or cancelled, such notice to be in the manner set forth in the conditions of the policies. Evidence of all such insurance satisfactory to the Landlord shall be provided at all reasonable times. The Tenant shall arrange suitable liability insurance for the use by the public of the actual grounds.
- (f) **Utilities, Gas and Services:** The Tenant, at its own expense, shall pay all accounts for gas, hydro and other utilities that are supplied to the premises, promptly when same become due and for services in connection with the supply of such utilities.
- (g) **Nuisance:** The Tenant will not commit or suffer or permit to be committed any kind of nuisance or offensive acts or misconduct in or about the said premises.
- (h) **Maintenance:** The Tenant will keep the leased premises and every part thereof in a clean and tidy condition and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Tenant shall not permit any waste paper, garbage, ashes or waste or other objectionable material to accumulate thereon or thereabouts.
- (i) With any breach of Dresden's covenant to maintain and repair, the Landlord may effect such maintenance and repair as it deems necessary and any costs incurred by the Landlord in connection with such work shall be paid by Dresden to the Landlord forthwith upon demand thereof.

- (j) At the expiration of the tenancy and at such time as the Landlord no longer wishes to lease the property, the Landlord may request the Tenant to arrange for the demolition and site restoration of the property at no cost to the Landlord. The Landlord will assist the Tenant in applying for funds for this work which may be available from the Ministry of Natural Resources under the Dresden Floodplain Acquisition Program.

6. ADDITIONAL TENANT'S COVENANTS

- (a) The Tenant covenants and agrees that the premises and all existing and future facilities shall be open to the public and agrees that it will not discriminate as to the use of the demised lands and premises, by any person because of race, creed, colour, sex, marital status or religion.
- (b) The Tenant covenants and agrees that its activities shall adhere to all Municipal by-laws, Provincial laws, including Fill, Construction and Alteration to Waterways Regulations of the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority, applicable to the lands in question. Activities may include daytime or evening rentals for community events. Activities must not increase the threat of loss of property or persons due to flooding.
- (c) The Tenant covenants and agrees that it shall provide at its own expense, all necessary administration and supervisory services and facilities in connection with the maintenance, development, and use of the demised premises and that any charges levied on the general public for the use of the facilities shall be at competitive rates.
- (d) The Tenant covenants and agrees that any charges levied for the use of the facilities shall be used for maintenance and operation of the same property, and funds surplus to these costs shall be used to establish a reserve for the building demolition and site restoration.
- (e) The Tenant covenants and agrees not to permit the sale or consumption of alcoholic beverages on the premises unless the permission and licence of the Liquor Control Board of Ontario has been obtained.
- (f) The Tenant shall have the right to erect signboards or advertising displays which relate to the Tenant's allowable activities on the premises.

7. LANDLORD'S COVENANTS

During the term and any renewal term, the Landlord covenants and agrees with the Tenant that:

- (a) So long as the Tenant shall pay the rents hereby reserved and shall perform and observe the Tenant's covenants and the conditions therein, the Tenant shall peaceably hold and use the premises for the permitted uses without interference by the Landlord or any person rightfully claiming under or in trust for it.
- (b) As landowner, the Landlord covenants to pay all taxes levied against the said lands. These costs will be recovered from the Town of Dresden as referred to in Rent Clause 4 (a).

8. GENERAL PROVISIONS

During the term and any renewal terms, the Landlord and the Tenant mutually covenant and agree to as follows:

- (a) Alterations: The Tenant may at its own expense make, do and cause such construction works, to the premises with the consent in writing of the Landlord, provided the same are reasonably compatible with the permitted uses and provided further that the same comply with Federal, Provincial and Municipal laws in connection therewith.
- (b) Removal: The Tenant shall not remove any portion of any building situated on the premises without the prior written consent of the Landlord.
- (c) Notice: Any notice given hereunder may be delivered personally or given by registered mail. If such notice is given by registered mail, it shall be placed in an envelope addressed to the other party with postage prepaid and placed in a post office addressed as follows:

If to the Tenant:

Town of Dresden
Box 730, 485 St. George Street,
Dresden, Ontario
N0P 1M0

If to the Landlord:

St. Clair Region Conservation Authority
205 Mill Pond Crescent
Strathroy, Ontario
N7G 3P9

or such further notice and other place or places as the Tenant or the Landlord shall notify the others pursuant to the provisions by registered mail then it shall be deemed to be given five (5) business days next following the deposit of same in the post office with the postage prepaid as aforesaid.

- (d) Further Assurances: The parties hereto do mutually agree to execute such further documents and assurances as may be reasonable necessary at the reasonable time.
- (e) Renewal Option: The Landlord hereby grants to the Tenant the option to renew this lease. The terms of the renewal period shall be negotiated between the parties prior to the commencement of the renewal term.

9. FORCE MAJEURE

Whenever and to the extent that the Landlord or the Tenant shall be delayed in fulfilling any obligation hereunder (other than obligations with respect to rent, insurance, taxes or repairs requiring immediate attention) by any cause beyond their respective controls then the parties will not be required to fulfill such obligations during the period which it shall be so unable to fulfill the obligation but the obligation shall be performed as soon as the cause has ceased. Failure to obtain finances shall not be considered to be a cause beyond respective control.

IN WITNESS THEREOF the party of the First Part has executed its lease under its corporate seal, duly attested by the hands of its respective signing officers.

ST. CLAIR REGION
CONSERVATION
AUTHORITY

PER: Ted A. Bietke
Chairman/Vice Chairman

PER: [Signature]
General Manager

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the party of the Second Part has hereunto set his hand and seal.

TOWN OF DRESDEN

PER: [Signature]
Mayor

PER: [Signature]
Clerk

SCHEDULE "A"
116 St, John Street
Town of Dresden
County of Kent
Lots 43 and 44, R.P, 127
Former Dresden Motors Showroom also known as the former Czech Hall,

Staff Report

To: SCRCA Board of Directors

8.(i)



Date: June 10, 2014

From: Steve Clark, Water Resources\SWP Data Specialist

Subject: Current Watershed Conditions

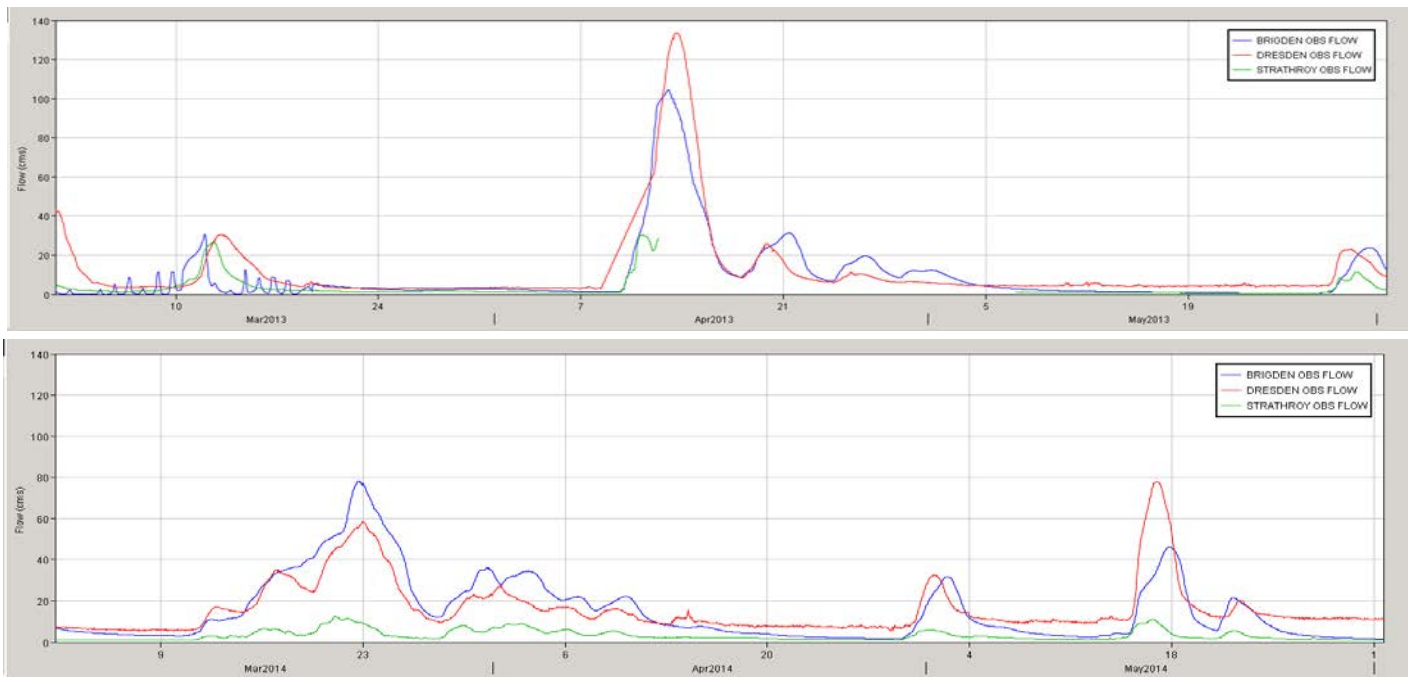
Highlights:

- Higher flows throughout the spring season
- Gradual warming trend in March and April retained winter snow cover longer into spring
- Lake levels continue improving slightly over 2013

Watershed Precipitation and Streamflow Conditions

Seasonal flows remained higher and over an extended period throughout the spring of 2014 (fig 1) when compared with 2013. While no significant flood events were experienced during the spring freshet this year, several flow peaks were noted resulting in a Watershed Conditions Statement being issued in March as well as an extended Flood Watch period in mid to late May. With weather conditions moderating into the summer months, flows are anticipated to fall to seasonal levels but as in the previous

Fig 1. Comparison by Station – (January 2014 to February 2014)



years may be impacted by sudden rain events. Precipitation statistics (fig 2) indicate lower than average rainfall over the last three months at **83%** of the normal with Sarnia receiving only **63%**. Six month numbers however are almost **100%** of normal likely as a result of a return to average snowfalls this winter and the yearly average continues to be above average at **110%**. Year to date trends (fig 3) indicate a slower warming trend into spring of 2014 compared to 2013 and the year to date precipitation figures (fig 4) identify less total precipitation reported at all stations in 2014 with the exception of Windsor.

Fig 2. Regional Precipitation – (Source: Environment Canada)

Precipitation (mm)	Sarnia		Strathroy		London		Windsor	
	Actual	Normal	Actual	Normal	Actual	Normal	Actual	Normal
Last Quarter								
May	77.3	69.9	85.2	74	81.3	82.9	159.8	80.8
April	38.2	75.4	76.6	84	76.2	82.2	66.4	85.1
March	16.1	62.6	24.8	74.9	25.5	78.4	44.6	75
Averages								
last 3 month totals	131.6	207.9	186.6	232.9	183	243.5	270.8	240.9
last 3 month % of normal	63.3%		80.1%		75.2%		112.4%	
regional average	82.7%							
last 6 month totals	439.2	373.7	393.6	461.7	350.1	466.3	511.8	430.5
last 6 month % of normal	117.5%		85.3%		75.1%		118.9%	
regional average	99.2%							
last 12 month totals	967.4	846.8	1036.4	945.1	900.7	987	1145.6	918.4
last 12 month % of normal	114.2%		109.7%		91.3%		124.7%	
regional average	110.0%							

Fig 3. Temperature Trend – Year to Date 2014 (Source: Environment Canada)

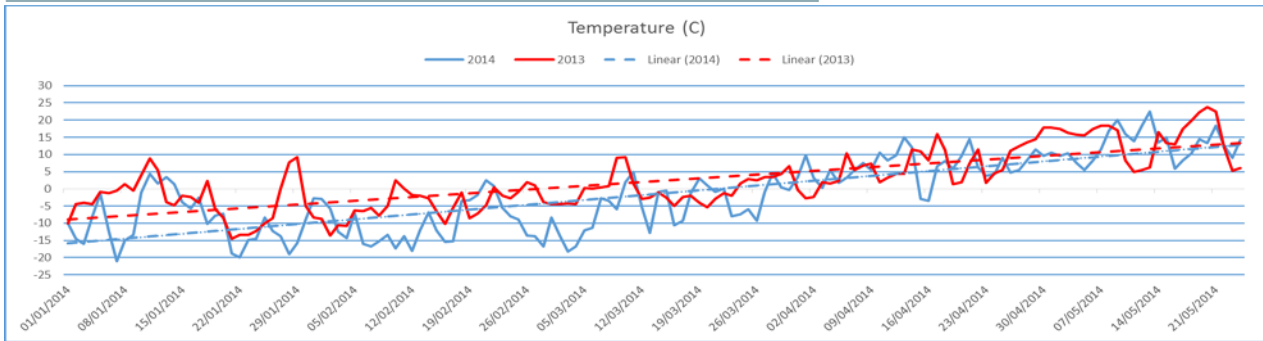
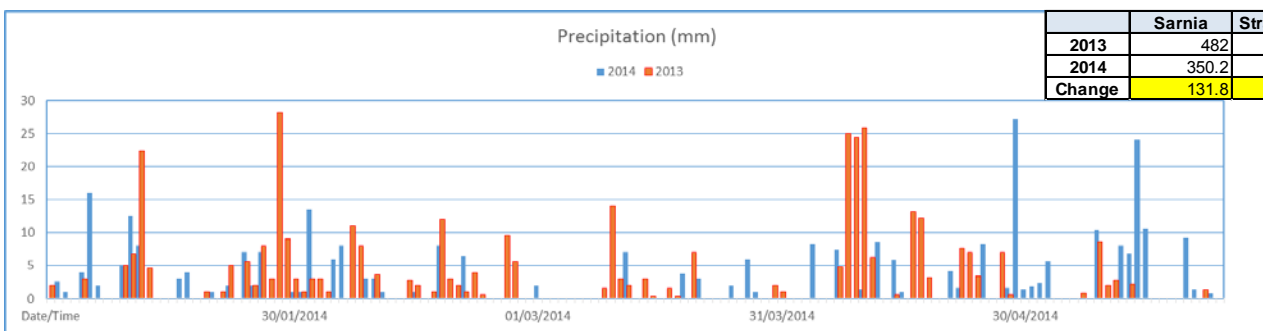


Fig 4. Precipitation Distribution– Year to Date 2014 (Source: Environment Canada)



Flood Threat

With the trend toward seasonal flows throughout the watershed, the overall flood threat is again limited to the incidence of sudden and extreme rainfall events. Normal flows typically react to these events with a one to two day delay moving into the watercourses as well as contingent on the intensity and relative location in the watershed (as noted in lower Sarnia area precipitation figures to date). As is the trend in the past few years, many events tend to develop in smaller pockets or thunderstorm cells which are often not evenly distributed across the region resulting in impact on flows in smaller sections of the system. This pattern tends creating potential sudden localized overbank conditions which are, in most cases, easily accommodated by the system downstream.



These changing conditions are carefully monitored to assess potential localized flood situations as we move into summer. **Advisories will continue to be provided as watershed conditions dictate.**

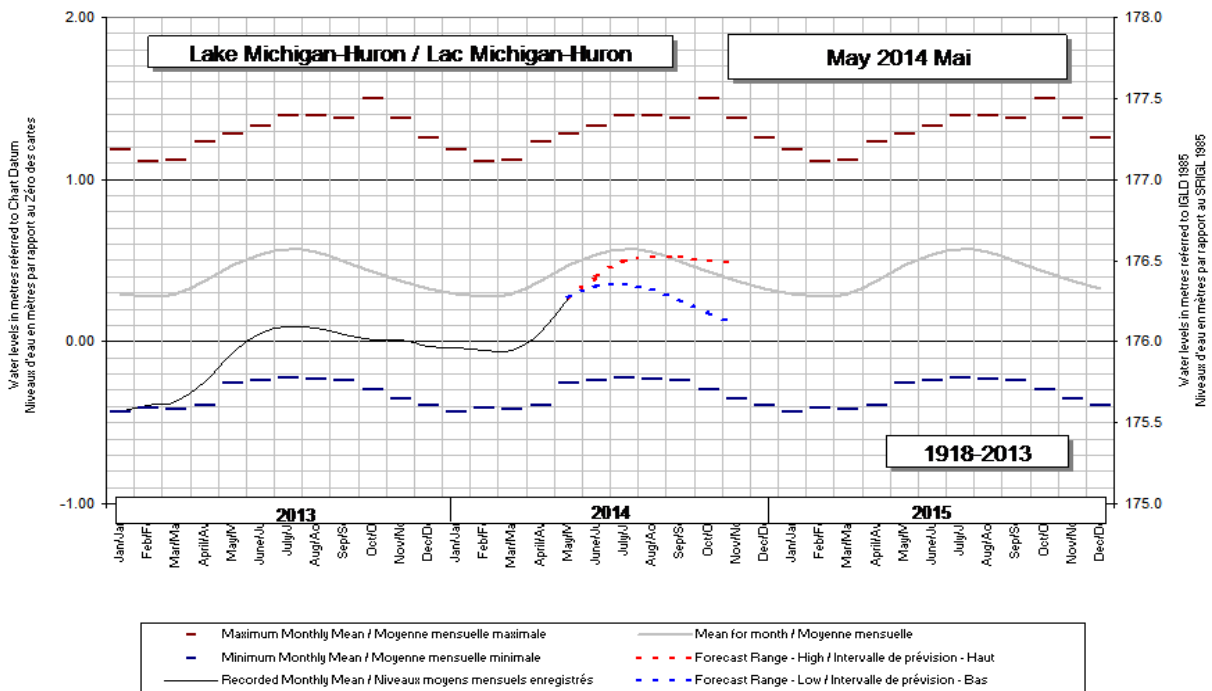
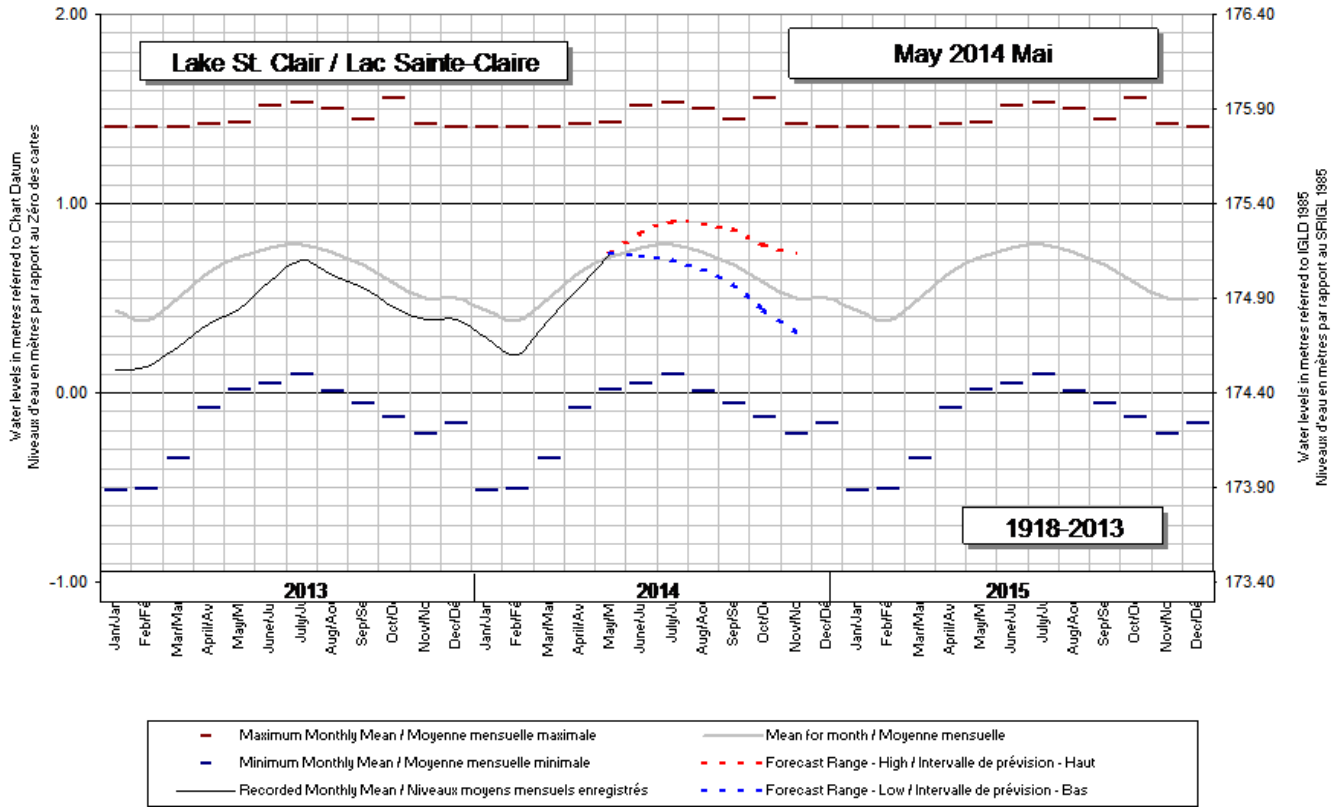
Weather Forecast (Data: Weather Network, Environment Canada, OFA)	
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slightly below average temperature and precipitation
Summer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summer will be warmer than normal, with the hottest temperatures in early to mid-July, mid- to late July, and early to mid-August. Rainfall will be near normal in southeast Ontario, but below normal elsewhere.
12 Month Outlook	

Great Lakes Levels (Canadian Hydrometric Service – May 2014 data.)

Lake levels in 2014 continue to improve compared to 2013 in both Lake St. Clair and Lake Huron. Lake Huron levels are now much closer but still below the 10 year long term average. In addition, 10 year levels remain low when compared to the Period of Record (95 years) due to the continuing below average years experienced over the past decade. Factors such as significant ice coverage and reflected sunlight have limited excessive evaporation over the winter months and spring levels reflect this impact into summer months.

Units	Current Monthly Level	Monthly Level Last Year	Change 2013/2014	Current Month Average for Last 10 Years	Change Current compared to 10 year	Anticipated Next Month	Average for Period of Record
Lake St. Clair							
Metric (m)	175.13	174.84	0.29	175.02	0.11	175.18	175.12
Imperial (ft)	574.57	573.62	0.95	574.21	0.36	574.74	574.54
Lake Huron							
Metric (m)	176.27	175.93	0.34	176.11	0.16	176.37	176.47
Imperial (ft)	578.31	577.20	1.12	577.79	0.52	578.64	578.97

Monthly Mean Water Levels (Data: Canadian Hydrometric Services)						
May 2014	Superior	Huron	St. Clair	Erie	Ontario	Montréal
Mean for Month (preliminary data)	183.47	176.27	175.13	174.35	75.14	7.79
Mean for month last year	183.11	175.93	174.84	174.1	74.88	6.99
Mean for month, last 10 years	183.14	176.11	175.02	174.3	75.03	6.81
Statistics for period of record						
Maximum monthly mean / year	183.74	177.28	175.83	174.97	75.73	8.93
	1986	1986	1986	1986	1973	1974
Mean for month / Moyenne mensuelle	183.35	176.47	175.12	174.3	75.01	7.15
Minimum monthly mean / year	182.76	175.74	174.42	173.44	74.11	5.4
	1926	1964	1934	1934	1935	2010
Probable mean for next month	183.58	176.37	175.18	174.4	75.14	6.8



Staff Report

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To: Board of Directors
Date: June 13, 2014
From: Girish Sankar, Manager of Water Resources
Subject: Water & Erosion Control Infrastructure (WECI) Projects

- applications have been reviewed by a committee of provincial and conservation authority staff representatives last month and the projects have been ranked in comparison to all submitted projects from across the Province
- Authority projects have scored between 90 and 115 points in Repair Projects and between 20 and 70 points for Safety Projects.
- Authority has secured funding of WECI funding of \$40,000 for repair work along the floodway
- projects with emphasis on flood control has secured most of the funding
- SCRCA has been successful in adding \$110,000 from Environment Canada towards St. Clair River shoreline restoration. A portion will be used towards Cathcart Park Phase IV work.

Other WECI Projects		
Structure	Project Name	Status
Cathcart Park	Erosion Protection Revitalization	Completed in May 2014
Petrolia Dam	Minor crack repair	Scheduled to complete in July 2014
Coldstream Dam	Shrub and tree removal	completed in June 2013
Running Creek Dyke	Erosion Control	Completed in June 2014

Staff Report

8.(iii)



To: Board of Directors
Date: June 13, 2014
From: Girish Sankar, Manager of Water Resources
Subject: Running Creek at Forhan Street

Status Update:

- ❖ erosion on Running Creek has been an ongoing issue
- ❖ staff have been monitoring the site from 2010
- ❖ a new bio engineering approach using Envirolok bags was selected to control the erosion
- ❖ CA staff met with Envirolok to review the site on June 4, 2014
- ❖ construction work started on June 5, 2014
- ❖ erosion work completed on June 6, 2014
- ❖ minor clean-up work to be completed by end of June 214.

Before Construction



During Construction



Staff Report

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To: Board of Directors
Date: June 12, 2014
From: Jessica Van Zwol, Healthy Watershed Specialist
Subject: Healthy Watersheds Program

Lambton Shores Healthy Lake Huron Program

- Lambton Shores Tributaries (LST) Watershed received funding from Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Environment Canada as part of the Healthy Lake Huron – Clean Water, Clean Beaches campaign, for immediate action to improve beach and inland surface water quality.
- **Water Quality Monitoring:** ongoing on a monthly and storm event basis to contribute to long-term data sets
- **Outreach and Education:** with funding from TD Friends of the Environment, we cohosted a wetland restoration planting day (May 31) at the retired Forest Sewage Lagoons. Fifteen volunteers from Communities In Bloom, CH2M Hill, the local TD branch, Municipality of Lambton Shores, and the Lambton Shores Nature Trails Committee planted over 380 wetland plants and nearly 60 native trees in an hour. These volunteers work fast! The purpose of the planting day was to create shoreline habitat for waterfowl as well as provide the lagoons with natural water purifiers.



Healthy Sydenham Headwaters Initiative (HSHI)

- SCRCA and Middlesex Stewardship Council have partnered on this Initiative to guide conservation and restoration efforts in the Headwaters of the Sydenham River.
- **Water quality monitoring:** ongoing on a monthly basis to contribute to long-term data sets
- **Outreach and Education:** with funding from Environment Canada, Ontario Trillium Foundation and Middlesex Stewardship Council, SCRCA mailed nearly 1800 reminder postcards to landowners in the focus region highlighting available stewardship grants. Response has been positive with nearly 40 landowners contacting the office for more information. Staff are currently setting up site visits to determine project feasibility.



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STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL
Promoting A Land Stewardship Ethic

It's that time of year again!

St. Clair Region Conservation Authority and Middlesex Stewardship are setting up site visits with landowners interested in stewardship projects on their property.

Grants (up to **\$5,000**) are available for **wetlands, block tree planting, windbreaks, tallgrass prairie planting, riparian buffers, clean water diversion, and erosion control projects.**

Please contact Jessica Van Zwol for more information (jvanzwol@scrca.on.ca). Please visit www.scrca.on.ca for eligibility requirements for stewardship projects.



Environment Canada



Ontario Trillium Foundation

Upcoming events:

- *June 12, 2014:* Lambton Shores Steering Committee Meeting
- *June 26, 2014:* SCRCA Bus Tour
- *July 17, 2014:* Middlesex Stewardship Council Bus Tour
- *July 21, 2014:* Forest Sewage Lagoon Wetland Tour with Communities in Bloom Judges

Stewardship projects – **Grants available** In both programs, SCRCA secures funding from many sources to support landowner implemented stewardship projects including riparian buffers, block tree planting, windbreaks, wetlands, and erosion control measures. Staff meet with landowners and offer expert advice and project design and where applicable, support individual projects with grants.

Staff Report

9.(ii)



To: Board of Directors
Date: June 12, 2014
From: Erin Carroll, Aquatic Biologist and Kelli Smith, Biological Technician
Subject: SCRCA staff help member municipalities meet regulatory requirement by issuing Standard Compliance Requirements (SCRs) and Letters of Review (LoR).

Conservation Authorities (CAs) regulate activities that change, divert, or interfere in any way with the existing channel of a river, creek, stream or watercourse, or that interfere with wetlands. Municipal drains are generally watercourses as defined under the CA Act and are therefore regulated by CAs.

Staff help member municipalities meet regulatory requirements by issuing Standard Compliance Requirements (SCRs) as per the Drainage Act and Conservation Authorities Act (DART) Protocol and Letters of Review (LoR) for projects where DART does not apply (Drainage Act, S. 4: Petition Drains and S. 78: Improvements). If drain projects are carried out (with or without a CA Act S. 28 permit) and impact, with respect to the CA's regulatory responsibilities under the CA Act, areas that are regulated, the CA could be held liable for not undertaking or enforcing its regulatory responsibilities.

SCRs and LoRs outline project specific sediment and erosion measures for all projects. Upstream and downstream flooding are considered where appropriate (e.g., culverts and enclosures) and appropriate advice is incorporated into review letters and SCRs. Interference with wetlands is discouraged by negotiating project specific mitigations. St. Clair Conservation staff work with municipalities to try to find solutions that meet the requirements of both the Drainage Act and the Conservation Authorities Act.

Since January, 2014, 67 drain files have been submitted to SCRCA for review. 29 files have been reviewed under the DART protocol and proponents have received Standard Compliance Requirements permissions. 21 files have been reviewed by staff and have received Letters of Review. Letters of Review are issued when the project does not fall under the DART protocol. In most cases these are engineer's reports under section 78 of the Drainage Act for improvements, and advice is provided to further the conservation and management of the existing natural heritage features of the designated watershed. The remaining 11 files are under review.

Categories of Drain Review	January – April 2014	April – June 2014	Total
DART Protocol – SCR issued	16	13	29
Letter of Review Issued	17	4	21
Requires Letter of Review	4	7	11
Other Types of Files (e.g., Environmental Assessment, sign-off, Assessment changes)	5	1	6
Total Files from January to June 2014	42	25	67

Other ways the SCRCA works with Municipal Drain Projects

In some cases St. Clair Conservation is able to offer grant money towards measures that are above and beyond the legal requirements. A newly launched *Municipal Drain Habitat Enhancement Program* funded by the federal Great Lakes Sustainability Fund supports drain projects that increase fish habitat and mitigate sediment and erosion in agricultural watercourses of the St. Clair River Area of Concern. Projects that qualify include buffers, fish refuge pools, and two-stage (“benched”) drainage ditches.

For the 2013/14 round of funding 7 projects have been funded through the *Municipal Drain Habitat Enhancement Program*. These projects include the Wray Drain (Sombra), Clark Drain (Sarnia), Townline Drain (Dover), McDonald Drain (Moore), Hind Pump Works Drain (Dover), 12-13 Concession Drain (Sombra) and the Whitebread Drain (Dover). A total of \$24,000 has been awarded to these projects for habitat enhancements on these drains. Additional funding for habitat enhancements is available for drains located within the St. Clair River Area of Concern for the 2014/15 fiscal year, applications are now being accepted.

Drain	Enhancements	Amount of funding granted
Wray Drain	Enhance existing low flow channel, grassed buffers, fish refuge/sediment pool	\$1,900
Clark Drain	Sediment pool, low flow channel, buffer strips along north and south banks	\$5,800
Townline Drain	Construction of benches and enhancing the low flow channel	\$5,000
McDonald Drain	Refuge pool, 1m buffer along bank	\$4,100
Hind Pump Works Drain	2m grassed buffer strip	\$2,000
12-13 Concession Drain	3m grassed buffer strips	\$200
Whitebread Drainage Scheme	2m buffer strips along Main Drain	\$5,000

Staff Report

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To: Board of Directors
Date: June 12, 2014
From: Erin Carroll, Aquatic Biologist
Subject: Ontario Trillium Foundation Supports Aquatic Conservation Work

Thanks to a major grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, more will learn about Lambton County streams and creeks flowing into Lake Huron. Partners on the project include Carolinian Canada Coalition, St. Clair Region Conservation Authority and Kettle & Stony Point First Nation.

Students participating in the program will conduct a stream investigation, learn about aquatic monitoring techniques and make pledges to protect aquatic habitats.

The best way to learn about the aquatic environment is by standing in the water. Students in the program will flip rocks, net river critters and check minnow traps. SCRCA staff emphasize connections between habitat and aquatic health, but the greatest benefit may come from having students experience a healthy babbling creek and its fishes and other creatures first-hand.



Livia (above) happily holds a rainbow darter for the first time.

Aquatic surveys will also be conducted as part of this program. In early June biologists started visiting creeks and rivers to identify, measure, and weigh fish before releasing them back to the water. Late in the summer biologists will re-visit the area looking for freshwater mussels.

Fish and mussels are excellent indicators of water quality because different species respond to pollution in different ways. If rivers are healthy, we will know it by the types of aquatic animals found. Information collected will be published in Watershed Report Cards which summarize the current state of St. Clair Region's watersheds. The report cards track and report on the surface and groundwater quality, and forest conditions in the watersheds.

This Lake Huron program should engage students with their own watershed, and help us appreciate how local actions impact local streams



The photo above shows a few of the fishes found in the tributaries of Lake Huron this June. Large reproducing rainbow trout, like the one held by Fisheries Technician John Jimmo, were the most significant find.

Staff Report

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To: Board of Directors
Date: June 12th, 2014
From: John Jimmo, Fisheries Technician
Subject: 2014 Reptile Monitoring Program Update

Snake Monitoring

- to encourage reports of snake sightings and appreciation of snakes in the SCRCA area, Kelli Smith, Biological Technician delivered a workshop in partnership with Sciencesational Sssnakes to Lambton County Road Crews on April 23, 2014. Sciencesational Sssnakes brought in live snakes allowing road crews to become familiar with identification.
- during May, staff constructed two snake nesting boxes



- at Bowens Creek South Wetland, a property owned by Lambton County where wetlands have been developed, two salamanders were found underneath a coverboard. This is significant as salamanders are an indicator of a healthy ecosystem. Tissue samples were collected and shipped to the University of Guelph to confirm the species of salamander.



Unknown species of mole salamanders at Bowens Creek South Wetland

- staff will continue to monitor coverboards for snakes at specific sites in the SCRCA area.
- informational signs on snake habitat and awareness will be placed at Peers Wetland. Funding was received through the Ontario Land Trust Assistance Program grant.
- two brush piles which provide habitat for snakes will be constructed as well as another snake nesting box.

Five-Lined Skink Monitoring

- on June 2 and 3, 2014, staff received training from Dr. Steve Hecnar and his team, on field techniques used to monitor the five-lined skink. Training was at Pinery and Rondeau Provincial Parks.
- methods learned from this workshop will be utilized to assist in the monitoring of potential five-lined skink populations throughout the SCRCA jurisdiction. One of these methods include placing sheets of plywood, also known as coverboards, in strategic locations to get an idea of absence/presence of the five-lined skink which has been proven effective by Dr. Steve Hecnar and his team. These coverboards will be checked periodically with the hopes of finding populations of the five-lined skink.
- monitoring will be focused on areas with similar habitat to Pinery and Rondeau Provincial Park. Also, monitoring will take place in locations with five-lined skink observations.



Five-lined skink found at Pinery Provincial Park



Juvenile five-lined skink at Rondeau Provincial Park

Turtle Surveys

- on June 10th, 2014, staff went out with Species at Risk Biologist, Scott Gillingwater, from the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA) to identify turtle nesting sites in the Thames watershed. The purpose of this was to train SCRCA staff to use similar methods in the Sydenham watershed.

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Kelli Smith searching for turtle nests.



- members of the biology department will be conducting turtle nesting surveys by both canoe and foot which will include locating nesting sites and collecting eggs that are under threat of loss
- as with previous monitoring of turtles, staff will canoe several reaches of the Sydenham to identify and record turtle observations.