

HOLLAND MARSH DRAINAGE SYSTEM JOINT MUNICIPAL SERVICES BOARD



MINUTES

MEETING DATE: Thursday, January 14, 2010

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Main Boardroom, Administration Office, Unit 7/8, 100 Dissette St.,
Bradford, ON

ATTENDANCE RECORD:

MEMBERS PRESENT: John McCallum, Councillor – BWG
Doug White, Mayor – BWG
William Eek, Appointee
Jack Rupke, Councillor – King
Jim Verkaik, Member
Dan Sopuch, Appointee -at-Large
Margaret Black, Mayor – King

REGRETS: George Hoving, Appointee
Brian Visser, Appointee

STAFF PRESENT: Jay Currier, CAO – BWG
Chris Somerville, Clerk – King
Frank Jonkman, Drainage Superintendent
Sarah Murray, Secretary-Treasurer

REGRETS: Scott Somerville, CAO – King

OTHERS:

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1.	<u>Call to Order</u>	<i>John McCallum</i>
1.1	HM-2010-001 Moved by: J. Verkaik Seconded by: D. Sopuch "That this meeting of the Holland Marsh Drainage System Joint Municipal Services Board come to order at 2:07 p.m." CARRIED.	
2.	<u>Declaration of Pecuniary Interest</u>	<i>John McCallum</i>
2.1	Chairman McCallum reminded Members of the Board of the Municipal Conflict of Interest legislation and requirements thereunder.	
3.	<u>Approval of Agenda / Changes</u>	<i>John McCallum</i>
	Chairman McCallum asked if there were any errors or omissions to the Agenda.	
3.1	Additions to the Agenda 7.2 Resolution to receive a financial update for the Board 7.3 Resolution to receive correspondence from the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority HM-2010-002 Moved by: B. Eek Seconded by: J. Verkaik "That the Board approve the Agenda, dated Thursday, January 14, 2010, as amended." CARRIED.	
4.	<u>Adoption of Board Minutes</u>	<i>John McCallum</i>
4.1	Chairman McCallum asked if there were any errors or omissions to the Minutes. There were no changes and declared the Minutes adopted and signed same. HM-2010-003 Moved by: B. Eek Seconded by: J. Verkaik "That the Minutes of the Holland Marsh Drainage System Joint Municipal Services Board meeting held on Thursday, December 17 2009, be approved, as printed and circulated." CARRIED.	

5. Comments by the Chairman

John McCallum

Chairman McCallum welcomed everyone back.

As this Board is awaiting the Tribunal's Decision it is evident this is going to be a busy year ahead of us all. You will note from the Report of the Drainage Superintendent that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) has indicated that it is pleased with our rate of our success to-date.

It was then suggested that we recommence submitting Board Minutes to MMAH as well as apprising the Ministry of the new board website; www.hollandmarsh.org.

6. Presentations / Deputations

John McCallum

7. Correspondence / Reports

7.1 From his report, the Drainage Superintendent highlighted item #2 and accordingly a discussion arose regarding the annual Agricultural Drainage Infrastructure Program grant applications which are currently being administered by the respective municipalities.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs indicated it would prefer a single application by the Board on a go forward basis.

It was advised that the Board's agreement speaks to this type of authority already but that the specific clauses should be provided in the Letter of Direction to OMAFRA for convenience regardless.

The Board, after some discussion was in support of sending a letter of direction and a Resolution was drafted.

HM-2010-004

Moved by: J. Rupke

Seconded by: D. Sopuch

"Whereas the Council of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury (BWG) and the Township of King (King) have established the Holland Marsh Drainage System Joint Municipal Services Board (the Board) to have control and manage the Holland Marsh Drainage System;

And Whereas section 3.2(b) of the Board's Agreement states the "Board shall have the authority and be responsible (b) to carry out and fulfill all of the obligations of the municipalities under Drainage Act as such obligations may relate to their responsibilities within the geographic area of the Holland Marsh located within King and

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Bradford West Gwillimbury;

Now therefore this Board requests of each Council that staff of each municipality be directed to prepare and send a letter of Direction to the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs requesting that the Board be authorized to apply for the annual maintenance and drain improvement grants under the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs' Agricultural Drainage Infrastructure Program." CARRIED.

In relation to the grants, the topic of the MIII funds granted by the Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy to each respective municipality also arose.

Questions have been raised by outside parties as to why the MIII funds are not in direct possession of the Board yet. After some discussion a Resolution was drafted in support of the funds being transferred to the Board.

HM-2010-005

Moved by: M. Black

Seconded by: D. White

"Whereas the Council of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury (BWG) and the Township of King (King) have established the Holland Marsh Drainage System Joint Municipal Services Board (the Board) to have control and manage the Holland Marsh Drainage System;

And Whereas the Township of King (King) and the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury (BWG) made a successful joint application to the Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy's Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative grant program (MIII) for the purposes of making the Holland Marsh Drainage System Canal Improvement Project (Project) more financially feasible and as a result received \$10.2 million jointly;

And Whereas the MIII funds and all accrued interest earned to-date are currently held by each respective municipality in a separate bank account;

And Whereas the transfer of said funds and all accrued interest earned to-date to the Board will enable it to streamline the financing schedule and facilitate timely payment for services rendered during the life of the Project;

And Whereas this Board has obtained a legal opinion authorizing it to possess and manage the MIII funds received for this Project;

Now Therefore this Board requests that the MIII funds and all

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accrued interest earned to-date be transferred to the Board by each municipality, to manage for the duration of the Project.”
CARRIED.

7.1

HM-2010-006

Moved by: D. Sopuch

Seconded by: B. Eek

“That the Report of the Drainage Superintendent dated January 8, 2010, be received, for information.”

CARRIED.

7.2

Some minor clarifications were needed on the financial update and such were provided at the meeting.

HM-2010-007

Moved by: J. Verkaik

Seconded by: J. Rupke

“That the HMDSJMSB Balance Sheet dated January 14, 2010 and Budget Analysis dated December 31, 2009 be received, for information.”

CARRIED.

7.2

HM-2010-008

Moved by: D. Sopuch

Seconded by: B. Eek

“That correspondence from Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority dated January 8, 2010, regarding water taking permits, be received, for information.”

CARRIED.

8.

New Business

John McCallum

9.1

HM-2010-009

Moved by: B. Eek

Seconded by: D. Sopuch

“The next meeting of the Holland Marsh Drainage System Joint Municipal Services Board be scheduled at the call of the Chair.”

CARRIED.

10.

Adjournment

John McCallum

10.1

HM-2010-010

Moved by: J. Verkaik

Seconded by: J. Rupke

“That this meeting of the Holland Marsh Drainage System Joint

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Municipal Services Board adjourn at 3:25 p.m.”
CARRIED.



Sarah Murray, Secretary Treasurer



John McCallum, Chairman