



(c) Video - To Catch a "Thiess"

The Lake Simcoe Environmental Management Strategy (LSEMS) partnership and the Conservation Authority are one of four international finalists being considered for the Thiess Riverprize Award. Staff presented a video which highlights the work done under LSEMS as a requirement of being a finalist for this award.

V **HEARINGS**

(a) **Application by Mr. Saadat Zoujaji**
Lot 2, Conc. 4 - Part of Block B, Plan 65M-2760
17760 Warden Avenue, Town of East Gwillimbury

The Director, Watershed Management presented Staff Report No. 46-07-BOD regarding a request to construct a single family dwelling, deck, pool, septic system and perform site grading on the above noted subject property.

The Director advised that a site visit was conducted on the property and staff are recommending that the application for permit not be considered at this time.

The Director reviewed the historical complaint related to this property with the Ministry of Natural Resources and advised that currently this property is before the Ontario Courts regarding work done on the property without a permit. This work includes the placement of fill and the relocation of a watercourse. It is expected that the decision will be presented by the Ontario Courts in October 2007.

Mr. Eric Gunnell, Gunnell Engineering, presented on behalf of the applicant Mr. Saadat Zoujaji advising that he is supportive of the recommendation contained in Staff Report No. 46-07-BOD. Mr. Gunnell suggested that the issue currently before the Board be dealt with separately from the issue currently before the Ontario Courts as he is of the opinion they are independent matters.

Mr. Gunnell advised that following the site visit with staff, it was recommended that the proposed house be relocated further back in order to provide a minimum 30 metre setback from the original location of the creek. This would not impact on the issues currently before the Courts. Mr. Gunnell indicated they are prepared to update the drawings to reflect this 30 metre setback which would alleviate the need for an Environmental Impact Study. Mr. Gunnell confirmed that they are in agreement with the removal of the fill which has been placed on the property. Mr. Gunnell suggested that the applicant be permitted to re-submit the revised drawings with a new application for permit for staff review.

Following extensive discussion, the Board of Directors requested that staff seek a legal opinion on whether or not the Board has the authority to refuse applications for permit for properties that are before the Ontario Courts until such time as the decision of the Courts has been rendered. Until this information is obtained, the Board will hold their decision related to the re-submission of the new drawings for review by staff.



Moved by: H. Herrema

Seconded by: B. Huson

- BOD-88-07 **RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 46-07-BOD regarding an application by Mr. Saadat Zoujaji to construct a single family dwelling, deck, pool, septic system and perform site grading on Part of Block B, Plan 65M-2760,17760 Warden Avenue, Town of East Gwillimbury be received; and,**
- FURTHER THAT the Board support the staff recommendation that this application be refused as it can not meet Authority policies which suggest that:**
- 1) **The Authority will require a thirty metre (30 m.) undisturbed vegetative buffer strip running consistently along both sides of all coldwater watercourses.**
 - 2) **That all watercourses and adjacent resource areas remain in their natural state and that base flow and velocity be maintained.**
 - 3) **For development proposals within 30 metres of any wetland (other than a Provincially Significant Wetland), the Authority, may, at the discretion of the Director, Watershed Management, require that an EIS be prepared, to the satisfaction of the Authority.**

CARRIED

- BOD-88a-07 **RESOLVED THAT staff seek a legal opinion prior to the September Board meeting as to whether the Board of Directors has the authority not to consider any application under Ontario Reg. 179/06 which are under review within the Ontario Court system.**

CARRIED

VI **DELEGATIONS**

(a) Mr. Robert Keffer

Mr. Keffer, a dairy farmer in the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, presented concerns he has in relation to the findings of the Assimilative Capacity Study. Mr. Keffer is concerned that the agricultural sector will be taxed with making costly changes to their respective operations in order to facilitate urban growth.

Following Mr. Keffer's presentation, the CAO advised that this was a last minute request from Mr. Keffer to appear before the Board which was permitted given that the August meeting of the Board will not be held as scheduled. As a result, staff have not had the opportunity to meet with Mr. Keffer to address his questions. Therefore, the CAO requested the opportunity for staff to meet personally with Mr. Keffer and report back to the Board.

A copy of Mr. Keffer's presentation is included with these minutes.



BOD-93-07 **RESOLVED THAT** the following recommendations respecting the matters listed as "Items Not Requiring Separate Discussion" be adopted as submitted to the Board and Staff be authorized to take all necessary action required to give effect to same.

CARRIED

2. **Correspondence**

RESOLVED THAT the correspondence listed in the July 27th, 2007 Agenda as items 3 (a), (b), and (d) through (h) be received for information.

3. **Monthly Communications Update**

RESOLVED THAT the Monthly Communications Update, for the period July 1 to 30, 2007 be received for information.

5. **Disposal and Replacement of Surplus Field Equipment and Vehicles**

RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 49-07-BOD regarding the disposal and replacement of Conservation Authority field equipment and vehicles be received.

7. **Pefferlaw Dam Levels - Town of Georgina**

RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 51-07-BOD regarding the operation of the Pefferlaw Dam be received; and,

THAT the Board support the following recommendations:

THAT the Conservation Authority operate Pefferlaw Dam on a yearly basis as follows:

- 1) Water levels in the reservoir upstream of Pefferlaw Dam be raised to summer levels by the first week of May.
- 2) Water levels in the reservoir be lowered to winter levels by the first week in November.
- 3) That this revised operation schedule be monitored on a yearly basis to evaluate impacts on the Authority's tree planting program; and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be provided to the Town of Georgina.

9. **Quarterly Planning Permit Tracking Update**

RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 53-07-BOD regarding the quarterly monitoring of planning and development applications for the period April 1, 2007 to June 30, 2007 be received.

X ***CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION***

1. **Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation 179/06**



6. Shaping Our Schools - Shaping Our Future Report of the Working Group on Environmental Education June 2007

The Board dealt with Staff Report No. 50-07-BOD which provides an overview of the recently released provincial report entitled "Shaping Our Schools - Shaping Our Future, Report of the Working Group on Environmental Education" and identifies future opportunities for the LSRCA's Education Program.

The Director, Conservation Lands confirmed that staff do in fact work with various community groups regarding educational initiatives. However, the purpose of this Staff Report identifies how the Authority's educational programs can tie into the recommendations contained in the report released by the province. The Authority will be looking at how to develop some curricular initiatives based on the results outlined in the provincial report.

Moved by: J. Taylor

Seconded by: H. Herrema

BOD-97-07 RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 50-07-BOD regarding a review of the Province of Ontario report entitled "Shaping Our Schools - Shaping Our Future, Report of the Working Group on Environmental Education" released in June 2007 be received for information, and; FURTHER THAT the recommendations contained in the staff report related to future opportunities for the LSRCA's Education Program be approved for implementation and circulated to the York, Simcoe and Durham School Boards for their information.

CARRIED

8. Consultant Selection fo Undertaking the Development of Hydrological Modelling

A revised copy of Staff Report No. 52-07-BOD which included the recommendation for the awarding of the proposal was tabled at the meeting.

The Director, Watershed Management advised that staff are pleased with the results of the proposal and the awarding of the contract as outlined in the recommendation.

Moved by: L. Dollin

Seconded by: E. Bull

BOD-98-07 RESOLVED THAT Revised Staff Report No. 52-07-BOD regarding the Request for Proposals for the Hydrologic Modeling of the Pefferlaw and Uxbridge Brooks, Beaver River and White's Creek Watersheds and the Hydrologic Modeling of the Hawkestone Creek Watershed - Consultant Selection Approval be received; and FURTHER THAT the Authority's Board of Directors approve the recommendation that MMM Group be contracted to undertake the Hydrologic Modeling of the Pefferlaw and Uxbridge Brooks, Beaver River and White's Creek Watersheds and Totten Sims Hubicki be contracted to undertake the Hydrologic Modeling of the Hawkestone Creek Watershed.

CARRIED

10. Service Delivery Guidelines& Procedures - Draft



The Board dealt with Staff Report No. 54-07-BOD regarding Service Delivery Guidelines and Procedures.

The CAO advised that this initiative is being driven by the development sector who are requesting that client service delivery guidelines and policies be developed in order to ensure consistency as it relates to the review and comments of permitting applications. The development sector is looking for a more streamlined and timely process. The CAO indicated that this policy is currently before the province.

The CAO further advised that the Authority continues to receive complaints regarding the regulations and permitting process and recommended to the Board that an ad hoc committee be established in order to identify the issues and provide appropriate solutions.

The following Board Members indicated their interest to participate on this committee with Authority staff:

Councillor Jack Rupke, Regional Councillor John Grant, and
Councillor John McCallum, Councillor Sandy Agnew.
Councillor John O'Donnell,

Moved by: J. O'Donnell Seconded by: J. Rupke

BOD-99-07: **RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 54-07-BOD regarding Service Delivery Guidelines and Procedures be received for information; and FURTHER THAT the attached draft manual entitled Service Delivery Guidelines and Procedures for Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority be approved for circulation to provincial agencies, Conservation Ontario, municipalities, Building, Industry & Land Development Association, contractors and interested landowners as well as posted on the LSRCA's website.**

CARRIED

11. Source Protection Planning - Update

The Board dealt with Staff Report No. 47 -07-BOD regarding the composition of the Source Protection Committee and included an update on the recently held stakeholder consultation sessions.

The CAO indicated that correspondence has been forwarded to all member municipalities to obtain letters of support related to the current composition of the Authority's Board.

The CAO requested that the Board Members pursue discussions with their municipalities regarding the membership on the Source Protection Committee. The final membership is to be determined by mid-November 2007.

The Manager, Source Protection advised that the commitment of the SPC members will begin with two to three days per month for the first six months and is then expected to be approximately two days per month. The membership will be for a term of five years.

