

HOLLAND MARSH DRAINAGE SYSTEM JOINT MUNICIPAL SERVICES BOARD

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**MEETING DATE:** Thursday, June 25, 2009

**TIME:** 8:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** King Township, Council Chambers, 2075 King Road, King City, ON

ATTENDANCE RECORD:

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

REGRETS:

STAFF PRESENT: Chris Somerville, Clerk – King  
Scott Somerville, CAO – King  
Frank Jonkman, Drainage Superintendent  
Sarah Murray, Secretary Treasurer

REGRETS: Jay Currier, CAO – BWG

OTHERS: Michael Brinkos, BWG Resident  
Larry Curtis, BWG Resident

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| 1.  | <b><u>Call to Order</u></b>   | <i>John McCallum</i> |
| 1.1 | <b>HM-2009-049</b><br>Moved by: B. Visser<br>Seconded by: J. Rupke<br><br>"That this meeting of the Holland Marsh Drainage System Joint Municipal Services Board come to order at 8:03 p.m."<br>CARRIED.  |                      |
| 2.  | <b><u>Declaration of Pecuniary Interest</u></b>   | <i>John McCallum</i> |
| 2.1 | Chairman McCallum reminded Members of the Board of the Municipal Conflict of Interest legislation and requirements thereunder.<br><br>There were no declarations of Municipal Conflict of Interest declared.  |                      |
| 3.  | <b><u>Approval of Agenda / Changes</u></b>  | <i>John McCallum</i> |
| 3.1 | <b>HM-2009-050</b><br>Moved by: B. Visser<br>Seconded by: J. Rupke<br><br>"That the Board approve the agenda, dated Thursday, June 25, 2009, as amended."<br>CARRIED.   |                      |
| 4.  | <b><u>Adoption of Board Minutes</u></b>   | <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.<br><br><b>HM-2009-051</b><br>Moved by: B. Eek<br>Seconded by: J. Rupke<br><br>"That the Minutes of the Holland Marsh Drainage System Joint Municipal Services Board meeting held on Thursday, May 7, 2009, be approved, as printed and circulated."<br>CARRIED. |                      |
| 5.  | <b><u>Comments by the Chairman</u></b>  | <i>John McCallum</i> |
|     | The Chairman commented on how busy it has been lately with Court of Revision completed only a short while ago. Apologies were made for the cancellation of the June 11 <sup>th</sup> meeting date. Having said that, there are other items to deal with tonight.  |                      |
| 6.  | <b><u>Presentations / Deputations</u></b>   | <i>John McCallum</i> |

7.

**Correspondence / Reports**

*John McCallum*

7.1

The Drainage Superintendent then went through his written report of June 19, 2009 to the Board.

Members Bill Eek, Brian Visser and Mayor White entered at 8:13 pm.

Discussions arose on the Holland River drain, a municipal drain currently outside of the Board's management. A petition to clean the Holland River drain is expected to be filed shortly by a resident. The drainage superintendent recommended having this Board look after all municipal drains in addition to the HMDS in Bradford West Gwillimbury and King. It was advised by the Clerk of King Township that aside from the municipal drains situate south of the Holland River, in the Holland Marsh there is the Dunn Drain which is situate north of King City. The drainage superintendent advised there are two additional municipal drains in Bradford West Gwillimbury aside from those in the Holland Marsh. It was agreed that this Board defer such a recommendation until after any petition is received.

Additions to this Report included a meeting that took place with the South Simcoe Streams Network. A proposal was put forth for the Network to coordinate tree plantings in the trial work areas. The Chairman pointed out that these efforts will aesthetically improve the areas in question and, in addition it will allow this Board to continue to contain the costs of the Project in the future. The Board was agreeable.

The drainage superintendent advised the board on some issues relating to permits in the Holland Marsh and further that there is a letter from KSAL regarding said permitting issues relating to the Project, for the Board. The Chairman and Vice-Chair advised the issues contained in the correspondence from KSAL will be addressed at a scheduled meeting of the LSRCA Board, to be held Friday, June 26, 2009.

Questions were raised as to when the Zweep inlet is expected to be functional again. Efforts are being made to complete the inlet as soon as possible.

**HM-2009-052**

Moved by: J. Rupke

Seconded by: B. Visser

"That the written report of the Drainage Superintendent and Project Manager, dated June 19, 2009, be received for information."  
CARRIED.

7.2

**HM-2009-053**

Moved by: D. Sopuch

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Seconded by: B. Eek

"That correspondence from Kenn Smart of K Smart Associates Ltd., dated June 23, 2009, be received, for information;

And that the Chair and Vice Chair will discuss with the Conservation Authority and provide the appropriate direction to K Smart Associates Ltd."

CARRIED.

7.3

Questions arose on the number of appeals received to-date for the Tribunal and the deadline for submissions, etc. The number of appeals received to-date included those who are appealing the Decision of the Court of Revision and those which are Tribunal specific scenarios. At present the numbers sit at roughly eight or nine in total. The deadline for all appeals is July 3, 2009. Firm numbers will be available after this date.

*John McCallum*

It was clarified that the Holland Marsh Grower's Association is not permitted to appeal as the Association does not own land in the Marsh as a whole. The correspondence to be received is merely the Association's way of voicing support of its membership.

**HM-2009-054**

Moved by: B. Visser

Seconded by: J. Rupke

"That correspondence of the Holland Marsh Grower's Association, dated May 8, 2009, be received, for information."

CARRIED.

7.4

**HM-2009-055**

Moved by: J. Rupke

Seconded by: B. Visser

It was clarified that the Resolution below refers to the HMDS yearly Levy for the Holland Marsh maintenance which the Board had previously recommended the fee remain unchanged for the 2009 municipal tax billing.

*John McCallum*

"That the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council Resolution #2009/37-008 dated May 19, 2009, be received, for information."

CARRIED.

7.5

**HM-2009-056**

Moved by: M. Black

Seconded by: J. Verkaik

It was clarified that the Resolution below refers to BWG Council receipt of the Board's previous meeting Minutes.

*Frank Jonkman*

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- "That the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council Resolution #2009/40-003, dated June 2, be received, for information."  
CARRIED.
- 7.6 **HM-2009-057** *Scott Somerville*  
Moved by: M. Black  
Seconded by: J. Verkaik
- Clarification was made that since the Minutes of the hearings held June 11 and 12, 2009 have not been prepared yet, the Resolutions were made available in place.
- "That the Court of Revision Resolutions from hearings held June 11 and 12, 2009, be received, for information."  
CARRIED.
8. **New Business**
- 8.1 **HM-2009-058** *John McCallum*  
Moved by: J. Verkaik  
Seconded by: M. Black
- "That the draft 2008 Financial Statement prepared for the Holland Marsh Drainage System Joint Municipal Services Board, be received, for information, as printed and circulated."  
CARRIED.
- 8.2 *John McCallum*  
There were some discussions on the potential for the Trails Committee to collaborate with this Board on a trail system within the Holland Marsh. It was suggested that this Board work with the Trails Committee. While concerns were raised on the logistics of a trail system in the area, it was made clear that the Canal Improvement Project is not moving forward in order to implement a trails system but to improve the drainage system as a whole. The decision to collaborate with the Trails Committee or to implement a trails system at all is at the sole discretion of this Board and presently, talks of this nature are at a preliminary stage.
- HM-2009-059**  
Moved by: B. Eek  
Seconded by: D. Sopuch
- "That correspondence from BWG Trails Committee, dated June 25, 2009, be received, for information."  
CARRIED.
- 8.3 *John McCallum*  
The Drainage Superintendent proposed the purchase of two communication radios for use in the marsh, not only at the project level but they will also prove very helpful in the general maintenance

of the Holland marsh.

**HM-2009-060**

Moved by: M. Black  
Seconded by: D. White

"That the Board approves the purchase of two communication radios for use in the maintenance of the Holland marsh."  
CARRIED.

**9. Future Meeting Schedule**

*John McCallum*

**9.1 HM-2009-**

Moved by:  
Seconded by:

"The next meeting of the Holland Marsh Drainage System Joint Municipal Services Board be scheduled for \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_"

This motion was deferred; and the next meeting will be at the call of the Chair.

**10. Adjournment**

*John McCallum*

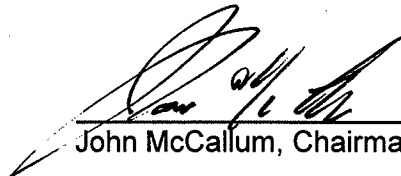
**10.1 HM-2009-061**

Moved by: B. Visser  
Seconded by: D. Sopuch

"That this meeting of the Holland Marsh Drainage System Joint Municipal Services Board adjourn at 9:30 p.m."  
CARRIED.



Sarah Murray, Secretary Treasurer



John McCallum, Chairman