

TO: All Municipal Clerks/Chief Administrative Officers
MVCA Watershed

September 15, 2021

BOARD SUMMARY, September 15th 2021

As a member of the Authority, please find below highlights from the September 15, 2021 meeting of our Board of Directors for distribution to Council. Complete minutes for the meeting will be circulated following their approval by the Board at its next meeting. Attached are approved minutes for the Board meetings held July 21, 2021 and September 9, 2021.

Watershed Conditions

- August was one of the hottest and driest months on record, however due to a very wet July, flows and levels throughout the watershed are at historical norms and above drought conditions.
- Drawdown of Shabomeka Lake began the week of September 8 to accommodate reconstruction of the dam later this fall.
- Flows are expected to remain at seasonal conditions into the fall.

Proposed Fee for MZO Permit Applications

- The Board directed staff to add a new fee during the next update of the MVCA Fee Schedule for the processing of applications under Section 28.0.1 of the Conservation Authorities Act. The purpose is to recover the higher costs associated with projects approved by the Ministerial Zoning Order (MZO).

Timeline Performance Report for Section 28 Applications

- During the first reporting period, March-August 2021 inclusive, all except 6 out of 131 complete permit applications were processed within the target timelines. This is considered significant given the ongoing construction boom, staff shortage, the impacts of COVID-19 on the organization, and summer vacation schedule.

Ontario Regulation 153/06 Permit Activity

- The Authority issued 138 permits during the current reporting period, April 12 to September 1, 2021. Permit activity is expected to remain above normal for the balance of 2021 given the increased construction activity.

Drainage and Grading Presentation

- There have been 117 rebuilds in the floodplain since the flood of 2017.
- Challenges include owner displacement during approvals and reconstruction, lengthy financing and insurance approval timelines, and contractor availability. These applications require significant sensitivity and time to administer.
- MVCA requirements include grading plans, safe access, floodproofing and proper site drainage. Considerations include fill and grading impacts on adjacent properties and efficacy of proposed works, e.g. shoreline walls are not always appropriate or effective.

Post construction inspections focus on footings and final grading. Due to permit volume and limited resources, inspection of final grades is not always possible.

Budget Control Report

- As of August 31st, 2021, revenues are continuing slightly above average for this time of year, and expenditures are tracking normally. Due to the construction boom, planning and permit revenues continued to be strong over the winter months for a second year and are already exceeding revenue targets for 2021.

Sign-off NDMP Risk Assessment contract

- The Board endorsed award of the NDMP Risk Assessment project to D.M. Wills Associates Ltd. in the amount of \$149,925 plus HST.

Sign-off Carp River Erosion control contracts

- The Board endorsed award of the Carp Erosion Control construction services project to Goldie Mohr Ltd. in the amount of \$ 165,700 plus HST.