

Council Notes Jan 20, 2009

Crowe Valley Conservation Authority (CVCA) Responds to Council

Tim Pidduck, General Manager and Shannon McCracken, Regulations Officer appeared before North Kawartha Council to respond to council's concern about delays in the planning process. Reeve, Jim Whelan told the CVCA representatives that he was concerned about delays and confusion caused by their role in responding to planning documents. He said that "what we're getting from the CVCA doesn't give us what we need." Mr. Pidduck said that he wants to work with the townships and the planning applicants but he does not have a planner on staff, nor can he afford one. The CVCA has struggled for years with insufficient funding. Councilor-at-large, Arnie Brown asked if the CVCA had all of the information regarding elevations and Mr. Pidduck responded that they only had part of the information. Mr. Whelan asked how the CVCA could make any recommendations regarding planning issues without having a planner or all of the information. Mr. Pidduck stated that the CVCA does not actually have any mandate to make planning decisions. Deputy Reeve, Barry Rand suggested that if the CVCA does not have any planning role, planning documents should just be forwarded with comments under the general regulations. Ms. McCracken told council that she would try to expedite the process by changing the forms to incorporate this idea.