



70th Annual General Meeting

Board of Directors' Meeting No. BOD-01-21

Friday, January 22, 2021

Held virtually via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

LSRCA Board Members Present

Regional Chairman W. Emmerson (Chair), Councillor P. Ferragine Councillor (Vice Chair), Councillor K. Aylwin, Mayor D. Barton, Mayor B. Drew, Councillor A. Eek, Councillor K. Ferdinands, Councillor W. Gaertner, Councillor R. Greenlaw, Mayor V. Hackson, Councillor S. Harrison-McIntyre, Mayor M. Quirk, Councillor C. Riepma, Regional Councillor T. Vegh, Councillor A. Waters

LSRCA Board Members Absent

Township of Brock, Township of Ramara, Councillor E. Yeo

LSRCA Staff Present

D. Andrews, L. Aspden, S. Auger, R. Baldwin, T. Barnett, M. Bessey, K. Biddie, A Brown, M. Brown, C. Byron, D. Campbell, J. Chan, K. Cheney, K. Christensen, C. Connell, M. Critch, A Cullen, C. Currie, P. Davies, M. Dennis, J. Doyley, P. Du, D. Eldon, C. Eves, X. Fei, T. Fleischaker, J. Gerrard, B. Ginn, E. Green, E. Groves, L. Grzywniak, N. Hamley, S. Ingott, M. Kaushal, B. Kemp, K. Kennedy, N. Knight, G. Learning, K. Lillie, J. Lim, B. Longstaff, G. MacMillan, M. Maertens, S. McKinnon, L. McLean, J. Milner, K. Nesbitt, E. O'Connor, N. O'Dell, G. Peat, B. Piotrowski, D. Price, M. Quattromini, S. Rawski, K. Read, M. Rosato, D. Ruggle, R. Sadowska, S. Shahlaee, C. Sharp, P. Shuttleworth, T. Stanford, T. Stevenson, P. Strong, L. Tafreshi, C. Taylor, P. Thase, B. Thompson, K. Toffan, F. Tonto, S. Troan, K. Vickers, M. Wilson, R. Wilson, K. Yemm, K. Zepieri

Guests in Attendance

D. Conzelmann, F. D'Aquila-Kelly, L. Dollin, M. Geist, J. Fallis, S. Hahn, K. Kelly, A. Khanjin, D. Kostopoulos, T. Krsul, S. Kurtz, J. Mackey, D. Marks, L. Mirabella, D. Nadorozny, M. Nordstrom, J. Olah, J. Pinsent, J. Powell, J. Ricci, D. Schaefer, D. Schulte, M. Seeley, K. Sipos, W. Van Berkel, G. Wood

I. Chair's Welcome and Introductions

Chair Emmerson welcomed everyone to the 70th Annual General meeting of the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority and recognized a number of guests in attendance.

Roll Call – 2020 Board Members

The 2020 Board Members introduced themselves and stated which municipality they represent.

II. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and Conflict of Interest

None noted for the meeting.

III. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: V. Hackson

Seconded by: B. Drew

BOD-001-21 **Resolved That** the content of the Agenda for the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority's 70th Annual General Meeting held on Friday, January 22, 2021 be approved as presented. **Carried**

IV. Adoption of Minutes

a) Board of Directors

Moved by: P. Ferragine

Seconded by: C. Riepma

BOD-002-21 **Resolved That** the minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting No. BOD-14-20 held on Friday, December 18, 2020 be approved as circulated. **Carried**

V. Greetings

Chair Emmerson called upon a few guests to bring greetings on behalf of their respective organizations. The Honourable Deb Schulte, Federal Member of Parliament King-Vaughan and Minister of Seniors, brought greetings on behalf of the Government of Canada. Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks and Member of Provincial Parliament Barrie-Innisfil Andrea Khanjin brought greetings on behalf of the Province of Ontario. Debbi Conzelmann, President of the Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation Board of Directors, brought greetings on behalf of the Foundation Board. A former CAO of the Authority, Gayle Wood, brought greetings on behalf of the International Joint Commission's Great Lakes Water Quality Board.

VI. Presentations

a) 2020 Year in Review

Chair Emmerson was pleased to welcome the Authority's new Chief Administrative Officer, Rob Baldwin, to his first meeting as the CAO. CAO Baldwin introduced the Authority's Executive Leadership Team and reviewed the 2020 accomplishments, noting how pleased he is with how well staff adapted to the COVID-19 challenges and continued to care for the lake. CAO Baldwin shared a video showcasing the Authority's 2020 highlights and accomplishments. To view this video, please click this link: [2020, A Year in Review](#)

b) Lake Simcoe Tributary Health

Manager, Environmental Science and Monitoring, David Lembcke provided a presentation on the health of the Lake Simcoe tributaries, sharing some of the work the Authority does to assess the health of the lake and its tributaries. A healthy tributary is one that meets a variety of users and uses, it is resilient and can recover from natural disturbances such as floods, as well as human disturbances. Good water quality and a diversity of species are also indications. An important metric is the fish population, and monitoring efforts find fish in almost all tributaries in the watershed. Focus is placed on the Brook Trout, as they require cold clean water and can be found in head waters of creeks, and populations are fairly stable. Benthic invertebrates (bugs, etc.) are another good indicator of tributary health, and this population is rated as fair in the watershed. Natural stream flow is also monitored and tells us about lake health. One of the oldest metrics is water quality itself, which is monitored quite frequently. Phosphorus continues to be a main stressor; however, declining trends are being seen. Chloride is also a stressor that our attention has been focused on in more recent years.

The physical structure of the tributaries is also an important component of maintaining health, and there are many restoration efforts that can address these impacted areas. Overall, the tributaries are in good shape but have many stressors. It is important that the monitoring and restoration work being done by the Authority continues to keep our lake and tributaries healthy into the future.

To view this presentation, please click this link: [Lake Simcoe Tributary Health](#)

c) Conservation Lands – 2020 Highlights and Trends

General Manager, Conservation Lands, Brian Kemp provided a presentation on conservation area enhancements, greenspace trends, and future planned enhancements. With thanks to the Conservation Lands team and a number of funders, he advised that conservation area enhancements were carried out at a number of Authority properties in 2020, including Thornton Bales Conservation Area, Durham Region Forest in Uxbridge, Pangman Springs

Conservation Area in Whitchurch-Stouffville, Beaver River Wetlands Conservation Area in the Township of Brock, as well as a number of watershed wide property maintenance projects. GM Kemp also advised that visitation at the Authority's conservation areas has been at an all-time high in 2020, with an estimated 270,000 visitors at our most popular properties versus 189,000 in 2019. He went on to overview trends and opportunities, noting that the value of parks as it relates to public health is high on the list, as well as the demand for more naturalized spaces, and community gatherings in park settings. A number of enhancements are planned for 2021 at Authority properties, including Scanlon Creek Conservation Area, Rogers Reservoir Conservation Area, Durham Region Forest Main Tract, as well as watershed wide maintenance projects.

To view this presentation, please click this link: [Conservation Areas 2020 Highlights](#)

d) Restoration Services – Top 10 Project of 2020

Manager, Restoration Services, Christa Sharp provided a presentation on restoration highlights and accomplishments, noting that although 2020 was a very different year to be completing stewardship, outreach and restoration projects, a great deal was accomplished. A total of 56 projects in 13 categories, with a total cost of \$4.6 million paid for by the landowners and many different funding partners. Amazing results have been achieved, and over 65 projects are already in progress for 2021. The 10 projects highlighted include three low impact development projects, three wetland projects, two grassland and meadow enhancement projects, one large agricultural surface runoff project, and one enhancing wildlife habitat project.

To view these restoration projects, please click this link: [Top-10-Restoration-Projects-2020](#)

Moved by: M. Quirk

Seconded by: D. Barton

BOD-003-21 **Resolved That** the presentations, Items VI. (a-d) be received for information. **Carried**

VII. 2020 Business is Concluded

Chair Emmerson will conclude the Year 2020 business and deemed the Chair vacant.

Moved by: K. Ferdinands

Seconded by: S. Harrison-McIntyre

BOD-004-21 **Resolved That** the Board of Directors conclude the business of 2020; and

Further That the Chair be declared vacant. **Carried**

VIII. 2021 Business

The 2021 Business portion of the meeting was called to order by the Authority's Chief Administrative Officer, Rob Baldwin.

Roll Call – 2021 Board Members

As there is no change in Board members from 2020 to 2021, a roll call was not conducted.

IX. Election of Officers

CAO Baldwin conducted the election of officers and outlined the general rules for election. He noted that positions are required for Chair and Vice Chair for 2021 and must be appointed members of the Board of Directors.

A. Election of Officers – 2021

i. Chair of the Authority

Regional Chairman and CEO Wayne Emmerson was nominated for the position of Chair by Councillor Ken Ferdinands. Nominations were called for three times. No further nominations were put forward.

Moved by: V. Hackson

Seconded by: D. Barton

BOD-005-21 **Resolved that** the nominations for the position of Chair be closed. **Carried**

Regional Chairman and CEO Wayne Emmerson accepted the nomination for the position of Chair, and CAO Baldwin offered congratulations to Regional Chairman Wayne Emmerson as the 2021 Chair.

ii. Vice Chair of the Authority

Councillor Peter Ferragine was nominated for the position of Vice Chair by Mayor Bobbie Drew. Nominations were called for three times and no further nominations were put forward.

Moved by: K. Ferdinands

Seconded by: A. Waters

BOD-006-21 **Resolved that** the nominations for the position of Vice Chair be closed. **Carried**

Councillor Ferragine accepted the nomination, and CAO Baldwin congratulated Councillor Ferragine as the 2021 Vice Chair.

Chair Emmerson chaired the meeting from this point forward.

B. Appointment of the Regulations Sub-committee for 2021

CAO Baldwin explained that in the event of a Hearing by the Board of Directors, a Regulations Sub-Committee is formed in order to review the circumstances of the Hearing and report to the Board. This sub-committee normally consists of the Chair, the Vice Chair, and the Member representing the local municipality in which the application under Ontario Regulation 179/06 is received.

Moved by: T. Vegh

Seconded by: C. Riepma

BOD-007-21 **Resolved that** the Chair and Vice Chair, along with the Member representing the local municipality in which the application under Ontario Regulation 179/06 is received, shall be members of the sub-committee to review applications and report to the Board of Directors. **Carried**

C. Appointment to Conservation Ontario for 2021

CAO Baldwin explained it is the practice of LSRCA to request the Chair, or his/her designate, and the Chief Administrative Officer to represent LSRCA on Conservation Ontario's Council.

Moved by: A. Eek

Seconded by: R. Greenlaw

BOD-008-21 **Resolved that** the 2021 Chair, or his/her designate, be appointed as the Authority's voting delegate to Conservation Ontario; and

Further that the Chief Administrative Officer be the alternate delegate. **Carried**

D. Appointment to the Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation Board of Directors for 2021

CAO Baldwin explained that the responsibilities of the Chair and Vice Chair include serving on the Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation Board of Directors or appointing a designate. Chair Emmerson appointed Regional Councillor Tom Vegh to be his designate on the Foundation Board of Directors, and Regional Councillor Vegh accepted.

Moved by: V. Hackson

Seconded by: S. Harrison-McIntyre

BOD-009-21 **Resolved that** the Vice Chair, Councillor Peter Ferragine and Regional Councillor Tom Vegh be appointed to the Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation for 2021. **Carried**

E. Appointment of Solicitors for 2021

CAO Baldwin explained that the Authority wishes to continue utilizing the services of five (5) legal firms of: Stiver Vale for general administrative advice and land management; Hicks Morley for employment and labour related matters; Hill Hunter Losell for floodplain regulation advice; Barriston LLP for general administrative and regulations advice; and Beard Winter for floodplain regulation advice and litigation.

Moved by: B. Drew

Seconded by: P. Ferragine

BOD-010-21 **Resolved that** Stiver Vale, Hicks Morley, Hill Hunter Losell, Barriston and Beard Winter be appointed as Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority's legal firms for 2021. **Carried**

X. Signing Officers for 2021

CAO Baldwin explained that each year the Authority appoints four signing officers: namely, the Chair and the Vice Chair, along with the Chief Administrative Officer and the General Manager, Corporate and Financial Services.

Moved by: D. Barton

Seconded by: M. Quirk

BOD-011-21 **Resolved that** an account in the name of Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (hereinafter called the "Organization") be kept at the Bank of Nova Scotia (hereinafter called the "Bank"); and

Further that the Authority's Chair, Vice Chair, the Chief Administrative Officer/Secretary-Treasurer, and the General Manager, Corporate and Financial Services/CFO, or any two of them are hereby authorized to sign, make, draw, accept, endorse and deliver cheques, promissory notes, bills of exchange, orders for the payment of money and such agreements and instruments as may be necessary or useful in connection with the operation of the said account; and

Further that any one of the above-mentioned officers is hereby authorized for and in the name of the Organization to endorse and transfer to the Bank for deposit or discount with or collection by the Bank (but for the credit of the

Organization only) cheques, promissory notes, bills of exchange, orders for the payment of money and other instruments, to arrange, settle, balance and certify all books and accounts with the Bank and to sign receipts for vouchers. **Carried**

XI. Borrowing Resolution

CAO Baldwin noted that the borrowing resolution authorizes the Authority to borrow an amount up to \$500,000.

Moved by: D. Barton

Seconded by: A. Waters

BOD-012-21 **Resolved that** signing officers for the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority be empowered to borrow up to \$500,000 on an Operating Loan Agreement, as required, for administration and/or capital expenditures. **Carried**

XII. Section 28 Permits - Authorized Signatories

Under Section 28 of the Conservation Authorities Act, the Authority issues permits to landowners around the watershed.

Moved by: A. Eek

Seconded by: S. Harrison-McIntyre

BOD-013-21 **Resolved that** the Chief Administrative Officer, the General Manager, Planning, Development and Restoration Services, the Director of Regulations, the Director of Engineering, and the Director of Planning are delegated approval authority to sign and issue permits under S.28 of the Conservation Authorities Act. **Carried**

XIII. Meeting Schedule

The Board approved Staff Report No. 01-21-BOD, which outlined the Board of Director's 2021 meeting schedule.

Moved by: T. Vegh

Seconded by: C. Riepma

BOD-014-21 **Resolved that** Staff Report No. 01-21-BOD regarding the 2021 Board of Directors' meeting schedule be approved. **Carried**

XIV. Closing Remarks

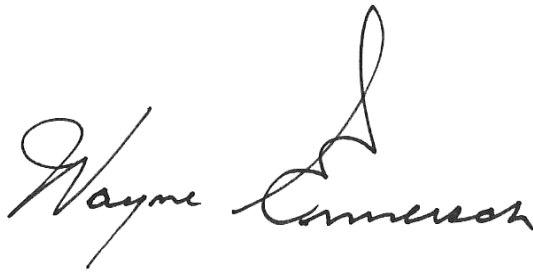
Vice Chair Ferragine and Chair Emmerson thanked the Board of Directors for their trust and confidence in them, and both noted they look forward to serving in their respective roles.

XV. Adjournment

Moved by: V. Hackson

Seconded by: S. Harrison-McIntyre

BOD-015-21 **Resolved that** the meeting be adjourned @ 11:40 a.m. **Carried**



Regional Chairman Wayne Emmerson, Chair



Rob Baldwin, Chief Administrative Officer