

Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority

Board of Directors' Meeting

Board of Directors' Meeting No. BOD-05-22

Friday, June 24, 2022

Held virtually via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present

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

Board Members Absent

Councillor P. Ferragine (Vice Chair), Councillor K. Aylwin, Councillor E. Yeo

Staff Present

R. Baldwin, T. Barnett, A. Brown, K. Cheney, K. Christensen, M. Critch, P. Davies, J. Doyley, B. Ginn, S. Jagminas, B. Kemp, D. Lembcke, G. MacMillan, S. McKinnon, N. O'Dell, A. Page, G. Peat, M. Rosato, C. Sharp, C. Taylor, A. Yates, K. Yemm, K. Zeppieri

I. Land Acknowledgement

II. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest or Conflict of Interest

None noted for the meeting.

III. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: R. Greenlaw

Seconded by: K. Ferdinands

BOD-063-22 **Resolved That** the content of the Agenda for the June 24, 2022 meeting of the Board of Directors be approved as circulated. **Carried**

IV. Adoption of Minutes

a) Board of Directors' Meeting

Moved by: A. Eek

Seconded by: V. Hackson

BOD-064-22 **Resolved That** the minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting, No. BOD-04-22, held on Friday, April 22, 2022 be approved as circulated. **Carried**

b) Conservation Ontario Council

Moved by: A. Eek

Seconded by: V. Hackson

BOD-065-22 **Resolved That** the minutes of Conservation Ontario Council's Annual General Meeting held on Monday, April 11, 2022 be received for information. **Carried**

V. Announcements

- a) Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation Executive Director, Cheryl Taylor, was very pleased to advise of the successful Federal grant of \$4.17M for the new Nature Centre at Scanlon Creek Conservation Area. She thanked everyone for attending the Foundation's Annual dinner, which was once again a very successful event. She also noted that the 4th Annual Golf Tournament is being held on August 22nd at the Nest at Friday Harbour. More information on these events can be found at [Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation](#)
- b) Manager, Forestry and Greenspace Services, Phil Davies, provided an update on the Conservation Authority's clean-up efforts from the May 21st storm. He reviewed the path of the storm, noting that three of our conservation areas were impacted. Nine properties were closed while clean-up efforts took place. He shared some photos of the damage and thanked all staff involved in the clean-up efforts.
- c) General Manager, Planning, Development and Restoration, Glenn MacMillan, was pleased to advise that over 200 participants attended the Conservation Authority's webinar on Hydrogeological Assessments for Land Development Applications. This was the first in a series of webinars taking place over the next couple of years to help streamline the approvals process. The next webinar is planned for the fall of 2022 on stormwater management related to volume control.
- d) General Manager, Planning, Development and Restoration, Glenn MacMillan, advised that staff developed a Regulations 101 webinar for real estate agents. Three pilot sessions were delivered in June to the Barrie, Durham and Toronto real estate boards, and discussion are taking place to continue delivering these sessions across Ontario.

VI. Presentations

a) Phosphorus Decoupling Investigation in Lake Simcoe

The Conservation Authority's Limnologist, Dr Brian Ginn, provided an update on the phosphorus decoupling project to investigate ecological changes in Lake Simcoe and why

changes phosphorus loads are not being tracked by in lake indicators. The presentation detailed that phosphorus loads seem to be intercepted by invasive mussels and invasive starry stonewort and buffering changes in other lake health indicators. Further research is being undertaken to understand what mechanisms are driving phosphorus cycling in the lake, how these have changed in recent years, and what the consequences of future change might be to the health of Lake Simcoe.

Moved by: B. Drew

Seconded by: C. Pettingill

BOD-066-22 **Resolved That** the presentation by Limnologist, Dr Brian Ginn, regarding an update on the phosphorus decoupling project be received for information. **Carried**

Staff Report No. 20-22-BOD regarding the phosphorus decoupling project investigating ecological changes in Lake Simcoe was included in the agenda.

Moved by: B. Drew

Seconded by: C. Pettingill

BOD-067-22 **Resolved That** the Staff Report No. 20-22-BOD regarding an update on the decoupling investigation in Lake Simcoe be received for information. **Carried**

b) 2023 Budget Assumptions

General Manager, Corporate and Financial Services/CFO, Mark Critch, provided a presentation on the Conservation Authority's 2023 Budget Assumptions, noting that staff set budget targets at this time each year to help set clear organizational direction, to allow staff to work with funding partners to secure preliminary budget approval, and for the Board of Directors to have some input on the general direction of the budget. He reviewed the budget recommendations, including inflation, municipal targets, recommended investment in the Conservation Authority's strategic plan, and long-term funding for asset management. He reviewed the COLA and inflation comparators, along with the financial impact of the funding targets. GM Critch sought the Board's approval on the following budget recommendations:

- Inflation up to 4.00% (2022 Budget: 2.00%);
- COLA for staff up to 2.00% (2022 Budget: 2.00%);
- Infrastructure levy for Asset Management at 0.50% increase on capital funding only;
- Investment in Strategic Priorities of 1.50% (2022: 0.00%);
- No additional FTEs in 2023, unless fully funded from grants and/or fees (exception Strategic Priorities);
- General and Special Operating Levy up to 2.00% (2022: 2.00%); and
- Special Capital Levy up to 1.68% (2022 Budget: 1.70%).

To view this presentation, please click this link: [2023 Budget Assumptions](#)

Moved by: T. Vegh

Seconded by: C. Riepma

BOD-068-22 **Resolved That** the presentation by General Manager, Corporate and Financial Services/CFO, Mark Critch, on the Conservation Authority's 2023 Budget Assumptions be received for information. **Carried**

Included in the agenda was Staff Report No. 21-22-BOD regarding the Conservation Authority's 2023 Budget Assumptions.

Moved by: T. Vegh

Seconded by: C. Riepma

BOD-069-22 **Resolved That** Staff Report No. No. 21-22-BOD regarding the Conservation Authority's recommended budget assumptions for the 2023 fiscal year be approved. **Carried**

VII. Hearings

There were no Hearings at this meeting.

VIII. Deputations

There were no Deputations at this meeting.

IX. Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

Item No. 5 was identified under items requiring separate discussion.

X. Adoption of Items not Requiring Separate Discussion

Items No. 1, 2, 3, and 4 were identified under items not requiring separate discussion.

Moved by: V. Hackson

Seconded by: S. Harrison-McIntyre

BOD-070-22 **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**

1. Correspondence

BOD-071-22 **Resolved That** Correspondence Items a) and b) be received for information. **Carried**

2. Requirement for Exception Request under section 17(1.3) of the Conservation Authorities Act for the Current Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors

BOD-072-22 **Resolved That** Staff Report No. 22-22-BOD regarding the requirement for an exception request for the current Chair and Vice Chair of the Board of Directors be received; and

Further That the Board of Directors Request the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks to grant an exception under Section 17(1.3) of the Conservation Authorities Act for Chair Wayne Emmerson and Vice-Chair Peter Ferragine to continue in their Board roles for 2022. **Carried**

3. Conservation Authorities Act Transition Plan Quarterly Report

BOD-073-22 **Resolved That** Staff Report No. 23-22-BOD regarding the Conservation Authority Transition Quarterly Progress Report No. 1 be received; and

Further that the June 2022 Conservation Authority Transition Quarterly Progress No. 1 be approved for submission to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks. **Carried**

4. Offsetting Program Results – Reconciliation to December 31, 2021

BOD-074-22 **Resolved That** Staff Report No. 24-22-BOD regarding an update on the Conservation Authority's Offsetting Cash in Lieu funds and Key Performance Indicators be received for Information. **Carried**

XI. Consideration of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

5. Appointment of Enforcement Officer(s) under the Conservation Authorities Act

Director Regulations, Ashlea Brown, was pleased to introduce the Conservation Authority's newest Environmental Compliance Officer, Ashley Page, who recently joined the team. Board members welcomed Ashley and approved her appointment.

Moved by: M. Quirk

Seconded by: J. Gough

BOD-075-22 **Resolved That** Staff Report No. 25-22-BOD regarding the appointment of Ashley Page as a Provincial Offences Officer with the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority under Section 28 of the Conservation Authorities Act be approved. **Carried**

XII. Closed Session

The Board moved to Closed Session to deal with confidential legal and land matters.

Moved by: A. Waters

Seconded by: R. Greenlaw

BOD-076-22 **Resolved That** the Board move to Closed Session to deal with a confidential land and human resources matters; and

Further that the Chief Administrative Officer, members of the Executive Leadership Team, and the Chief of Staff remain in the meeting for the discussion. **Carried**

The Board rose from Closed Session to report findings.

Moved by: C. Pettingill

Seconded by: S. Harrison-McIntyre

BOD-077-22 **Resolved That** the Board rise from Closed Session and report findings. **Carried**

a) **Conservation Awards Recipients**

Moved by: K. Ferdinands

Seconded by: D. Barton

BOD-078-22 **Resolved That** Confidential Staff Report No. 26-22-BOD regarding the recipients of the 2022 Conservation Awards be received; and

Further That the recommendations contained within the Confidential Staff Report be approved. **Carried**

b) **Confidential Land Matter**

Moved by: K. Ferdinands

Seconded by: D. Barton

BOD-079-22 **Resolved That** Confidential Staff Report No. 27-22- BOD regarding an update on a Confidential Land Matter be received for information. **Carried**

c) **Confidential Land and Human Resources Matter**

Moved by: K. Ferdinands

Seconded by: D. Barton

BOD-080-22 **Resolved That** Confidential Staff Report No. 28-22-BOD regarding an update on a Confidential Land and Human Resources Matter be received for information. **Carried**

XIII. Other Business

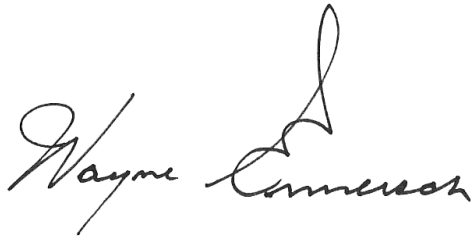
- a) Chair Emmerson noted the next Board of Directors' meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 22, 2022. This meeting will be held virtually.

XIV. Adjournment

Moved by: A. Waters

Seconded by: B. Drew

BOD-081-22 **Resolved That** the meeting be adjourned at 11:16 a.m. **Carried**



Regional Chairman Wayne Emmerson
Chair



Rob Baldwin
Chief Administrative Officer