

Board Meeting Highlights

April 28, 2023

Announcements:

- a) CAO Baldwin reminded Board members that the Celebration of Life for former Newmarket Councillor and Board member Dave Kerwin was being held on Friday, May 12th at Newmarket Old Town Hall for anyone wishing to attend.
- b) CAO Baldwin advised that Conservation Ontario held its Annual General Meeting on April 13th. Elections were held for Chair, Vice Chair and Directors, with the following results:
 - Chair - Chris White, Grand River Conservation Authority
 - Vice Chair - Pierre Leroux, South Nation Conservation Authority
 - Vice Chair - Robert Rock, Kawartha Conservation
 - Director - Rob Baldwin, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority
 - Director - Linda Laliberte, Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority
 - Director - Chandra Sharma, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority
- c) CAO Baldwin was pleased to advise that the Conservation Authority is being recognized as a 2023 recipient of the Salt Symposium Chloride Reduction Leadership Award at the upcoming 2023 Salt Symposium. He congratulated and thanked Manager, Integrated Watershed Management, Bill Thompson and his team for all their efforts on the Freshwater Roundtable.
- d) CAO Baldwin advised that the Bradford West Gwillimbury Mayor & Council's Golf Classic is being held on Friday, June 16th at the Club at Bond Head. Each year this event raises funds for important community services and initiatives, and for 2023, all proceeds will be donated to the new Nature Centre project at Scanlon Creek Conservation Area.
- e) CAO Baldwin reported that a donation of equipment from the Conservation Authority's Sprouting Seeds program run by our Education Department was recently made to Georgina Island First Nation. He noted the program ran from 2014 to 2022, and staff were pleased to be able to make this donation and see the continuation of this educational opportunity.
- f) CAO Baldwin advised that he recently attended the announcement of the Uxbridge Urban Provincial Park with Minister Piccini, MPP Bethlenfalvy, Durham Chair Henry, Mayor Barton, and TRCA CEO John Mackenzie.

Presentations:

a) 2022 Draft Audited Financial Statements

BDO Canada LLP Partner, Adam Delle Cese, provided an overview of the audit of the Conservation Authority's 2022 draft financial statements for the period ending December 31, 2022, noting that it is BDO's opinion that the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority as at December 31, 2022, and its results of operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards. He went on to note that the audit was conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Mr. Delle Cese confirmed that BDO Canada LLP is independent of Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority in accordance with the ethical requirements relevant to the audit of the financial statements.

To view this presentation, please click this link: [BDO's Audit Report to the Board of Directors](#)

b) Top Restoration Projects of 2022 and Planned Projects for 2023

Manager, Restoration Services, Christa Sharp, provided a presentation on the Conservation Authority's Restoration Program, noting that over 90 projects were either completed or funded across the Lake Simcoe watershed in 2022. Projects included stormwater retrofits, low impact development, community action projects, wetland habitat creation and agricultural projects. Key Performance Indicators are tracked with accomplishments including over 35,000 trees and shrubs planted, over 2,000 metres of streambank restored, over 25 hectares of land restored, and over 180 kg per year of Phosphorus reduced in Lake Simcoe. highlighted a few projects, including a stormwater management project in Aurora, a wetland project in Innisfil, and the retrofitting of a stormwater pond in Barrie.

Ms. Sharp was pleased to report that 88 projects are currently in progress, including 67 projects to address natural heritage, 14 urban stormwater projects, and 7 agricultural projects. She highlighted a stormwater pond and stream retrofit project in Barrie and controlled burn and restoration project at Rogers Reservoir in East Gwillimbury.

To view this presentation, please click this link: [Restoration Program and Top Restoration Projects of 2022](#)

Correspondence and Staff Reports:

2022 Draft Audited Financial Statements

The Board received Staff Report No. 18-23-BOD regarding the Conservation Authority's 2022 Draft Audited Financial Statements. The Board approved the 2022 Draft Audited Financial Statements be approved, along with the Appropriations to and from Reserves as outlined in Schedule 8 – Statement of Continuity of Reserves of the 2022 Draft Audited Financial

Statements. The 2022 Audited Financial Statements were approved for distribution to the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Conservation Authority's banker, and for the Conservation Authority's website.

Top Restoration Projects of 2022 and Planned Projects for 2023

The Board received Staff Report No. 19-23-BOD regarding the Conservation Authority's Restoration Program and Projects.

2023 Provincial Funding Agreements Summary - Lake Simcoe Protection Plan

The Board received Staff Report No. 20-23-BOD regarding recently secured Provincial funding in support of the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan.

Update on Purchasing of Off-lease Equipment and Vehicles

The Board received Staff Report No. 21-23-BOD regarding changes in the replacement of certain aging assets and authorized the Chief Administrative Officer to draw from the Asset Management reserve, as necessary, to facilitate the purchase of off-lease office equipment and vehicles, where financially prudent for the Conservation Authority.

SPO3 Stormwater Pond Retrofit, City of Barrie

The Board received Staff Report No. 22-23-BOD regarding the SPO3 Stormwater Pond Retrofit in the City of Barrie and approved funding for the project through the Conservation Authority's Offsetting Cash in Lieu funds and Restoration Assistance as outlined in the report.

Confidential Human Resources Matter

The Board received Confidential Staff Report No. 23-23-BOD regarding a confidential human resources matter and directed the Director, Human Resources to bring recommendations for a new process to the June 23, 2023 Board of Directors' meeting.

For more information or to see the full agenda package, visit [LSRCA's Board of Directors' webpage](#).