



### Thiess Twinning Committee

- The Board dealt with and approved Staff Report No. 28-10-BOD regarding the recommendation of the Thiess Twinning Committee and also viewed a video of the recommended project.
- The Committee is recommending that the LSRCA partner with Mexico to continue their work of saving the Ayuquila River.
- In addition, the Committee is recommending that the LSRCA provide funding, both in dollars and in-kind support, to Guatemala for their project which was the runner-up and a Thiess International finalist in 2009.
- The recommendations are now before the Thiess International Riverfoundation for their review and approval.

### Announcements:

#### Integrating and Applying Science

- Dr. Ben Longstaff, Manager, Integrated Watershed Management, presented a copy of a book which he co-authored – *Integrating and Applying Science*.
- The book was sponsored by Eco Check, Integration and Application Network, LOICZ, IAN Press, University of Maryland – Centre for Environmental Science, International Riverfoundation and Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority.
- Copies of the book are available through the LSRCA at \$20.00 per copy.

#### LSRCA Information Folder

- Each Board Member received a folder containing information related to the programs, services and general information related to the LSRCA.
- It is proposed that the information will be useful during the municipal election campaigning period when questions related to the LSRCA are asked.
- Folders are available at the Authority for any member of the public.

#### Celebrating Lake Simcoe

- Councillor Gord Wauchope advised that the Town of Innisfil in partnership with government and community partners, will be hosting a Celebrate Lake Simcoe Day on Saturday, July 31, 2010, at Innisfil Beach Park.
- Councillor Wauchope invited the LSRCA to participate in the event and to extend an invitation to the Foundation as well.

#### Exclusive Franklin Fishing Club Event

- A reminder that the Exclusive Franklin Fishing Club Event, hosted by the Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation, is scheduled for Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010.
- There are still spaces available at a cost of \$250.00 per person which will include a Tour of the





Franklin Fish Club, Fly Fishing Lessons and a full sit down lunch. For more information and to register contact Judy Milner at 905-895-1281 ext 241 or [j.milner@lsrca.on.ca](mailto:j.milner@lsrca.on.ca)

- Please pass this information on to anyone who may be interested in participating. For more information please visit [http://www.lsrca.on.ca/Foundation/franklin\\_event.html](http://www.lsrca.on.ca/Foundation/franklin_event.html)

### **Staff Reports**

#### YRDSB/LSRCA Educational Services Contract

- The Board approved Staff Report No. 23-10-BOD regarding the 2010-2011 contract between the York Region District School Board and the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority in relation to the delivery of education services.

#### Landowner Environmental Assistance Program – 2009 Progress Report

- The Board dealt with and approved Staff Report No. 24-10-BOD which provided an update on the projects undertaken in the Lake Simcoe watershed through the Authority's Landowner Environmental Assistance Program
- Since 1989, more than 1,500 restoration projects have been completed, valued at over \$14.9 million and have contributed to an annual reduction of 18 metric tonnes of phosphorus entering the Lake.
- In 2009, 284 projects were completed with the most common being upgrading of faulty septic systems.

#### Ramara Creeks Subwatershed Stewardship Plan

- The Board dealt with and approved Staff Report No. 25-10-BOD regarding the Ramara Creeks Subwatershed Stewardship Plan which included the Executive Summary of the Plan.
- The main purpose of this Plan is to outline actions that can be undertaken on individual properties to restore, protect and maintain the health and quality of local streams and surrounding environment.
- Councillor O'Donnell commended Authority staff for their work on establishing this Plan.



### Lake Simcoe Septic Inspections – Response to EBR Posting

- The Board dealt with Staff Report No. 26-10-BOD which included the Authority's draft comments to the proposed amendments to the Building Code (O. Reg. 350/06) – Reinspecting On-Site Sewage Maintenance Inspection Programs.
- The comments were amended following the discussion and the final comments submitted through the Environmental Bill of Rights Registry on May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

### Lake Simcoe Protection Plan – Update

- The Board approved Staff Report No. 27-10-BOD which provided an update on the Authority's activity related to the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan. Included with the Staff Report was a copy of a letter to Minister Gerretsen which identifies the level of provincial funding required to assist with the implementation of the Plan.

### AMO – Case of Joint and Several Liability Reform in Ontario

- The Board approved Staff Report No. 29-10-BOD regarding AMO's Case for Joint and Several Liability Reform in Ontario and endorsed the recommendation put forward by Conservation Ontario.

### Other Business

#### Simcoe County – Conservation Authority Review Sub Committee

- The Board received tabled correspondence dated May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010, from the County of Simcoe inviting the LSRCA to participate in a future meeting to provide a presentation related to governance, operational/legislative issues, funding models, steps to avoid duplication, current methods of dispute resolution with municipalities and recommendations for future improvements.
- Severn Sound Environmental Association and the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority were also invited to attend.
- LSRCA staff will provide the presentation to the Board in advance of the meeting date which is proposed to be June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

### Closed Session

- The Board dealt with and approved Confidential Staff Report No.'s 30-10-BOD and 31-10-BOD regarding confidential Land Securement matters.