



LAKE SIMCOE REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

MEETING NO. BOD-12-07

Friday, December 14, 2007 - 9:00 a.m

Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority
Newmarket, ON

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

V. Hackson, Chair
Councillor B. Drew, Vice-Chair
Councillor S. Agnew
Mr. E. Bull
Councillor G. Campbell
Councillor E. MacEachern
Councillor K. Ferdinands
Regional Councillor J. Grant
Mayor R. Grossi
Regional Councillor H. Herrema
Councillor B. Huson
Councillor J. O'Donnell
Regional Councillor J. Taylor
Councillor J. Rupke
Deputy Mayor G. Wauchope

Staff Present:

D. Gayle Wood, C.A.O./Secretary-Treasurer
B. Kemp, Director, Conservation Lands
M. Valcic, Director, Corporate Services
M. Walters, Director, Watershed Management
R. Baldwin, Manager, Watershed Science
P. Davies, Manager, Watershed Stewardship
D. Eldon, Community Relations Specialist
W. Black, Administrative Assistant
J. Gerrard, Administrative Assistant
K. Kennedy, Land Securement Officer
D. Lembcke, Senior Environmental Monitoring Scientist
A. Gynan, Watershed Coordinator
J. Brown, Lead Hand, Field Services
D. Fennell, Lead Hand, Field Operations
G. Casey, Coordinator, Board/CAO, Projects & Services

Regrets:

Councillor J. McCallum
Councillor A. Nuttall
Mayor J. Young
Mayor R. Stevens

Others:

K. MacKenzie, LSCF

I / DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None indicated for the record of this meeting.

II // APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by: J. Grant

Seconded by: B. Drew

BOD-147-07 **RESOLVED THAT** the content of the Agenda for the December 14th, 2007, meeting be approved as amended to include the Tabled Items and Other Business agenda.

CARRIED

III // ADOPTION OF MINUTES

(a) Board of Directors

Chair Hackson advised that the November 23rd, 2007, minutes indicate that the Administrative Committee will be receiving a presentation from the Authority's auditor at their December 7th, 2007, meeting. However, as this meeting was cancelled, this action has been moved to the January meeting agenda for the Administrative Committee.



Moved by: G. Wauchope

Seconded by: R. Grossi

BOD-148-07 RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Board of Directors Meeting No. 11-07-BOD, November 23, 2007, be adopted as printed and circulated.

CARRIED

IV ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a) Next Meeting

Chair Hackson advised that the next meeting of the Authority's Board will be held on Friday, January 25, 2008, and will not be combined with a meeting of the Source Protection Authority.

Councillor Lynn Dollin, Chair, Source Protection Committee will provide an update related to Source Protection Planning at the Authority's Annual General Meeting which will be held on Friday, February 22, 2008.

(b) Introduction - Authority Staff

The Director, Corporate Services introduced Dana Eldon, Community Relations Specialist, who recently joined the Authority. Dana provided a brief overview of her background and experience.

V HEARINGS

There were no Hearings scheduled for this meeting

VI DELEGATIONS

There were no Delegations scheduled for this meeting.

VII PRESENTATIONS

(a) Staff Recognition - Years of Service

The CAO and Directors presented the following Authority staff with a memento in recognition of their years of service with the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority.

5 Years:

Wanda Black, Administrative Assistant, Conservation Lands
Julie Gerrard, Administrative Assistant, Corporate Services
Rob Wilson, Aquatic Ecologist, Watershed Science(absent)



10 Years:

Kevin Kennedy, Land Securement Officer, Conservation Lands
David Lembcke, Senior Environmental Monitoring Scientist, Watershed Science
Andrea Gynan, Watershed Coordinator, Conservation Lands

25 Years:

John Brown, Lead Hand, Field Services, Conservation Lands

35 Years:

Doug Fennell, Lead Hand, Field Operations, Conservation Lands

b) Watercourse Rehabilitation Projects

The Director, Watershed Management, provided a presentation highlighting two projects undertaken in watercourse rehabilitation projects.

Moved by: H. Herrema

Seconded by: E. Bull

BOD-149-07 RESOLVED THAT the presentation provided by the Director, Watershed Management regarding the watercourse rehabilitation projects undertaken in the watershed be received.

CARRIED

(c) Watershed Science - Year End Activity Report

The Manager, Watershed Science, provided a review of the activities undertaken in watershed science throughout 2007 in the areas of natural heritage, monitoring, water quantity and research.

The Manager reviewed the future direction and initiatives for the Watershed Science Division.

Moved by: E. MacEachern

Seconded by: J. Rupke

BOD-150-07 RESOLVED THAT the presentation provided by the Manager, Watershed Science, regarding the activities undertaken in the Watershed Science Division be received.

(d) Lake Simcoe Environmental Management Strategy
Comprehensive Basin Wide Plan

The Director, Watershed Management provided an overview of the purpose and components of the Comprehensive Basin Wide Plan.

This report will be completed in Draft by year end and will undergo stakeholder consultation in early 2008.



Moved by: S.Agnew

Seconded by: B. Huson

BOD-151-07 RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 78-07-BOD and the presentation provided by the Director, Watershed Management, regarding the Lake Simcoe Environmental Management Strategy - Proposed Comprehensive Basin Wide Plan, be received.

CARRIED

VIII DETERMINATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Items 2 (c, e & f), 4 and 6 were identified for separate discussion.

IX ADOPTION OF ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Moved by: B. Drew

Seconded by: J. O'Donnell

BOD-152-07 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. Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation 179/06

RESOLVED THAT applications under Section 28 of the Conservation Authorities Act and Ontario Regulation 179/06 be received for information.

2. Correspondence

RESOLVED THAT the correspondence listed in the December 14th, 2007 Agenda as items 2 (a, b, d, g, h and i) be received for information.

3. Monthly Communications Update

RESOLVED THAT the Monthly Communications Update, for the period November 1 to 30, 2007 be received for information.

5. Letter of Understanding - Township of Uxbridge

RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 80-07-BOD and Letter of Understanding between the Township of Uxbridge and the LSRCA regarding planning services be received and approved; and

FURTHER THAT staff report back to the Board in November 2008 regarding the success of the program and recommendations for future partnerships.



7. Scanlon Creek - Utilization of Funds Acquired Through Land Disposition

**RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 82-07-BOD regarding the utilization of funds (\$106,000) acquired through the disposition of lands within the Scanlon Creek Conservation Area be received for information; and
THAT staff be directed to establish two reserve funds, one for future Land Securement and one for on-going Conservation Area Maintenance and Development; and
FURTHER THAT staff be directed to allocate \$56,000 to the Land Securement Reserve and \$50,000 to the Conservation Area Maintenance and Development Reserve.**

**8. Wholesale Groceries
Prof. E.A. Smith Educational Centre**

**RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 83-07-BOD regarding the recommendation for the wholesale grocery supplier for the residential program at the Professor E.A. Smith Natural Resources Educational Centre at Scanlon Creek Conservation Area for the year 2008 be received; and
FURTHER THAT staff be authorized to issue a purchase order for the period January 1st to December 31st, 2008, to Sysco Food Services Central Ontario.**

X *CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION*

2. Correspondence

(c) MNR/MOE - Source Water Protection Partnership Funding Approach

Councillor Bobbie Drew requested clarification around this correspondence and inquired if staff have any concerns.

The Director, Corporate Services advised that there are no concerns from a staff perspective and clarified that the province is requesting that an accountability framework be in place for the funding.

Moved by: B. Drew

Seconded by: G. Wauchope

BOD-153-07 RESOLVED THAT correspondence listed as item 2(c) of the December 14, 2007, agenda be received for information.

CARRIED



(e)(f) Critical Elements of the Lake Simcoe Protection Act & Correspondence from Ladies of the Lake regarding the Report of the LSEMS Working Group and Steering Committee

Councillor Ken Ferdinands, referencing both pieces of correspondence, requested clarification around the Report of the LSEMS Steering Committee - Toward a New Governance Model For Lake Simcoe, which was recently endorsed by the Board. Based on the correspondence, it is clear that the organizations are not supportive of the recommendations put forward by the LSEMS Steering Committee and subsequently endorsed by the Authority's Board.

The Director, Watershed Management confirmed that the report of the LSEMS Steering Committee is what is currently before the Province for their consideration. The Director further advised that the report of the LSEMS Working Group created the foundation for the report of the Steering Committee. While some recommendations are the same in both reports, other recommendations differ and one in particular is the establishment of a separate entity to manage Lake Simcoe.

Councillor Bobbie Drew advised that at the recent meeting of the Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation's Board, unanimous support of the report of the LSEMS Steering Committee was passed. Councillor Drew reminded the Board that the Foundation's Board is comprised of stakeholders and that they were very supportive of the recommendations in the report.

Councillor Drew further advised that the Township of Scugog's Council recently passed a motion supporting the recommendations of the LSEMS Steering Committee and urged all municipal Councils to do the same. Municipalities are not prepared to financially support the establishment of a separate entity to manage Lake Simcoe.

Moved by: K. Ferdinands

Seconded by: E. MacEachern

BOD-154-07 RESOLVED THAT correspondence listed as items 2 (e and f) in the December 14th, 2007, agenda be received for information; and THAT staff meeting with representatives from Campaign Lake Simcoe regarding the Critical Elements for the Lake Simcoe Protection Act as drafted by Campaign Lake Simcoe; and FURTHER THAT staff prepare a report for the January Board of Directors meeting regarding recommendations associated with the Critical Elements identified.

CARRIED

4. Shoreline Development Policy Review

Councillor John O'Donnell requested clarification related to Staff Report No. 79-07-BOD regarding the reference that shoreline development can harm the Lake.



The Manager, Watershed Management responded that this is in reference to the materials used when rehabilitating the shoreline (i.e. sheet metal, concrete, etc.), which in fact will harm the Lake. As there are different sensitivities along the Lake Simcoe shoreline in terms of habitat, vegetation, etc., these areas need to be identified in order for them to be protected.

The Director advised that the creation of Shoreline Policies will ensure a consistent approach on the Lake.

Councillor Agnew expressed full support of this very important Policy.

Moved by: E. Bull

Seconded by: S. Agnew

BOD-155-07: RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 79-07-BOD regarding a process to revise Section 12 (Shoreline Development) of the LSRCA Watershed Development Policies, be received and approved.

CARRIED

6. Lake Simcoe Water Quality Improvement Program

Councillor John O'Donnell requested clarification on how the Lake Simcoe Water Quality Improvement Program works. He was advised by a landowner interested in building a manure storage unit could not receive project approval of funding until the project is complete which resulted in a lack of interest in undertaking the project.

The Manager, Watershed Stewardship clarified that this is a mis-communication as projects are in fact approved prior to them being started. However, funds cannot be released until such time as the project is complete and are payable to the landowner and not to contractors.

Moved by: J. Rupke

Seconded by: J. O'Donnell

BOD-156-07: RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 81-07-BOD regarding proposed changes to the Lake Simcoe Water Quality Improvement Program be received; and THAT the proposed changes be approved for implementation commencing January 1, 2008; and FURTHER THAT the Regional Municipality of York approve the use of funds from the Lake Simcoe Water Quality Improvement Program for septic rehabilitation projects in York Region.

CARRIED



XI OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Funding Announcement - Minister Gerretsen

Information regarding the Lake Simcoe funding announcement delivered by The Hon. John Gerretsen, Minister of the Environment on December 6, 2007, was tabled at the meeting.

The Director, Watershed Management, reviewed information and advised that staff will be meeting with Provincial staff to discuss the details around the allocation of funds and will report back to the Board.

Currently, the proposed legislation is on the Environmental Bill of Rights (EBR) for comment. This can be found at http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/searchNotice.do?menuIndex=1_2&searchType=splash

(b) Maskinonge River

Chair Hackson advised that the Town of East Gwillimbury's Council received a presentation from concerned stakeholders on the issues related to the Maskinonge River.

Chair Hackson requested that staff prepare a report on the Maskinonge River for the March 2008 Board Meeting and further that the delegation currently scheduled for the January meeting in this regard be moved to March 2008.

Moved by: E. MacEachern

Seconded by: R. Grossi

BOD-157-07 RESOLVED THAT the verbal report by Chair Virginia Hackson regarding the Maskinonge River be received; and FURTHER THAT staff be directed to prepare a report for the March 2008 Board of Directors meeting regarding water quantity and water level issues in the Maskinonge River subwatershed.

CARRIED

XII CLOSED SESSION

Moved by: J. Rupke

Seconded by: B. Huson

BOD-158-07 RESOLVED THAT the Authority's Board of Directors move to "Closed Session" to discuss confidential human resource matters.



Moved by: J. Taylor

Seconded by: G. Wauchope

BOD-159-07 RESOLVED THAT the Authority's Board of Directors rise from "Closed Session" and report their progress.

(a) Appointment -Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation Board

The Board dealt with Confidential Staff Report No. 84-07-BOD regarding an appointment to the Foundation's Board of Directors.

Moved by: H. Herrema

Seconded by: B. Drew

BOD-160-07 RESOLVED THAT Confidential Staff Report No. 84-07-BOD regarding the appointment to the Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation be approved and the Foundation be so advised.

(b) Ontario Regulation 179/06

Staff provided an update to the Board of Directors regarding the enforcement of Ontario Regulation 179/06 in relation to the preservation and protection of wetlands.

XII ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. on a motion by R. Grossi.

original signed by:

Councillor Virginia Hackson
Chair

original signed by:

D. Gayle Wood, CMM III
Chief Administrative Officer