



**LAKE SIMCOE REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**  
**MEETING NO. BOD-09-08**  
**Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

**Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority**

**MINUTES**

**Board Members Present:**

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

**Staff Present:**

D. Gayle Wood, C.A.O./Secretary-Treasurer  
B. Kemp, Director, Conservation Lands  
M. Valcic, Director, Corporate Services  
R. Baldwin, A/Director, Watershed Management  
T. Hogenbirk, Manager, Engineering & Technical Services  
K. Christensen, Coordinator, Human Resources  
B. Booth, A/Manager, Planning  
G. Casey, Coordinator, Board/CAO, Projects & Services

**Guests:**

Mr. D. Dabis, D & G Dabis Farm  
Ms. C. Kaiser-Reid, Point of Mara Resort & Trailer Park  
Ms. K. MacKenzie, Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation

**Regrets:**

Councillor E. MacEachern  
Councillor J. O'Donnell  
Mayor R. Stevens

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**I DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None indicated for the record of this meeting.

**II APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by: B. Drew

Seconded by: J. Rupke

BOD-08-096 **RESOLVED THAT the content of the Agenda for the September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008 meeting of the Board of Directors be approved as amended to include the Tabled Items and Other Business Agenda.**

CARRIED



### III ***ADOPTION OF MINUTES***

#### (a) Board of Directors

Member John McCallum noted an error in his name error on page 5, item IX of the meeting minutes. The minutes will be changed to reflect Seconded by: J. McCallum.

Moved by: J. McCallum

Seconded by: G. Campbell

BOD-08-097 **RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Board of Directors Meeting No. BOD-08-08, held on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2008, be adopted and approved as corrected.**

CARRIED

#### (b) Administrative Committee

The CAO provided a verbal report related to the 2008 Conservation Awards Night advising that, further to a discussion at the Administrative Committee meeting, a process will be put in place to recognize the years of service, volunteer activities and special acknowledgement of staff. This will therefore leave the Conservation Awards celebration to recognize those efforts of the community.

A report will be provided to the Administrative Committee at a future meeting which will contain options for consideration.

Moved by: B. Drew

Seconded by: J. Taylor

BOD-08-098 **RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Administrative Committee meeting held on September 19, 2008, be approved as printed.**

CARRIED

### IV ***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

#### (a) 2008 Ontario Stewardship Ranger Program

Chair Hackson shared the award presented to the Authority by The Hon. Donna Cansfield, Minister of Natural Resources, acknowledging the Authority's participation in the Ontario Stewardship Ranger Program.

#### (b) Staff Introductions

The Board was introduced to two new staff members:

Ms. Sara Brockman, Environmental Planning, Customer Service Representative

Ms. Jaclyn Kane, Financial Analyst



(c) Watershed Excellence Showcase

The CAO advised that further to the August Board of Directors' Meeting, staff have started to work on the launch of the Authority's Watershed Excellence Showcase. Invitations have been sent out for this event which is scheduled to be held on Friday, October 31, 2008 from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.

Chair Hackson requested that the Board Members plan to attend and to encourage their respective Mayor's to also attend.

V **HEARINGS**

There were no Hearings scheduled for this meeting.

VI **DEPUTATIONS**

(a) Diether Dabis - McNabb Drain

The CAO introduced Mr. Dabis to the Board and advised that while Authority staff have tried to address Mr. Dabis' concerns related to the McNabb Drain, he is not satisfied with the response of staff and the CAO has therefore suggested that Mr. Dabis present his concerns to the Board of Directors.

Mr. Dabis, through his presentation, requested that the Authority act as a catalyst to deal with the pollution and danger to public health that the McNabb Drain presents. He further advised that while a \$1M drainage project was completed, the product delivered is an unstable and dysfunctional drainage system.

Member J. McCallum advised that this falls under the responsibility of the municipality and the *Drainage Act* and inquired if steps have been taken in this regard.

Mr. Dabis responded that the *Drainage Act* has failed and that he has had no satisfactory response from them. The Drainage Engineer has done nothing to correct the dysfunctional drain and this is now an environmental issue.

The CAO provided that staff have been corresponding with Mr. Dabis on this issue for the past 5 years. The CAO has personally had conversations with Mr. Dabis to discuss these concerns. Staff understand that Mr. Dabis is not pleased, however staff have worked very hard on this issue and have tried to resolve some of the concerns. It must be noted that this is a drainage issue and the CAO therefore recommended that staff be given the opportunity to review the file and report to the Board at their October meeting.



Member J. Rupke suggested that Mr. Dabis and/or the municipality appeal this through the Drainage Act with a supporting petition from area landowners. Councillor Rupke further added that as there is not enough information available to make a decision, he supports the recommendation to provide the staff an opportunity to provide a report at the October Board meeting.

Mr. Dabis offered to leave the many photos of the drain and area for staff's review.

Moved by: J. Rupke

Seconded by: H. Herrema

**BOD-08-099 RESOLVED THAT the Deputation provided by Mr. Diether Dabis regarding issues related to the McNabb Drain be received; and FURTHER THAT staff be directed to review this information and provide a report for the October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008, meeting of the Authority's Board of Directors for their consideration.**

CARRIED

## VII **PRESENTATIONS**

### (a) Carp Clean Up

A slide show of photos reflecting the work done to collect the dead carp was shown.

Member R. Grossi thanked the Authority for their much appreciated assistance provided to his community during this unfortunate situation..

### (b) Watershed Song

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Shane Kramer, Outdoor/Environmental Educator, presented the "Watershed Song" to the Board of Directors This song was written by an Authority staff member and performed by the Conservation Kid's Summer Nature Program at the Sheppard's Bush Conservation Area, Aurora.

Moved by: B. Drew

Seconded by: G. Campbell

**BOD-08-100 RESOLVED THAT the presentation of the "Watershed Song" as presented by the Outdoor/Educational Educator be received; and FURTHER THAT the Board approve the use of this song during the launch of the Watershed Excellence Showcase.**

## VIII **DETERMINATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION**

Item 5 and 7 were identified for separate discussion.



**IX ADOPTION OF ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION**

Moved by: J. Young                      Seconded by: E. Bull

**BOD-08-101 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**

**BOD-08-102 RESOLVED THAT applications under Section 28 of the Conservation Authorities Act and Ontario Regulation 179/06 be received for information.**

**2. Correspondence**

**BOD-08-103 RESOLVED THAT the correspondence listed in the September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008 agenda as item 2 (a) through (c) be received for information.**

**3. Monthly Communications Update**

**BOD-08-104 RESOLVED THAT the Monthly Communications Update, for the period August 1 to 31, 2008 be received for information.**

**4. 2009 Budget Assumptions and Timelines**

**BOD-08-105 RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 47-08-BOD entitled 2009 Budget Development - Proposed Process, Assumptions and Schedule, be approved.**

**6. Carp Clean Up - Associated Costs**

**BOD-08-106 RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 49-08-BOD regarding Lake Simcoe Carp Die Off summary of Authority expenses related to the clean-up activities be received for information.**

**8. Application of Ontario Reg. 179/06 - Lake Simcoe Shoreline**

**BOD-08-107 RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 51-08-BOD regarding the Application of Ontario Regulation 179/06 along the Lake Simcoe Shoreline be received; and  
FURTHER THAT staff be authorized to administer permitting and enforcement matters in accordance with Ontario Regulation 179/06 along the Lake Simcoe Shoreline including those lands and waters immediately adjacent to the shoreline below an elevation of 219.15 MASL.**



X **CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION**

5. **Agricultural Permits to Take Water (PTTW)**

The Board dealt with Staff Report No. 48-08-BOD which provided an update related to the Authority providing assistance to the agricultural community with their applications for PTTW's).

Member Rupke advised that this is becoming a very important issue for the agricultural community and indicated that the legislation is currently being reviewed for every pump. Councillor Rupke requested that should staff have discussions with the Ministry of the Environment regarding flow monitoring that staff put forward a recommendation to monitor flows by hours rather than litres/gallons.

The CAO advised that staff have not been involved in such discussions however should this happen this recommendation will be shared with the Ministry of the Environment.

Moved by: J. Rupke

Seconded by: G. Wauchope

**BOD-08-108 RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 48-08-BOD be received for information and that staff be directed to continue to assist farmers with their Permits To Take Water (PTTW) applications; and  
FURTHER THAT the Director, Watershed Management continue to monitor the subsequent workload and report back to the Board should it begin to impact the operational efficiency of the department.**

CARRIED

7. **Proposed Direction of Re-branding the LSRCA**

The Board dealt Staff Report No. 50-08-BOD which provided recommendations on the direction for re-branding the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority.

The Director, Corporate Services provided a brief background regarding this report and the recommendations contained within the Report.

The Board approved the recommendation of staff to implement moderate changes over a 3-12 month period, review and consider modest yet impactful changes such as name and logo and related timing for implementation.



Moved by: B. Drew

Seconded by: J. Taylor

**BOD-08-109 RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 50-08-BOD entitled "Proposed Direction for Re-branding the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority" be approved.**

CARRIED

The Board recessed for 10 minutes.

## XI **OTHER BUSINESS**

### (a) Proposed Lake Simcoe Protection Act

The Board discussed the proposed Lake Simcoe Protection Act which received second reading in the Legislature on September 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. The CAO advised that the expectation is that the draft Lake Simcoe Protection Plan will be put out for public consultation in October 2008.

Moved by: J. Taylor

Seconded by: G. Wauchope

**BOD-09-110 RESOLVED THAT the LSRCA Board of Directors authorize staff to explore costs associated with developing a strategy regarding the role of the Conservation Authority in relation to the Lake Simcoe Protection Act and Plan.**

CARRIED

## XII **CLOSED SESSION**

There were no items identified for Closed Session.

## XIII **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m. on a motion by J. Young

*original signed by:*

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Councillor Virginia Hackson  
Chair

*original signed by:*

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D. Gayle Wood, CMM III  
Chief Administrative Officer