



LAKE SIMCOE REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
MEETING NO. BOD-04-09
Friday, April 24th, 2009

120 Bayview Parkway
Newmarket, ON

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

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

Regrets:

Mayor R. Stevens

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
B. Booth, Manager, Planning
J. Lee, Manager, Finance
K. Neale, Manager, Corporate Communications
K. Christensen, Coordinator, Human Resources
B. Thompson, Conservation Lands Planner
C. Sharp, Watershed Coordinator
G. Casey, Coordinator, Board/CAO, Projects & Services

Guests:

Mr. Kirk Van Barcom, Grant Thornton
Ms. Michelle Shi, Grant Thornton

I DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None indicated for the record of this meeting.

II APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Hackson advised the Board the Mr. Smith, W.J. Smith Gardens, requested that the Hearing scheduled for this meeting as item VI Hearings - be deferred to a future meeting.

In addition, Chair Hackson requested approval to bring forward the Closed Session discussion to immediately follow the scheduled presentations.

Moved by: J. O'Donnell

Seconded by: J. Rupke

BOD-050-09 RESOLVED THAT the content of the Agenda for the April 24th, 2009 meeting of the LSRCA Board of Directors be approved as revised to include the "Tabled Items and Other Business" agenda, deferral of the item VI - Hearings and to move the Closed Session discussion forward in the agenda to follow item V - Presentations.

CARRIED



III ***ADOPTION OF MINUTES***

(a) Board of Directors

Moved by: B. Drew

Seconded by: A. Nuttall

BOD-051-09 RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Board of Directors Meeting No. BOD-03-09, held on March 27th, 2009, be adopted and approved as printed and circulated.

CARRIED

IV ***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

(a) Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation

Chair Hackson extended congratulations to the Foundation for another successful fundraising dinner held on April 17th, 2009 and thanked those who attended. The Foundation is estimating they have raised approximately \$100,000 to help protect and restore Lake Simcoe and contribute to conservation education through programs at the LSRCA.

(b) Introduction of New Authority Staff

The Board was introduced to the following newest members of the LSRCA's staff team, both working in the Watershed Management Division:

- Dr. Benjamin Longstaff, Science & Research Coordinator
- Shelly Cuddy, Hydrogeologist

(c) Resignation: Mr. Mark Valcic, Director, Corporate Services

The CAO announced that Mr. Mark Valcic, Director, Corporate Services has accepted a position with the Town of East Gwillimbury effective May 11, 2009. The CAO extended her personal thanks to Mark for his dedication and guidance over the past three and one half years with the Authority.

Mark extended his thanks to the CAO and Executive Management Team for providing him with the opportunity to work at the Authority and expressed a special thanks to the Board for their continuous support of the work the LSRCA staff is doing in the watershed.

V ***PRESENTATIONS***

(a) **Report to the Board of Directors**

Communication of Audit Results-December 31, 2008

Mr. Kirk Van Barcom, Grant Thornton presented the Report to the Board of Directors-Communication of the 2008 Audit Results which were included with this Agenda advising there were no significant issues to report.



Moved by: B. Drew

Seconded by: G. Wauchope

BOD-052-09: RESOLVED THAT the presentation of the 2008 Audited Financial Statements and Management Letter provided by the representative from Grant Thornton, be received; and THAT Staff Report No. 12-09-AC entitled, “2008 Draft Audited Financial Statements, Report on Reserves and Management Letter”, be received; and THAT the Board approve the 2008 Draft Audited Financial Statements; and THAT the Board, approve the Appropriations to Reserve from operations as outlined in Schedule 5 of the 2008 Draft Audited Financial Statements; and FURTHER THAT the approved 2008 Audited Financial Statements be distributed to the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Authority’s banker.

CARRIED

(b) Musselman’s Lake-Stewardship Opportunities

The Board dealt with Staff Report No. 17-09-BOD regarding the Musselman Lake Subwatershed Assessment and Stewardship Opportunities Report which was supported by a presentation from the Director, Conservation Lands. A copy of the Report’s Executive Summary was included with the agenda; a copy of the full Report is available on request through the LSRCA Office.

The Director advised that funding for the project was provided by the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, the Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation and the LSRCA. The presentation included an overview of the process undertaken which resulted in the development of the final report and the recommendations for implementing some of the stewardship opportunities identified through this initiative.

The Director extended thanks to Christa Sharp, Watershed Coordinator who is the LSRCA staff lead on this project and commended her for the great work done to date.

Councillor Ken Ferdinands commended staff for their work on this project which was handled with great skill and professionalism throughout the process.

Moved by: K. Ferdinands

Seconded by: B. Huson

BOD-053-09 RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 17-09-BOD and presentation by the Director, Conservation Lands, regarding the Musselman’s Lake Stewardship Opportunities Report be received; and FURTHER THAT LSRCA staff continue to work with the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville to establish roles and responsibilities with regard to the recommendations and implementation phase of the report.

CARRIED



(c) Scanlon Creek Conservation Area - Management Plan

The Board dealt with Staff Report No. 18-09-BOD regarding the Scanlon Creek Conservation Area Management Plan and received a presentation from Bill Thompson, Conservation Lands Planner. The Report's Executive Summary was circulated with the agenda; a full copy of the report is available on request through the LSRCA Office.

The Board approved Staff Report No. 18-09-BOD and received a presentation from Mr. Bill Thompson, Conservation Lands Planner regarding the Scanlon Creek Conservation Area Management Plan. Bill advised that the completion of a Management Plan for Scanlon Creek is part of the LSRCA's Strategic Plan and is one of six priority areas to be completed. Bill provided an overview of the results as identified through the Management Plan and the recommendations for improvement.

Councillor John McCallum commended Bill Thompson for his leadership on this very important initiative and commended him for the great work done adding that Scanlon Creek is a great asset for both the LSRCA and the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury.

Moved by: J. McCallum

Seconded by: E. MacEachern

BOD-054-09 RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 18-09-BOD regarding the Scanlon Creek Conservation Area Management Plan and the presentation provided by the Conservation Lands Planner be received; and THAT the Management Plan and associated Business Plan be approved; and THAT Conservation Authority staff continue to pursue funding and in-kind support to implement the recommendations of the Management Plan; and THAT staff be directed to use the Capital Asset Conservation Area Maintenance and Development Reserve, as and if required, to a maximum of \$30,000 for plan implementation.

CARRIED

VI **HEARINGS**

- (a) W.J. Smith Gardens Ltd.
Part of Lots 128 and 129
22653 Yonge Street
Town of East Gwillimbury

At the request of the applicant, this Hearing will be deferred to a future meeting.

VII **DEPUTATIONS**

There were no Deputations scheduled for this meeting.



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

No items were identified for separate discussion.

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

Moved by: R. Grossi Seconded by: E. MacEachern

BOD-060-09: **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**

Attached is the Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation 179/06 Report.

(a) Schedule 1

BOD-061-09: **RESOLVED THAT** applications under Section 28 of the Conservation Authorities Act and Ontario Regulation 179/06 be received for information.

2. **Correspondence**

BOD-062-09: **RESOLVED THAT** the Motion #M09-099 dated March 10, 2009, from the Municipality of South Bruce which references funding of the 36 Ontario Conservation Authorities; and **FURTHER THAT** Conservation Ontario continue their efforts in messaging the need for fair funding for the 36 Conservation Authorities.

3. **Monthly Communications Update**

BOD-063-09: **THAT** the Monthly Communications Update - Summary, for the period March 1-31, 2009 be received for information.

4. **Chair’s First Quarter Activity Report**

BOD-064-09: **RESOLVED THAT** Chair’s Report No. 02-09-Chair regarding the Chair’s Activity Report for the period January 1 to March 31, 2009, be received.



5. Watershed Excellence Showcase

BOD-065-09 RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 20-09-BOD regarding the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority's Watershed Excellence Showcase and the concept of taking this Showcase "On The Road" be received; and FURTHER THAT staff continue to work on this concept and provide updates to the Board as more information becomes available.

6. Landowners Environmental Assistance Program - Update

BOD-066-09 RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 21-09-BOD regarding the Landowner Environmental Assistance Program - 2008 Progress Report be received for information.

7. Updated Regulation Limit Maps

BOD-067-09 RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 22-09-BOD entitled "Updated to Regulation Limit Maps" be received for information, and FURTHER THAT Regulation Limit mapping updates be approved as listed in the document Regulation Limit Changes, April, 2009.

8. In Water Work Timing

BOD-068-09 RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 23-09-BOD regarding Lake Simcoe Tributaries In-Water Works Timing Restrictions be approved for use by Authority staff.

X *CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION*

No items were identified for separate discussion.

XI *OTHER BUSINESS*

(a) 2009 Budget

The Director, Corporate Services provided a brief overview of the final 2009 Budget reminding the Board that the Administrative Committee was involved throughout the process and received regular updates at their meetings. This was followed with a presentation by the Manager, Finance who highlighted the key areas within the budget.

The CAO conducted the recorded weighted vote as prescribed under the *Conservation Authorities Act*. The Authority's 2009 Budget was approved with a weighted recorded vote of 100%.



Moved by: R. Grossi

Seconded by: B. Drew

BOD-069-09 RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 13-09-AC entitled 2009 Proposed Budget be received; and THAT the 2009 Budget Estimates, with projected revenues in the amount of \$15,302,710, as presented in the 2009 Budget book be approved; and THAT the net reserve appropriations in the amount of \$142,351 as outlined in the 2009 Budget book be approved; and THAT copies of the approved budget be circulated to the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority watershed member municipalities; and FURTHER THAT each watershed member municipality be formally advised of their respective share of the general levy and special capital levy.

CARRIED

XIII **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m. on a motion by J. Young.

original signed by:

Councillor Virginia Hackson
Chair

original signed by:

D. Gayle Wood, CMM III
Chief Administrative Officer