



LAKE SIMCOE REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING NO. BOD-07-09

FRIDAY, JULY 24, 2009

120 BAYVIEW PARKWAY

NEWMARKET, ON

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

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

Regrets:

Councillor K. Ferdinands
Regional Councillor H. Herrema
Mayor R. Stevens

Staff Present:

D. Gayle Wood, Chief Administrative Officer
B. Kemp, Director, Conservation Lands
K. Neale, A/Director, Corporate Services
M. Walters, Director, Watershed Management
B. Booth, Manager, Planning
P. Davies, Manager, Watershed Stewardship
T. Hogenbirk, Manager, Engineering & Technical Services
K. Christensen, Coordinator, Human Resources
G. Casey, Coordinator, Board/CAO, Projects and Services

I. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None reported for the record of this meeting.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair Hackson advised that the Board will be moving to "Closed Session" in order to receive a verbal update related to a confidential legal matter.

Moved by: J. Grant

Seconded by: E. MacEachern

BOD-110-09 **RESOLVED THAT the content of the Agenda for the July 24th meeting of the Authority's Board of Directors be approved as amended to include the "Closed Session" update.**

CARRIED



In response to the concern of the Board Members regarding how municipalities will have their concerns addressed in relation to the Plan, the CAO recommended that each municipality invite provincial staff to their respective Council meetings in order to have such discussions.

Moved by: R. Grossi

Seconded by: G. Wauchope

BOD-113-09 **RESOLVED THAT the LSRCA Board of Directors invite the Ministry of the Environment to the August 28th, 2009, Board Meeting to discuss the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan; and FURTHER THAT the Authority advise the watershed municipalities of this resolution and highly recommend that each municipal council request the Ministry of the Environment attend a meeting of their Council in order to discuss the implementation of the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan, the impact on each municipality and the delivery of the provincial priorities identified in the Plan.**

CARRIED

(b) Thiess Riverprize

Chair Hackson announced that the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority has been shortlisted for the International Riverprize Award.

As the symposium will be held the week of September 21-24, 2009 the September 24th meeting of the Authority's Board will be cancelled with the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on October 23rd, 2009. This will also be a meeting of the Lakes Simcoe and Couchiching/Black River Source Protection Authority.

(c) LSRCA Staff Appreciation Breakfast

Chair Hackson advised that the Board will be hosting a LSRCA Staff Appreciation Breakfast on Friday, August 28th, 2009. This will be held at Madsen's Greenhouse beginning at 7:45 a.m. The Board meeting will follow at 9:00 a.m.

(d) Delegation – Trinidad Tobago

The Manager, Engineering and Technical Services advised the Board that he hosted a session with staff from Trinidad Tobago. They were interested in learning more about the work the Authority does in the Flood Forecasting/Warning area, Integrated Watershed Management and Stewardship Work. They were very impressed with the work of the Authority and they are interested in establishing a similar agency in Trinidad Tobago to undertake this work.



IV. PRESENTATIONS

(a) 2009-2013 Business Plan

The A/Director, Corporate Services provided an overview presentation related to the Authority's Draft 2009-2013 Business Plan which was provided to all Members.

The CAO advised that the purpose of this document is provide an overall view of the activity within the Authority. It is understood that this is a living document which will incur changes moving forward dependant on what is happening outside the CA.

The Board endorsed the Business Plan as a guiding document for staff to use in their day to day business and for budget discussions with municipalities.

Prior to approving the Business Plan, the Board requested additional information be included in the document such as a consolidated report related to the staffing plan and the projected impact this will have on the budget. Staff will provide this information at the August 2009 Board Meeting.

Moved by: B. Drew

Seconded by: G. Campbell

BOD-114-09 **RESOLVED THAT the presentation provided by the A/Director, Corporate Services regarding the Draft 2009-2013 Business Plan be received; and
FURTHER THAT the 2009-2013 Business Plan be approved in principle as a guiding document subject to budget considerations, changing opportunities, and changing legislative requirements.**

11 in favour
4 opposed
CARRIED

Chair Hackson extended thanks to staff for a great document.

V. HEARINGS

None scheduled for this meeting.

VI. DEPUTATIONS

None scheduled for this meeting.

VII. DETERMINATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Items 5, 6, and 7 were identified for separate discussion.



IX. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

5. Water Levels – Lake Simcoe

The Board dealt with Staff Report No. 48-09-BOD regarding the water levels of Lake Simcoe and approved the recommendation of staff that Parks Canada be requested to re-examine the rule curve for Lake Simcoe; study the overall hydrology/hydraulics of the Severn River Watershed; and review the potential for increasing the capacity of the dams at Washago.

Councillor O'Donnell expressed some concern regarding the impact of the Black River on the Severn system. Staff advised that the recommendation with the Staff Report is requesting Parks Canada to place some focus on the Severn waterway system.

Moved by: J. O'Donnell

Seconded by: J. Rupke

BOD-121-09 **RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 48-09-BOD regarding Lake Simcoe Water Levels be received for information; and FURTHER THAT Parks Canada be requested to do the following:**

- 1. Re-examine the rule curve for Lake Simcoe;**
- 2. Study the overall hydrology/hydraulics of the Severn River Watershed; and**
- 3. Review the potential for increasing the capacity of the dams at Washago.**

CARRIED

1. Planning Quarterly Report

The Board dealt with Staff Report No. 49-09-BOD regarding the monitoring of planning and development applications. It was noted that text was dropped from page 2 of the Staff Report. (Impact on Authority Finances) the paragraph should have read as follows:

A significant reduction in the number of applications could result in lower fee generation that would negatively affect the 2009 budget for the planning program. This situation was anticipated by staff and the 2009 budget was prepared with this situation in mind. Staff will continue to monitor the situation closely.

The Director, Watershed Management advised that currently there are no immediate concerns with this matter.



Moved by: J. Grant

Seconded by: J. McCallum

BOD-122-09 **RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 49-09-BOD regarding the monitoring of planning and development applications for the period January 1, 2009 to June 30, 2009, be received for information.**

CARRIED

7. **Conservation Authority Infrastructure Analysis (Preliminary Report)**

The Board dealt with Staff Report No. 50-09-BOD. Chair Hackson noted the recommendation indicates staff will report back to the Board with a comprehensive report in September. Given the decision to cancel the September Board Meeting, Chair Hackson requested this recommendation be changed to bring a comprehensive report to the October meeting.

Moved by: J. Young

Seconded by: B. Drew

BOD-123-09 **RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 50-09-BOD regarding a preliminary analysis of the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority's Infrastructure challenges be received for information; and THAT staff be authorized to draw \$16,000 from the Authority's Maintenance Reserve for new siding and windows in the original Administrative Building; and FURTHER THAT staff be directed to prepare detailed reports on specific infrastructure challenges and report back to the Board of Directors in October 2009.**

CARRIED

X. **CLOSED SESSION**

The Board moved to Closed Session to receive a verbal update on a confidential legal matter.

Moved by: J. Taylor

Seconded by: J. McCallum

BOD-124-09 **RESOLVED THAT the Authority's Board of Directors move to Closed Session to receive a verbal update regarding a confidential legal matter.**

Moved by: J. McCallum

Seconded by: B. Huson

BOD-125-09 **RESOLVED THAT the Authority's Board of Directors rise from Closed Session.**



XI. OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Peat Operations

Councillor Jack Rupke inquired if any progress has been made in the area of using muck soils for agricultural activities (Holland Marsh).

The CAO responded that Chair Hackson, Councillor McCallum, representative from the Growers' Association and the CAO met with Minister Cansfield, Ministry of Natural Resources and her staff to discuss the presence of conflicting legislation. This was an excellent meeting which has led to the establishment of a Working Group. A Terms of Reference has been established and forwarded to MNR staff for review and approval. The CAO indicated she is awaiting approval to move forward with the Committee.

(b) Site Visits – Ramara

Councillor O'Donnell extended thanks to Rob Baldwin, Manager, Watershed Science for joining himself and Township staff on site visits.

(c) Red Barn Theatre

Mayor Rob Grossi advised that the Red Barn Theatre is now back in business (following a fire) out of their temporary location at the Stephen Leacock Theater, Town of Georgina. Mayor Grossi asked Members to support the Theatre which delivers great shows by attending some of the events.

In addition, Chair Hackson suggested that if any municipalities are looking for prizes (ie golf prizes, staff prizes, gifts, etc.) to consider purchasing Red Barn theatre tickets.

(d) Arnold C. Matthews Nature Reserve

The Board viewed a video taken at the Arnold C. Matthews Nature Reserve dedication ceremony. This event was attended by approximately 200 guests including Minister Cansfield, Ministry of Natural Resources, Julia Munro, MPP, York Simcoe, and Mayor Rob Grossi, Town of Georgina, LSRCA Board Member.

XII. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m. on a motion by Councillor Nuttall.

original signed by:

Councillor Virginia Hackson
Chair

original signed by:

D. Gayle Wood, CMM III
Chief Administrative Officer