



(b) Administrative Committee

Councillor Agnew requested clarification related to the Board's approval of the Administrative Committee minutes.

It was clarified that the full Board is approving only the recommendations within the minutes and are not approving the content related to discussion, questions, etc. It is the role of the members of the Administrative Committee to review such content for errors and omissions.

As the Board requested further discussion regarding the Administrative Committee minutes they were moved to "Other Business".

IV ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a) Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation

Karin Hargreaves-Massar, Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation provided the Board with a verbal update on the planning progress of the Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation's 21st Annual George R. Richardson Dinner. Ms. Hargreaves-Massar advised that the current ticket sales are at 217 with a goal to sell 500. Further, the Foundation has secured \$41,000 of the \$70,000 in sponsorship funding.

In addition, Karin advised that the Foundation is still accepting items for both the silent and live auction events.

(b) Environmental Enforcement Activity – Township of Ramara

Councillor John O'Donnell extended thanks to the LSRCA staff regarding the decision of the Provincial Court to levy a fine against a developer in the Township of Ramara for the alteration\destruction of provincially significant wetlands on their property. Councillor O'Donnell advised that the Town appreciated the assistance of LSRCA staff in this matter.

(c) LSRCA Staff Retirement

Mr. Doug Fennell, Lead Hand-Field Operations, after 37 years with the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, will be retiring effective April 1, 2009. Mr. Fennell was present at the meeting to receive a gift presented on behalf of the Board of Directors.

Chair Hackson received approval from the Board to bring forward item VII - Deputation - Peat Farmers of Ontario.

VII DEPUTATIONS

(a) Peat Farmers of Ontario

Mr. Iain Donnell, legal representative for the Peat Farmers of Ontario presented before the Board of Directors regarding the peat harvesting operations in the Lake Simcoe watershed. A copy of the Deputation was included with the agenda.



Mr. Donnell indicated that the peat farming industry wants to work with the Authority. The peat farmers understand the need to protect wetlands and do not want to destroy the environment and have found that they are able to extract peat and replace it with a better product that will provide better water re-charge benefits in the area.

The CAO informed the Board that a meeting was held in 2008 with the Ministry of Natural Resources, Authority staff, Authority legal counsel and Mr. Donnell. This was a very productive meeting and there was some acknowledgement from MNR that peat harvesting had not been thoroughly explored in terms of the generic regulations. The Authority and the Ministry tried to work with the peat harvesting industry to make some arrangements to allow existing applications to move forward. The CAO recommended that in light of the current *Lake Simcoe Protection Act* and proposed Lake Simcoe Protection Plan, that Mr. Donnell meet with representatives at the staff level from the Ministry of the Environment, Ministry of Natural Resources and LSRCA to engage in further dialogue.

Councillor Rupke expressed concern regarding not having the peat product produced in Ontario. If this happens, the product, as it is now, will be brought in from other areas (ie Quebec, New Brunswick) and in some cases imported internationally questioning how this product will be monitored and regulated for content. Councillor Rupke added that this situation needs to be seriously looked at by the Province.

The CAO advised that Authority staff are prepared to coordinate this meeting and reminded the Board that the CA's mandate is the protection of wetlands.

Moved by: J. Rupke

Seconded by: J. McCallum

BOD-038-09: RESOLVED THAT the Deputation provided by Mr. Iain Donnell on behalf of the Peat Farmers of Ontario be received; and FURTHER THAT the Conservation Authority request a meeting between the Peat Farms representative, the LSRCA, MNR, MOE and other appropriate provincial ministries to further discuss the impacts of provincial legislation on the peat industry as soon as possible.

CARRIED

V **PRESENTATIONS**

(a) Cortel Group

The Board received Staff Report No. 14-09-BOD regarding the Town of Innisfil's 2010 Action Plan and a proposal put forward by the Cortel Group.

Mr. Terry Geddes from the Cortel Group provided a presentation regarding a proposal for the LSRCA to participate in a project with the Town of Innisfil. Mr. Geddes requested that the Board permit staff to engage in discussions in order to determine their interest in pursuing this opportunity.



Councillor Huson, indicating there is not sufficient information before the Board to make such a decision, asked that this matter be deferred until further information is available.

Councillor Grant suggested that this request is premature as the presentation had not yet concluded and could possibly provide the information needed and requested that the presenter be permitted to proceed.

The CAO advised that staff have had very preliminary discussions with the Cortel Group and therefore the Staff Report before them is not as detailed as staff would have liked. The CAO further advised that the presentation is before the Board in order to consider the opportunity to participate in this project and to direct staff to have further discussions, if appropriate, and report back to the Board of Directors.

Councillor Grant requested the Board move to Closed Session to discuss potential legal issues regarding this proposal.

Moved by: J. Grant

Seconded by: J. McCallum

BOD-040-09: RESOLVED THAT the Authority's Board of Directors move to Closed Session to discuss confidential legal matters.

CARRIED

Moved by: J. Rupke

Seconded by: J. O'Donnell

BOD-041-09: RESOLVED THAT the Board rise from Closed Session and report their progress.

CARRIED

Moved by: J. Rupke

Seconded by: J. O'Donnell

BOD-042-09: RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 14-09-BOD regarding Cortel's Response to the Town of Innisfil's 2010 Action Plan be received; and THAT the presentation provided by the Cortel Group be received; and FURTHER THAT staff be requested to obtain a legal opinion regarding the Authority's involvement in the project and engage in further discussions with the Town of Innisfil and the Cortel Group to clarify information on this project and report back to the Board of Directors.

CARRIED with 1 Opposed



(b) Best Management Practices Inventory - Project Update

The Manager, Watershed Science provided a brief presentation regarding the Best Management Practices Inventory project that the Authority has undertaken with funding from watershed municipalities and the Federal government under the Lake Simcoe Clean Up Fund. The purpose of this project is to identify Best Management Practices opportunities around the watershed.

The Board congratulated staff on the great work done.

Moved by: B. Huson

Seconded by: G. Wauchope

BOD-043-09:RESOLVED THAT the presentation provided by the Manager, Watershed Science regarding the Best Management Practices Project Update be received.

(c) Phoslock™ Update

Due to time limits of this meeting, the Phoslock™ presentation was deferred to a future meeting.

VI **HEARINGS**

There were no Hearings scheduled for this meeting.

VIII **DETERMINATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION**

Item 5 was identified for separate discussion.

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

Moved by: B. Drew

Seconded by: J. Grant

BOD-043-09: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-044-09:RESOLVED THAT applications under Section 28 of the Conservation Authorities Act and Ontario Regulation 179/06 be received for information.



2. Correspondence

BOD-045-09:RESOLVED THAT the correspondence listed in the March 27th, 2009 agenda as item 2 (a) be received for information.

3. Monthly Communications Update

BOD-046-09:THAT the Monthly Communications Update, for the period February 1-28, 2009 be received for information.

4. Authorization to Direct Source Project Work

BOD-047-09:RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 15-09-BOD regarding Authorization to Retain Louis Berger Inc. and Baird & Associates to Undertake Refinement of Water Quality Targets, Catchment Level Nutrient Analysis and Investigate the Potential for Sub-basin Target Setting be received for information; and THAT staff finalize a workplan and budget to Undertake Refinement of Water Quality Targets, Catchment Level Nutrient Analysis and Investigate the Potential for Sub-basin Target Setting; and FURTHER THAT the Authority's Board of Directors authorize the Chair and CAO to enter the Authority into a Professional Services Agreement to undertake the workplan.

X *CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION*

5. Application of Ontario Reg. 179/06

The Board dealt with Staff Report No. 16-09-BOD regarding the application of Ontario Regulation 179/06 along the Lake Simcoe shoreline.

Moved by: B. Drew

Seconded by: S. Agnew

BOD-048-09:RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 16-09-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.

CARRIED



XI **OTHER BUSINESS**

(a) Administrative Committee Minutes

Moved by: J. McCallum

Seconded by: K. Ferdinands

BOD-049-09: RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Administrative Committee Meeting No. 02-09-AC held on March 24th, 2009, be approved as printed.

XII **CLOSED SESSION**

No Closed Session items identified for this meeting.

XIII **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m. on a motion by J. Rupke.

original signed by:

Councillor Virginia Hackson
Chair

original signed by:

D. Gayle Wood, CMM III
Chief Administrative Officer