



Lake Simcoe
Region
Conservation
Authority

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING NO. BOD-03-10
Friday, April 23rd, 2010

120 Bayview Parkway
(Boardroom)
NEWMARKET, ON

MINUTES

Board Members Present

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

Regrets:

Councillor G. Campbell
Regional Councillor J. Grant
Councillor A. Nuttall
Regional Councillor J. Taylor
Mayor R. Stevens

Guests:

Staff Present

D. Gayle Wood, Chief Administrative Officer
B. Kemp, General Manager, Conservation Lands
J. Lee, General Manager, Corporate & Financial Services
M. Walters, General Manager, Watershed Management
R. Baldwin, Director, Planning and Development Services
C. Taylor, Executive Director, LSCF
B. Booth, Manager, Planning, Regulations & Enforcement
T. Hogenbirk, Manager, Engineering and Technical Services
S. Jagminas, A/Manager, Corporate Communications
C. Burgess, Sr. Environmental Planner
P. Strong, Sub-Watershed Planner
G. Casey, Coordinator, BOD/CAO, Projects & Services

Guests:

B. Kopperson, Executive Director, Windfall Ecology Centre
J. Atkinson, Director of Operations, Windfall Ecology Centre
A. Byrne, Grant Thornton

I. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None noted for the record of this meeting.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: J. Young

Seconded by: E. Bull

BOD-047-10 **RESOLVED THAT the content of the Agenda for the April 23rd, 2010, meeting of the Board of Directors be approved as amended to include the Tabled Items and Other Business Agenda which included the 2009 Audited Financial Statements and Management Letter; Administrative Committee Meeting minutes (April 21st, 2010); Preliminary 2010 Budget Book and Staff Report No. 21-10-BOD – Response to Correspondence from Global Environmental Action Group.**

CARRIED

III. **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

(a) Board of Directors

The minutes have been changed to reflect this change.

Moved by: J. Rupke

Seconded by: H. Herrema

BOD-048-10 **RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting No. BOD-03-10 held on March 26th, 2010, be adopted and approved as printed and circulated.**

CARRIED

(b) Administrative Committee

Moved by: J. McCallum

Seconded by: S. Agnew

BOD-049-10 **THAT the minutes of the Administrative Committee meeting held on April 23rd, 2010, be received; and FURTHER THAT the recommendations contained within the minutes be approved as presented.**

CARRIED

IV. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Nokiidaa Walking Together

- Brian Kemp, General Manager, Conservation Lands, advised that the Nokiidaa Trail Association is hosting and fundraising event “Nokiidaa Walking Together” in support of the Regional Cancer Program at Southlake, Newmarket.
- This event will take place on Saturday, May 8th, 2010. There are three different routes, the first and second beginning at Sheppard’s Bush Conservation Area (Aurora); the third at Rogers Reservoir (East Gwillimbury). All trails will end at Fairy Lake, Newmarket where all walkers will enjoy a BBQ beginning at 12:00 noon.
- Pledge Forms are available. For more information please contact Cathy Morton, Chair at 905-478-3801.

Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation (LSCF)

- Cheryl Taylor, Executive Director, LSCF, advised that the 22nd Annual George R. Richardson fundraising dinner was a successful event. Over 350 tickets were sold and the Foundation surpassed their goal for sponsorship.

- The Board was informed of a fundraising event to be held at Franklin Fishing Club, Mount Albert on Thursday, June 24, 2010. Participation is limited to 30 people; cost is \$250.00 per person which includes a Tour of the Franklin Fish Club, Fly Fishing Lessons and a full sit down lunch. For more information and to register contact Judy Milner at 905-895-1281 ext 241 or j.milner@lsrca.on.ca

Scanlon Creek Conservation Area

- Councillor McCallum announced an event to be held at Scanlon Creek Conservation Area on Saturday, April 24th, 2010, in recognition of the Scanlon Creek Conservation Area Revitalization Launch. This event included various activities including stream-bank restoration, bird banding demonstration, scavenger hunt and a barbecue.
- In addition, Mr. Thomas Collings who, in 2006 donated 18 acres of ecologically significant marsh habitat to the LSRCA, will be recognized.

V. **PRESENTATIONS**

(a) Windfall Ecology Centre

The Board received a presentation from Mr. Brent Kopperson, Executive Director and Ms. Jen Atkinson, Director of Operations, Windfall Ecology Centre.

The purpose of this presentation was to review the work done at the Sheppard's Bush Heritage House, now the home of the Windfall Ecology Centre, to make it an energy efficient building.

Mr. Kopperson and Ms. Atkinson reviewed the various initiatives that have been undertaken from energy efficient heating to renovating the kitchen, all in keeping with environmentally friendly concepts/materials. Their efforts have resulted in a reduction of their carbon footprint to almost 0.

Mr. Kopperson advised that the implementation of the plan was done in collaboration with the LSRCA, Town of Aurora, and Ontario Heritage Trust and announced that the Province and Federal Government have approved a grant of \$225,000 to be spent on capital improvements.

Mr. Kopperson extended thanks to the LSRCA for all of their help along the way.

Everyone is welcome to drop by for a visit and tour of the facility which is located at the Sheppard's Bush Conservation Area, Aurora.

Moved by: E. MacEachern

Seconded by: J. McCallum

BOD-050-10 **RESOLVED THAT the presentation provided by Mr. Brent Kopperson, Executive Director and Ms. Jen Atkinson, Director of Operations, Windfall Ecology Centre, be received.**

CARRIED

2009 LSRCA Audit Result

The General Manager, Corporate and Financial Services, provided a detailed overview of the results of the Authority's 2009 Audit which was undertaken and completed by Grant Thornton.

In addition, the Board received a presentation from Allister Byrne, Grant Thornton regarding the results of the 2009 Audit Process. Mr. Byrne reported a successful audit was completed with no issues/concerns to report.

The CAO extended thanks to the Full Management Team for their participation, support and understanding during the audit process.

Moved by: B. Drew

Seconded by: G. Wauchope

BOD-051-10 **RESOLVED THAT the presentation of the 2009 Audited Financial Statements and Management Letter provided by the representative from Grant Thornton, be received.**

CARRIED

Moved by: J. O'Donnell

Seconded by: B. Drew

BOD-052-10: **THAT Staff Report No. 06-10-AC entitled, "2009 Draft UnAudited Financial Statements, be received; and THAT the Administrative Committee recommend to the Board approval of the 2009 Draft UnAudited Financial Statements; and THAT the Administrative Committee recommend to the Board, approval of the Appropriations to Reserve from operations as outlined in Schedule 5 of the 2009 Draft UnAudited Financial Statements; and FURTHER THAT the Administrative Committee recommend to the Board that pending 2009 Audited Financial Statements be distributed to the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Authority's banker.**

CARRIED

VI. **HEARINGS**

None scheduled for this meeting.

5. **Lake Simcoe Protection Plan - Update**

BOD-057-10 **RESOLVED THAT Staff Report 14-10-BOD regarding an update on Authority staff activity in relation to the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan be received.**

6. **Quarterly Planning Activity Report – Jan-Mar, 2010**

BOD-058-10 **RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 15-10-BOD regarding the monitoring of planning and development applications for the period January 1, 2010 to March 31, 2010 be received for information.**

8. **York Region ORMCP Update**

BOD-059-10 **RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 19-10-BOD from the Director, Planning and Development Services received for information; and FURTHER THAT the Board of Directors approve for release the West and East Holland, Maskinonge and Black River Subwatershed plans; and FURTHER THAT staff be directed to work with partners to implement the recommendations contained within the plans.**

CARRIED

X. **CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION**

7. **Planning and Development Fees Policy**

The Board dealt with and approved Staff Report No. 16-10-BOD regarding proposed increases to the Authority's Planning and Development fees which have not been increased for 10 years.

In response to a question from the Board, staff assured the Board that there is no duplication of effort in the review performed by the Conservation Authority vs the review undertaken by the municipality.

Staff indicated that the increase to fees as outlined within the Staff Report have been discussed with the development/building industry and are considered reasonable from their perspective. The reason for the increase in fees is the increase in the amount of staff time that is spent on each application given the overlapping pieces of legislation have resulted in more complex reviews.

THAT the Administrative Committee recommend to the Board that the 2010 budget estimates, with projected revenues in the amount of \$15,294,466 as presented in the 2010 budget book be approved; and THAT the Administrative Committee recommend to the Board that the net reserve appropriations in the amount of \$112,745 as outlined in the 2010 budget book be approved; and THAT the Administrative Committee recommend to the Board 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.

Representative	Partner Municipality	CVA	YEA	NAY
Councillor Sandy Agnew	Township of Oro-Medonte	1.54%	X	
Mr. Eric Bull	City of Barrie	12.85%	X	
Councillor Glenn Campbell	City of Kawartha Lakes	0.62%	absent	
Councillor Bobbie Drew	Durham Region (Scugog)	3.01%	X	
Councillor Ken Ferdinands	York Region (Whitchurch-Stouffville)	7.14%	X	
Reg'l. Councillor John Grant	Durham Region (Brock)	3.01%	absent	
Mayor Robert Grossi	York Region (Georgina)	7.14%	X	
Councillor Virginia Hackson, Chair	York Region (East Gwillimbury)	7.14%	X	
Reg'l. Councillor Howie Herrema	Durham Region (Uxbridge)	3.01%	X	
Councillor Barbara Huson	Town of New Tecumseth	0.67%	X	
Councillor Evelina MacEachern	York Region (Aurora)	7.14%	X	
Councillor John McCallum	Town of Bradford-West Gwillimbury	5.02%	X	
Councillor Alex Nuttall	City of Barrie	12.85%	absent	
Councillor John O'Donnell	Township of Ramara	1.67%	X	
Councillor Jack Rupke	York Region (King)	7.14%	X	
Reg'l. Councillor John Taylor	York Region (Newmarket)	7.14%	absent	
Deputy Mayor Gord Wauchope	Town of Innisfil	5.77%	X	
Mayor James Young	York Region (at Large)	7.14%	X	
	Total	100.00%	76.38%	

CARRIED

The CAO conducted the recorded weighted vote as prescribed under the *Conservation Authorities Act*. The Authority's 2010 Budget was approved with a weighted recorded vote of 76.38% (representing 100% of those in attendance.)

The CAO took the opportunity to advise the Board that staff 100% unanimously supported the 0% Cost of Living Adjustment and commended all staff for this.

Original signed by:

Councillor V. Hackson
Chair

Original signed by:

D. Gayle Wood, CMM III
Chief Administrative Officer