



69<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Board of Directors' Meeting No. BOD-01-20

Friday, January 24, 2020

Old Town Hall Newmarket  
460 Botsford Street, Newmarket, ON

**MINUTES**

***2019 Board Members Present***

Councillor K. Aylwin  
Mayor D. Barton  
Mayor B. Drew  
Councillor A. Eek  
Regional Chairman W. Emmerson  
Councillor P. Ferragine  
Councillor R. Greenlaw  
Mayor V. Hackson  
Councillor S. Harrison-McIntyre  
Mayor M. Quirk  
Councillor C. Riepma  
Regional Councillor T. Vegh  
Councillor A. Waters  
Councillor E. Yeo

***2019 Board Members Absent:***

Mayor D. Bath-Hadden  
Councillor K. Ferdinands  
Councillor W. Gaertner  
Township of Ramara

***LSRCA Staff Present:***

L. Aspen  
R. Baldwin  
T. Barnett  
M. Bessey  
K. Biddie  
R. Bolton  
A. Brown  
D. Campbell  
M. Critch  
P. Davies  
J. Doyley  
P. Du  
D. Eldon  
S. Filson  
B. Ginn  
L. Grzywniak  
N. Hamley  
T. Harvey  
C. Hawson  
S. Ingott  
S. Jagminas  
B. Kemp

***2020 Board of Directors Present***

Councillor K. Aylwin  
Mayor D. Barton  
Mayor B. Drew  
Councillor A. Eek  
Regional Chairman W. Emmerson  
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Councillor R. Greenlaw  
Mayor V. Hackson  
Councillor S. Harrison-McIntyre  
Mayor M. Quirk  
Councillor C. Riepma  
Regional Councillor T. Vegh  
Councillor A. Waters  
Councillor E. Yeo

***2020 Board Members Absent:***

Mayor D. Bath-Hadden  
Councillor K. Ferdinands  
Councillor W. Gaertner  
Township of Ramara

K. Kennedy  
N. Knight  
K. Lillie  
S. McKinnon  
K. Nesbitt  
E. O'Connor  
N. O'Dell  
G. Peat  
G. Pizzuto  
K. Read  
M. Rosato  
L. Spinks  
T. Stanford  
C. Taylor  
P. Thase  
B. Thompson  
K. Toffan  
M. Walters  
K. Yemm  
K. Zeppieri

**Guests in Attendance**

J. Barnett, Kerbel Group Inc.  
T. Cane, Town of Innisfil  
C. Collier, MP Scot Davidson’s office  
R. Cronsberry, Town of Georgina  
F. D’Aquila-Kelly, Beard Winter LLP  
A. Dellelese, BDO Canada LLP  
L. Falco, ScotiaBank  
K. Fowler, Town of Innisfil  
K. Gavine, Conservation Ontario  
M. Geist, LSCF  
R. Gilliland, Town of Aurora  
K. Honey, Township of Uxbridge  
J. Iannace, York Region

S. James, Words Worth Writing  
K. Kelly, Groundswell Urban Planners  
D. Kerwin, Connect Campaign Leadership Cabinet  
E. Kerwin, Connect Campaign Leadership Cabinet  
T. Krsul, MECP  
S. Kurtz, SCS Consulting  
S. MacDonald, Simcoe.com  
J. Mackey, MECP  
D. Nadorozny, Town of Aurora  
B. Rogers, Groundswell Urban Planners  
N. Stacey, MECP  
B. Wair, The Auroran/New Tec Times  
T. Webster, Town of East Gwillimbury

**I. CHAIR’S WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair Emmerson welcomed everyone to LSRCA's 69<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting and recognized many guests in attendance.

Roll Call – 2019 Board Members - The 2019 Board members in attendance introduced themselves. Chair Emmerson noted the 2019 Board members who were not in attendance.

**II. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None recorded for this meeting.

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by: V. Hackson Seconded by: A. Eek

BOD-001-20 **RESOLVED THAT the content of the Agenda for the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority’s 69<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on Friday, January 24, 2020 be approved as presented. CARRIED**

**IV. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

a) Board of Directors

Moved by: E. Yeo Seconded by: D. Barton

BOD-002-20 **RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors’ Meeting No. BOD-10-19 held on Friday, December 13, 2019 be approved as circulated. CARRIED**

**V. GREETINGS**

Chair Emmerson was pleased to call upon the following guests to bring greetings:

- Andrea Khanjin, MPP Barrie-Innisfil and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks;
- Kim Gavine, General Manager of Conservation Ontario; and
- Marvin Geist, Vice President of the Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation Board of Directors.

CAO Mike Walters welcomed guests and introduced LSRCA's Executive Management Team and staff thanking them for their dedication and hard work that contributed to making 2019 such a success. CAO Walters also thanked Trish Barnett and Sandra Ingott for organizing the meeting and Communications staff Susan Jagminas, Nancie Knight, Natasha O'Dell, Melissa Rosato, Kristen Yemm, and Katarina Zeppieri for producing the Annual Report, Video and presentation materials.

## VI. PRESENTATIONS

### a) The State of the Lake Simcoe Watershed

LSRCA Manager, Environmental Science and Monitoring, David Lembcke unfortunately was ill, but fortunately LSRCA's Limnologist, Dr. Brian Ginn was able to deliver the presentation on the recent phosphorus loads 2015-2017 update report. He noted that for the 2015-16 hydrologic (June 1-May 31) year, the phosphorus load was 87 tonnes, 2016-17 was 73 tonnes, and 2017-18 was 131 tonnes. In these years, much of this load was from tributary and polder sources, which are driven by precipitation and surface run-off. LSRCA's monitoring has shown that while phosphorus concentrations in tributaries have mostly shown no trend, there has been changes in tributary flow, which also increases the annual phosphorus load. In the 2017 hydrologic year, a greater tributary flow was controlled not by the total amount of annual precipitation, but the intensity and timing of some rainstorm events fell on wet-saturated or frozen ground that prevented infiltration of rainwater. June and February accounted for 40% of the 131 tonne load, including 11% of the phosphorus load being from a single 60 mm, overnight, rain event that occurred on June 23<sup>rd</sup> with rain falling on ground already soaked from five previous days of precipitation.

Dr. Ginn noted that these precipitation events are becoming more frequent, as predicted by modelled climate change scenarios. It is recommended that LSRCA not only continue to monitor phosphorus concentrations in tributaries to check the progress of LSPP strategies, but also look for ways to reduce stormwater volume in order to stabilize phosphorus loads to Lake Simcoe.

To view this presentation, please click on the following link: [The State of the Lake Simcoe Watershed](#)

### b) The Health of Lake Simcoe

LSRCA's Limnologist, Dr. Brian Ginn presented some current environmental trends in Lake Simcoe as they relate to the newest phosphorus loading report, noting that although there has been variability in phosphorus loads, actual in-lake concentrations of phosphorus and dissolved oxygen continue to improve, relative to the 1980s, despite theories that they should fluctuate in proportion to phosphorus loading. In light of this unusual scenario, LSRCA will start to investigate reasons why Lake Simcoe has not responded to changing loads. Building on research from other parts of the Great Lakes Region, LSRCA will study if the recent change from invasive zebra to quagga mussels has impacted how phosphorus is being used and cycled in the lake, and also if the rapid spread of an invasive aquatic plant species (starry stonewort) is also impacting phosphorus availability in the lake.

To view this presentation, please click on the following link: [The Health of Lake Simcoe](#)

c) LSRCA 2019 Year in Review and Looking Forward into 2020

Chair Emmerson congratulated LSRCA staff and Board of Directors for an incredible year filled with many accomplishments. He then shared a video presentation that summed up this year's successes: [2019 Highlights Video](#) and noted that LSRCA's 2019 Annual Report is now available online. Please click this link to view LSRCA's 2019 Annual Report: [2019 Annual Report](#). To obtain a hard copy, please contact Katarina Zeppieri at [k.zeppieri@lsrca.on.ca](mailto:k.zeppieri@lsrca.on.ca) or 905-895-1281 ext 116.

LSRCA's CAO Mike Walters presented the 2020 Annual Operating Priorities, noting the focus for 2020 will be to complete the remaining priority actions outlined in LSRCA's [2016-2020 Strategic Plan: Vision to Action, Action to Results](#); namely:

1. Floodplain emergency mapping/flood relief program
2. Climate change adaptation and mitigation strategies
3. Asset management plan
4. Enhance service delivery – plan review and regulation
5. Scanlon Creek Operations Centre – renovation project
6. Continue fundraising for a new Nature Centre to house LSRCA's education programs
7. Community engagement strategy
8. Lead the salt reduction strategies
9. Land disposition policies and strategy
10. Continue restoration efforts
11. Continue to implement the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan (LSPP)
12. Draft the 2021-2026 Strategic Plan

To view this presentation, please click on the following link: [LSRCA's 2020 Annual Operating Priorities](#)

Moved by: S. Harrison-McIntyre

Seconded by: B. Drew

BOD-003-20        **RESOLVED THAT the three presentations provided by LSRCA's Manager, Environmental Science and Monitoring, David Lembcke, Limnologist, Dr. Brian Ginn, and Chief Administrative Officer, Mike Walters be received for information. CARRIED**

**VII. 2019 BUSINESS IS CONCLUDED - CHAIR VACATES POSITION OF CHAIR**

Chair Emmerson concluded the Year 2019 business and deemed the Chair vacant.

Moved by: K. Aylwin

Seconded by: C. Riepma

BOD-004-20        **RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors conclude the business of 2019; and FURTHER THAT the Chair be declared vacant. CARRIED**

## VIII. 2020 BUSINESS

The 2020 Business portion of this meeting was called to order by the Chief Administrative Officer of the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, Mike Walters, served as Chair Pro Temp during the election of the Chair and Vice Chair for 2020.

Roll Call – 2020 Board Members - The 2020 Board Members introduced themselves. CAO Walters named the 2020 Board members who were not able to attend the meeting.

## IX. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

CAO Walters conducted the election of officers and outlined the general rules for election. He noted that positions are required for Chair and Vice Chair for 2020 and must be appointed members of the Board of Directors.

### A. APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS

CAO Walters appointed scrutineers for the counting of ballots in the event that there is more than one nominee for either position of Chair or Vice Chair. He explained that one of the planned scrutineers was unable to attend the meeting and put forth an amended recommendation.

Moved by: V. Hackson

Seconded by: D. Barton

BOD-005-20      **RESOLVED THAT in the event of a vote by ballot, Ms. Francesca D’Aquila-Kelly of Beard Winter LLP and Ms. Lucy Falco of Scotiabank will act as scrutineers; and**

**FURTHER THAT all ballots be destroyed after the election. CARRIED**

### B. ELECTION OF OFFICERS – 2020

#### (i) Chair of the Authority

Regional Chairman and CEO Wayne Emmerson was nominated for the position of Chair by Regional Councillor Tom Vegh. Nominations were called for three times. No further nominations were put forward.

Moved by: M. Quirk

Seconded by: B. Drew

BOD-006-20      **RESOLVED THAT the nominations for the position of Chair be closed. CARRIED**

Regional Chairman and CEO Wayne Emmerson accepted the nomination for the position of Chair, and CAO Walters offered congratulations to Regional Chairman Wayne Emmerson as the 2020 LSRCA Chair.

(ii) Vice Chair of the Authority

Councillor Peter Ferragine was nominated for the position of Vice Chair by Mayor Bobbie Drew. Nominations were called for three times and no further nominations were put forward.

Moved by: M. Quirk

Seconded by: S. Harrison-McIntyre

BOD-007-20      **RESOLVED THAT the nominations for the position of Vice Chair be closed.**  
CARRIED

Councillor Ferragine accepted the nomination, and CAO Walters congratulated Councillor Ferragine as the 2020 Vice Chair.

Chair Emmerson chaired the meeting from this point onward, thanking members for their confidence in him as Chair of the Board of Directors.

**C. APPOINTMENT OF THE REGULATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE FOR 2020**

CAO Walters explained that in the event of a Hearing by the Board of Directors, a Regulations Sub-Committee is formed in order to review the circumstances of the Hearing and report to the Board. This sub-committee normally consists of the Chair, the Vice Chair, and the Member representing the local municipality in which the application under Ontario Regulation 179/06 is received.

Moved by: D. Barton

Seconded by: C. Riepma

BOD-008-20      **RESOLVED THAT the Chair and Vice Chair of the Conservation Authority, along with the Member representing the local municipality in which the application under Ontario Regulation 179/06 is received, shall be members of the sub-committee to review applications and report to the Board of Directors.** CARRIED

**D. APPOINTMENT TO CONSERVATION ONTARIO FOR 2020**

CAO Walters explained it is the practice of LSRCA to request the Chair, or his/her designate, and the Chief Administrative Officer to represent LSRCA on Conservation Ontario's Committees and Council.

Moved by: V. Hackson

Seconded by: E. Yeo

BOD-009-20      **RESOLVED THAT the 2020 Authority Chair, or his/her designate, be appointed as the Authority's voting delegate to Conservation Ontario; and**  
  
**FURTHER THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be the alternate delegate.**  
CARRIED

**E. APPOINTMENT TO THE LAKE SIMCOE CONSERVATION FOUNDATION FOR 2020**

CAO Walters explained that the responsibilities of the Chair and Vice Chair include serving on the Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation or appointing a designate.

Moved by: S. Harrison-McIntyre

Seconded by: R. Greenlaw

BOD-010-20 **RESOLVED THAT the Chair, Regional Chairman Wayne Emmerson and the Vice Chair, Councillor Peter Ferragine be appointed to the Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation for 2020. CARRIED**

#### **F. APPOINTMENT OF SOLICITORS FOR 2020**

CAO Walters explained that LSRCA wishes to continue utilizing the services of five (5) legal firms:

- Stiver Vale for general administrative advice and land management.
- Hicks Morley for employment and labour related matters.
- Hill Hunter Losell for floodplain regulation advice.
- Barriston LLP for general administrative and regulations advice; and
- Beard Winter for floodplain regulation advice and litigation.

Moved by: D. Barton

Seconded by: B. Drew

BOD-011-20 **RESOLVED THAT Stiver Vale, Hicks Morley, Barriston, Beard Winter, and Hill Hunter Losell be appointed as the Authority's legal firms for 2020. CARRIED**

#### **X. SIGNING OFFICERS – 2020**

CAO Walters explained that each year LSRCA appoints four signing officers: namely, the Chair and the Vice Chair, along with the Chief Administrative Officer and the General Manager, Corporate and Financial Services.

Moved by: M. Quirk

Seconded by: A. Eek

BOD-012-20 **RESOLVED THAT an account in the name of Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (hereinafter called the "Organization") be kept at the Bank of Nova Scotia (hereinafter called the "Bank"); and**

**FURTHER THAT the Authority's Chair, Regional Chairman Wayne Emmerson, Vice Chair, Councillor Peter Ferragine, Chief Administrative Officer/Secretary-Treasurer, Michael Walters, and General Manager, Corporate and Financial Services, Mark Critch, or any two of them are hereby authorized to sign, make, draw, accept, endorse and deliver cheques, promissory notes, bills of exchange, orders for the payment of money and such agreements and instruments as may be necessary or useful in connection with the operation of the said account; and**

**FURTHER THAT any one of the above-mentioned officers is hereby authorized for and in the name of the Organization to endorse and transfer to the Bank for deposit or discount with or collection by the Bank (but for the credit of the Organization only) cheques, promissory notes, bills of exchange, orders for the payment of money and other instruments, to arrange, settle, balance and certify all books and accounts with the Bank and to sign receipts for vouchers. CARRIED**

**XI. BORROWING RESOLUTION – 2020**

CAO Walters noted that the borrowing resolution authorizes LSRCA to borrow an amount up to \$500,000.

Moved by: D. Barton

Seconded by: V. Hackson

BOD-013-20 **RESOLVED THAT signing officers for the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority be empowered to borrow up to \$500,000 on an Operating Loan Agreement, as required, for administration and/or capital expenditures. CARRIED**

**XII. MEETING SCHEDULE – 2020**

The Board approved Staff Report No. 01-20-BOD, which outlined a proposed schedule (below) of 2020 meeting dates for the LSRCA's Board of Directors.

Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>  
Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>  
Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>  
Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>

Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup>  
Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup>  
No meeting in August  
Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>

Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup>  
Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>

Moved by: T. Vegh

Seconded by: S. Harrison-McIntyre

BOD-014-20 **RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 01-20-BOD regarding the 2020 Board of Directors' meeting schedule be approved. CARRIED**

**XIII. CLOSING REMARKS**

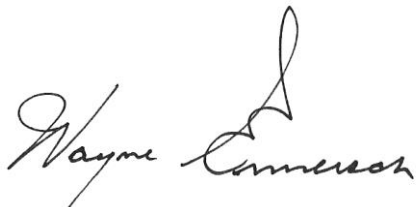
Vice Chair Ferragine and Chair Emmerson thanked the Board of Directors for their trust and confidence in them, and both noted they look forward to serving in their respective roles.

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by: C. Riepma

Seconded by: T. Vegh

BOD-015-20 **RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 12:00 p.m. local time. CARRIED**



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Regional Chairman Wayne Emmerson  
Chair



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Michael Walters  
Chief Administrative Officer