

Board Meeting Highlights

December 16, 2022

Announcements:

General Manager, Development, Engineering and Restoration, Glenn MacMillan, advised that staff held a webinar on the Conservation Authority's Engineering processes on November 30th. This was one of a number of webinars staff are hosting to inform and assist staff from member municipalities regarding technical submissions with a goal towards making submission and reviews run smoothly. He noted the webinar was well attended by approximately 180 participants from member municipalities. Other webinars have been or will be held on Hydrogeology, Ecology, Stormwater Management, and more.

Presentations:

a) Bill 23 Update

Chief Administrative Officer, Rob Baldwin, provided an update on the enactment dates surrounding Bill 23, including those already in effect, such as the change in Minister now that Conservation Authorities are now back under the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry; minor changes around issuance of permits where a Minister's Zoning Order has been issued referred to as the "community infrastructure and housing accelerator", which means an accelerator type of permit follows the same rules as a Minister's Zoning Order permit.

Other updates for January 1, 2023 include a process change for the disposition of land, simplifying the process for conservation authorities to dispose of lands acquired under Section 39 and a freeze on Planning and Development fees.

More changes planned for 2023 include a prohibition on municipal and other programs and services related to reviewing and commenting on prescribed acts; the Minister's power to impose terms and conditions on a project of authority; and exceptions related to Planning Act for certain development activities and areas of municipalities.

To view this presentation, please click this link: [Bill 23 Update](#)

Correspondence and Staff Reports:

Conservation Authorities Act Quarterly Transition Report No. 3

The Board received Staff Report No. 44-22-BOD regarding the Conservation Authority Transition Quarterly Progress Report No. 3 and approved the December 2022 Conservation Authority Transition Quarterly Progress No. 3 for submission to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.

Lake Simcoe Preserve Update

The Board received Staff Report No. 45-22-BOD regarding an update on actions completed at the Lake Simcoe Conservation Preserve.

Planning and Development Fees Update

The Board received Staff Report No. 46-22-BOD regarding the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Planning and Development Fees update. The Board approved the proposed 2% increase to the current Planning and Development Fees as recommended for cost-of-living increase outlined in the Plan Review and Permitting Fee Review Report prepared by Watson & Associates, such increase to take effect December 30, 2022.

Confidential Human Resources Matter

The Board approved Confidential Staff Report No. 47-22-BOD regarding a confidential human resources matter.

Confidential Legal Matter

The Board received Confidential Staff Report No. 48-22-BOD regarding a confidential legal matter.

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