

Board Meeting Highlights

February 22, 2019

Announcements:

a) CAO Mike Walters advised the Board that he had recently received from the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks the Minister's Annual Report on Lake Simcoe, 2017. The report highlights some of the key accomplishments in 2017 including:

- providing a testing location for the George Barley Water Prize, an international competition to develop technologies to remove and recover phosphorus from fresh water bodies;
- conceptualizing a model to estimate phosphorus levels using satellite imagery;
- developing an online tool to help developers install Low Impact Development features;
- researching the major groundwater recharge and discharge functions in Lake Simcoe;
- developing a Sediment and Erosion Control Program for construction operations;
- educating ice anglers to help prevent the spread of invasive species;
- completing a two-year initiative to assess the farmers' willingness to adopt nutrient management and other on-farm projects to use water and energy more sustainably.

To view the report, please click this link: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/ministers-annual-report-lake-simcoe-2017>

b) CAO Mike Walters reminded Board members of LSRCA's Municipal Stormwater Management Workshop being held on Friday, March 1st at Cardinal Golf Club from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Trish Barnett @ t.barnett@lsrca.on.ca or 905-895-1281 ext 223.

Presentations:

LSRCA's Draft Fourth Quarter 2018 Unaudited Financial Report

General Manager, Corporate and Financial Services, Mark Critch provided an overview of LSRCA's Draft Fourth Quarter 2018 Unaudited Financial Report. He reviewed some of the many outcomes of 2018, including: establishing the Restoration Services Division; achieving full cost recovery for the Planning & Development department; making progress on the Education Centre & Operation Centre; salt management & carbon reduction strategies; began the Stormwater Management Economic Optimization Study; completing the salary review; updating the Investment Policy, Asset Management Policy and Reserve Management; and completing the Ghost Canal Wetland Project.

GM Critch provided the Board with an executive summary of finances, noting the following:

1. A small operational surplus for 2018 of \$31K;
2. A temporary reserve draw of \$241K required for LSPOP;
3. Planning/Permitting fees are up \$160K over budget (due to volume), which were offset by higher than usual legal fees (\$140K);
4. Timing differences on some capital projects shows expenditures being lower;
5. The new Investment Policy and higher interest rates has yielded \$110K in investment income, up from \$54K in 2017; and
6. Leveraged municipal partnership opportunity to support asset management reserve of \$253K

GM Critch advised that the 2019 Budget requires Board of Directors' approval and will be presented at the March meeting. The 2018 Audited Financial Statements will also require Board of Directors' approval and will be presented at the April meeting. To view this presentation, please click this link: [4th Quarter 2018 Financial Update Presentation](#)

LSRCA's Natural Heritage System Land Securement Project 2019-2-25

Land Securement Officer, Kevin Kennedy, provided an overview of LSRCA's Natural Heritage System Land Securement Project 2019-2025. Identified as a goal in LSRCA's 2016-2020 strategic plan, this project and subsequent report provide the basis and direction for securing lands to protect the watershed's natural heritage features, improve biodiversity and help support provincial and federal climate change initiatives.

He noted that LSRCA currently owns, manages or holds easements over 2,425 ha (5,992 ac) of conservation land across the watershed divided into 35 conservation land holdings embodying a range of landscapes, ecosystem types and recreational opportunities. Since 2011, LSRCA has secured 120.5 ha of ecologically significant lands, bringing the total appraised value of LSRCA's landholdings to over \$9.6 million. These lands provide an estimated \$15 million of annual societal benefit through ecological goods and services through the provision of various services including carbon storage, water supply and filtration, flood control, waste treatment, clean air, natural habitat, pollination and recreation.

The Land Securement Officer outlined the recommendations in the report. To view this report, please click this link [Natural Heritage System Land Securement Project 2019-2025](#)

Correspondence and Staff Reports:

Correspondence

The Board received a letter from Lake Simcoe Watch dated January 31, 2019 and was directed to prepare a staff report for the next Board meeting to address the claims and requests contained within the letter.

LSRCA's Draft 4th Quarter 2018 Unaudited Financial Report

The Board received Staff Report No. 02-19-BOD, prepared by Mark Critch, General Manager, Corporate and Financial Services, which provided the Board with an update on LSRCA's 4th Quarter 2018 Unaudited Financial Report.

LSRCA's Natural Heritage System Land Securement Project 2019-2025

The Board approved Staff Report No. 03-19-BOD, prepared by Kevin Kennedy, Land Securement Officer, which sought the Board's approval of LSRCA's Natural Heritage System Land Securement Project 2019-2025.

Board Member Appointment to LSCF

The Board received Staff Report No. 04-19-BOD regarding the appointment of a member to represent LSRCA on the Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation Board of Directors on behalf of Chair Emmerson. Councillor Peter Ferragine of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury was appointed to serve on the LSCF Board of Directors for 2019.

Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act: Annual Statistical Report 2018

The Board received Staff Report No. 05-19-BOD, prepared by Shelley Fogelman, Senior Administrative Assistant, Corporate & Financial Services, which provided the Board with a summary of *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act – Annual Statistical Report* for 2018.

Successful Grant Application for Asset Management

The Board received Staff Report No. 06-19-BOD, prepared by Mark Critch, General Manager, Corporate and Financial Services, regarding a successful grant in the amount of \$44,320 from Federation of Canadian Municipalities and directed staff to continue to partner with the Regional Municipality of York to update levels of service for endorsement by the Board of Directors later in 2019.

Lake Simcoe Phosphorus Offsetting Policy – Implementation Review Committee Terms of Reference

The Board approved Staff Report No. 07-19-BOD, prepared by Carolyn Ali, General Manager, Watershed Restoration Services, which provided the Board with the Terms of Reference for the Lake Simcoe Phosphorus Offsetting Policy Implementation Review Committee.

Addendum # 1 to the Lake Simcoe Phosphorus Offsetting Policy

The Board approved Staff Report No. 08-19-BOD, prepared by Carolyn Ali, General Manager, Watershed Restoration Services, regarding Addendum # 1 to the Lake Simcoe Phosphorus Offsetting Policy.

Pangman Springs Conservation Area Restoration Project – Approval of Scope Change and Construction Contract Increase

The Board approved Staff Report No. 09-19-BOD, prepared by Christa Sharp, Restoration Program Coordinator, which outlined a scope change and construction contract increase for the Pangman Springs Conservation Area Restoration Project.

Update on Pre-qualification of Consultants

The Board approved Staff Report No. 10-19-BOD, prepared by Carolyn Ali, General Manager, Watershed Restoration Services, which outlined a recommended list of consultants to undertake Phosphorus Reduction Stormwater Management Retrofit Projects and Design and Construction Administration Services for Natural Heritage System Restoration Services.

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