



## 68<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Board of Directors' Meeting No. BOD-01-19

Friday, January 25, 2019

Old Town Hall Newmarket  
460 Botsford Street, Newmarket, ON

### MINUTES

#### **2018 Board Members Present**

Regional Councillor N. Davison  
Mayor G. Dawe  
Mr. J. Dolan  
Regional Councillor B. Drew  
Councillor A. Eek  
Councillor K. Ferdinands  
Councillor P. Ferragine  
Mayor V. Hackson  
Councillor S. Harrison-McIntyre  
Councillor S. Macpherson  
Mayor P. Molloy  
Mayor M. Quirk  
Councillor S. Strangway

#### **2018 Board Members Absent:**

Mayor J. Grant  
Councillor D. Kerwin  
Councillor P. Silveira  
Councillor R. Simpson  
No representative for 2018

#### **2019 Board of Directors Present**

Mayor D. Barton  
Mayor D. Bath-Hadden  
Mayor B. Drew  
Councillor A. Eek  
Regional Chairman W. Emmerson  
Councillor K. Ferdinands  
Councillor P. Ferragine  
Councillor W. Gaertner  
Mayor V. Hackson  
Councillor S. Harrison-McIntyre  
Councillor S. Macpherson  
Mayor M. Quirk  
Regional Councillor T. Vegh

Councillor A. Waters

Councillor E. Yeo

#### **2019 Board Members Absent:**

Councillor N. Harris  
Councillor C. Riepma  
No representative for 2019

#### **LSRCA Staff Present:**

C. Ali	D. Andrews	L. Aspen	S. Auger
R. Baldwin	T. Barnett	M. Bennet	M. Bessey
K. Biddie	R. Bolton	B. Booth	T. Bos
C. Byron	D. Campbell	S. Chadwick	J. Chan
K. Christensen	A. Copeland	M. Critch	P. Davies
J. Doyley	P. Du	D. Eldon	S. Filson
T. Fleischaker	L. Grzywniak	N. Hamley	C. Hawson
T. Hogenbirk	J. Ingoe	S. Ingott	S. Jagminas
B. Kemp	K. Kennedy	N. Knight	D. Lembcke
S. McKinnon	L. McLean	D. Palombi	B. Patel
G. Peat	B. Piotrowski	K. Read	M. Rosato
R. Sadowska	C. Sharp	P. Shuttleworth	L. Spinks
T. Stanford	P. Strong	C. Taylor	B. Thompson
K. Toffan	A. Vandersluis	K. Vickers	M. Walters
K. Yemm	K. Zeppieri		



**Guests Present:**

S. Agnew	P. Bailey	J. Barnett	S. Branch
KA Charles	S. Chenier	D. Conzelmann	S. Crone
S. Davidson	L. Falco	B. Feltmate	M. Giest
R. Gilliland	P. Hadden	K. Kelly	M. King
W. Kenyon	J. Mackey	J. McCallum	A. Mobbs
J. Mott	D. Nadorozny	A. Neary	C. Pettinghill
B. Pond	J. Powell	M. Rabeau	B. Rogers
S. Plamondon	B. Rogers	T. Roy-DiClemente	J. Rurak
S. Schaefer	G. Skoulikas	S. Tanaka	A. VanPotegen
T. White	G. Wood		

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

Chair Dawe welcomed everyone to LSRCA's 68<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting and recognized a number of guests in attendance.

Roll Call – 2018 Board Members - The 2018 Board members in attendance introduced themselves. Chair Dawe noted the 2018 Board members who were not in attendance.

**II. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None recorded for this meeting.

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by: S. Macpherson Seconded by: S. Strangway

BOD-001-19      **RESOLVED THAT the content of the Agenda for the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority's 68<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on Friday, January 25, 2019 be approved as presented. CARRIED**

**IV. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

a) Board of Directors

Moved by: V. Hackson Seconded by: J. Dolan

BOD-002-19      **RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting No. BOD-11-17 held on Friday, December 15, 2017 be approved as circulated. CARRIED**

**V. GREETINGS**

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

The Regional Municipality of York Chairman and CEO, Wayne Emmerson, brought greetings on behalf of the Region, commending LSRCA for its ongoing commitment to the environment and confirmed York Region's commitment to LSRCA's mission and vision. Working together with LSRCA on projects

such as the Phosphorus Offsetting Program and York Region's Climate Change Action Plan reinforce the Region's dedication to sustainability now and in the future. He noted that he looks forward to continuing to collaborate as LSRCA advances its strategic plan for the watershed to be healthier in 2041 than it is today.

Ms. Debbi Conzelmann, President of the Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation Board of Directors, brought greetings on behalf of the Foundation and congratulated LSRCA on another year filled with incredible accomplishments. She recognized the commitment of all those in attendance, who through donations, sponsorships, advice and guidance, help support the work of the Foundation. She was proud to note that the Foundation met its highest goal ever in 2018, raising almost \$700,000. Also in 2018, the Connect Campaign, a multi-year capital campaign that will raise millions of dollars to build a new Education and Training Facility at Scanlon Creek Conservation Area, was launched. President Conzelmann introduced the Campaign's volunteer leadership cabinet who were in attendance; namely, Co-Chairs Joanne Barnett and Brad Rogers and Cabinet members Regional Chairman Wayne Emmerson, Mayor Virginia Hackson, Gayle Wood and Paul Bailey.

Mike Walters, LSRCA's CAO, thanked everyone for attending, introduced LSRCA's Executive Management Team, and thanked all Board members and staff for their hard work and commitment to Lake Simcoe. He noted that LSRCA's greatest strength is the staff and recognized and thanked the many staff members in attendance.

## VI. KEYNOTE SPEAKER PRESENTATION

**Dr. Blair Feltmate, Head, Intact Centre on Climate Adaptation  
Faculty of Environment, University of Waterloo**

### Climate Change and Flood Risk Mitigation: Built and Natural Infrastructure Go "Hand in Hand"

Climate change is real and it's irreversible, Dr. Blair Feltmate advised. Too much water in the wrong places, combined with loss of natural infrastructure, is driving the costs of flooding upwards in most regions, placing a significant burden on home owners and municipalities. Flooded basements at an average cost of \$43,000, he noted, leads to uninsurable homes for flooding in areas that flood repeatedly. He noted that the impacts of flooding can become more costly as they can lead to mortgage defaults, as well as mental stress causing an increase to health insurance costs.

In Canada, lots is being done in the way of new standards to mitigate flood risk; however he noted, there is plenty that homeowners can do to better prepare their home. The 10 simple ways homeowners can lower basement flood risk are:

- removing debris from nearest storm drain,
- correcting grading around foundation,
- cleaning eaves troughs and extending downspouts;
- installing window wells and covers;
- maintaining plumbing fixtures and appliances;
- testing sump pumps and installing back up power;
- installing and maintaining a backwater valve;
- keeping floor drains clear;
- storing valuables in watertight containers; and
- installing and maintaining flood alarms.

He went on to note that an Intact Centre study found that keeping wetlands intact can reduce flood damage costs to buildings by up to 38%. The most cost-effective means to utilize natural infrastructure for climate adaptation is to retain what you have, restore what you've lost, and build what you must.

To view Dr. Feltmate's presentation, please click on the following link: [Climate Change and Flood Risk Mitigation by Blair Feltmate - LSRCA AGM January](#)

Moved by: B. Drew

Seconded by: A. Eek

BOD-003-19        **RESOLVED THAT the presentation provided by Dr. Blair Feltmate entitled Climate Change and Flood Risk Mitigation: Built and Natural Infrastructure Go "Hand in Hand" be received for information. CARRIED**

## VII. PRESENTATIONS AND UPDATES

### a) 2018 Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority's Annual Report

Chair Dawe 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: [2018 Video Highlights](#)

To view LSRCA's 2018 Annual Report, please click this link: [2018 Annual Report](#). To obtain a hard copy, please contact Katarina Zeppieri at [k.zeppieri@lsrca.on.ca](mailto:k.zeppieri@lsrca.on.ca) / 905-895-1281 ext 116.

Moved by: S. Harrison-McIntyre

Seconded by: N. Davison

BOD-004-19        **RESOLVED THAT the presentation regarding the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority's 2018 Annual Report be received for information. CARRIED**

### b) Presentation to Outgoing Board Members

CAO Walters called the following outgoing Board members to the stage to thank them and present them with parting gifts:

Former Town of Aurora Mayor and LSRCA Chair Geoffrey Dawe,  
Former City of Barrie citizen representative Jay Dolan,  
Former Town of Georgina Regional Councillor Naomi Davison  
Former City of Kawartha Lakes Councillor Steven Strangway  
Former Township of Uxbridge Mayor Pat Molloy

He noted that unfortunately, Former Town of Innisfil Councillor and LSRCA Vice Chair, Richard Simpson, Former Township of Brock Mayor John Grant, former Town of Newmarket Councillor Dave Kerwin, and former City of Barrie Councillor Peter Silveira were unable to attend the meeting.

### VIII. 2018 BUSINESS IS CONCLUDED - CHAIR VACATES POSITION OF CHAIR

Chair Dawe concluded the Year 2018 business and deemed the Chair vacant.

Moved by: S. Macpherson

Seconded by: M. Quirk

BOD-005-19      **RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors conclude the business of 2018; and  
FURTHER THAT the Chair be declared vacant. CARRIED**

A short break was held at this time.

### IX. 2019 BUSINESS

The 2019 Business portion of this meeting was called to order by the Chief Administrative Officer of the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, Mike Walters, who served as Chair Pro Tem during the election of the Chair and Vice Chair for 2019.

Roll Call – 2019 Board Members - The 2019 Board Members introduced themselves. CAO Walters named the 2019 Board members who were not able to attend the meeting.

### X. 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 2019 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: S. Harrison-McIntyre

Seconded by: P. Ferragine

BOD-006-19      **RESOLVED THAT in the event of a vote by ballot, Trudy White of BDO LLP and Lucy Falco of Scotiabank will act as scrutineers; and**

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

#### B. ELECTION OF OFFICERS – 2019

##### (i) Chair of the Authority

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

Moved by: D. Barton

Seconded by: B. Drew

BOD-007-19         **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 congratulated Chair Emmerson as the 2019 Chair.

(ii) Vice Chair of the Authority

Councillor Scott Macpherson was nominated for the position of Vice Chair by Councillor Ferragine. Nominations were called for three times. No further nominations were put forward.

Moved by:         W. Emmerson   Seconded by: D. Bath-Hadden

BOD-008-19         **RESOLVED THAT the nominations for the position of Vice Chair be closed.  
CARRIED**

Councillor Macpherson accepted the nomination for the position of Vice Chair, and CAO Walters congratulated Councillor Simpson as the 2019 Vice Chair.

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

**C. APPOINTMENT OF THE REGULATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE FOR 2019**

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:         K. Ferdinands   Seconded by: T. Vegh

BOD-009-19         **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 2019**

CAO Walters explained that each conservation authority appoints one representative to Conservation Ontario Council.

Moved by:         V. Hackson   Seconded by: W. Gaertner

BOD-010-19         **RESOLVED THAT the 2019 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 2019**

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: V. Hackson

Seconded by: D. Barton

BOD-011-19 **RESOLVED THAT the Chair, Regional Chair Wayne Emmerson and the Vice Chair, Councillor Scott Macpherson be appointed to the Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation for 2019. CARRIED**

#### **F. APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD BUDGET COMMITTEE**

CAO Walters noted that the Board Budget Committee was initiated to assist staff in the development of recommendations on budget assumptions and to review the preliminary budget and provide recommendations to the Board of Directors. Along with LSRCA's Executive Management Team, the committee is comprised of the Chair, the Vice Chair and three additional Board members, who are to be appointed each year at the Annual General Meeting for the ensuing year.

Moved by: B. Drew

Seconded by: E. Yeo

BOD-012-19 **RESOLVED THAT the Chair, Regional Chairman Wayne Emmerson, Vice Chair, Councillor Scott Macpherson, and three additional Board members; namely, Mayor Virginia Hackson, Mayor Dave Barton and Regional Councillor Tom Vegh be appointed to the Board Budget Committee for 2019. CARRIED**

#### **G. APPOINTMENT OF SOLICITORS FOR 2019**

CAO Walters explained that LSRCA utilizes 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.

He noted that LSRCA wishes to continue to utilize these five firms and accordingly put forth the following recommendation:

Moved by: S. Macpherson

Seconded by: A. Eek

BOD-013-19 **RESOLVED THAT Stiver Vale, Hicks Morley, Barriston, Beard Winter, and Hill Hunter Losell be appointed as the Authority's legal firms for 2019. CARRIED**

#### **XI. SIGNING OFFICERS – 2019**

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: P. Ferragine

Seconded by: A. Waters

BOD-014-19      **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 Scott Macpherson, 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**

#### **XII. BORROWING RESOLUTION – 2019**

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

Moved by: D. Barton

Seconded by: K. Ferdinands

BOD-015-19      **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**

#### **XIII. MEETING SCHEDULE – 2019**

The Board approved Staff Report No. 01-19-BOD, which outlined a proposed schedule of 2019 meeting dates for the LSRCA’s Board of Directors.

Moved by: V. Hackson

Seconded by: M. Quirk

BOD-016-19      **RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 01-19-BOD regarding the 2019 Board of Directors’ meeting schedule be approved. CARRIED**



**XIV. CLOSING REMARKS**

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

**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by: S. Harrison-McIntyre

Seconded by: S. Macpherson

BOD-017-19      **RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 12:20 p.m. local time. CARRIED**



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Regional Chairman Wayne Emmerson  
Chair



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Michael Walters  
Chief Administrative Officer