

Board or Directors' Meeting

Board of Directors Meeting No. BOD-10-20

Friday, September 25, 2020

Held virtually via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

LSRCA Board Members Present

Regional Chairman W. Emmerson (Chair), Councillor P. Ferragine Councillor (Vice Chair), Councillor K. Aylwin, Mayor D. Barton, Mayor D. Bath-Hadden, Mayor B. Drew, Councillor A. Eek, Councillor W. Gaertner, Councillor R. Greenlaw, Mayor V. Hackson, Councillor S. Harrison-McIntyre, Mayor M. Quirk, Councillor C. Riepma, Regional Councillor T. Vegh, Councillor A. Waters

LSRCA Board Members Absent

Councillor K. Ferdinands, Councillor E. Yeo, and Township of Ramara

LSRCA Staff Present

R. Baldwin, T. Barnett, A. Brown, K. Christensen, M. Critch, J. Doyley, N. Hamley, S. Jagminas, B. Kemp, D. Lembcke, B. Longstaff, K. Nesbitt, E. O'Connor, G. Peat, B. Piotrowski, M. Rosato, C. Sharp, C. Taylor, K. Toffan, M. Walters, K. Yemm, K. Zeppieri

Guests in Attendance

S. Agnew, L. Bowman, C. Dobell, K. Elson, J. Gibbons, A. Truyens

I. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest or Conflict of Interest

Mayor Quirk declared a conflict of interest regarding the deputation by Mr. Kent Elson due to the Town of Georgina's recent vote against the LSRCA permit issued regarding Maple Lake Estates. Mayor Quirk advised she would not participate in this matter.

II. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: S. Harrison-McIntyre

Seconded by: C. Riepma

BOD-108-20 **Resolved That** the content of the Agenda for the September 25, 2020 meeting of the LSRCA Board of Directors be approved as circulated. **Carried**

III. Adoption of Minutes

a) Board of Directors

Moved by: A. Eek

Seconded by: T. Vegh

BOD-109-20 **Resolved That** the minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting No. BOD-08-20 held on Friday, July 24, 2020 be approved as circulated. **Carried**

b) Board of Directors

Moved by: A. Eek

Seconded by: T. Vegh

BOD-110-20 **Resolved That** the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors No. BOD-09-20 held on Friday, September 4, 2020 be approved as circulated. **Carried**

IV. Announcements

Chair Emmerson advised that the Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation held its 'Roughin it for a Reason' fundraising camp out last night. Vice Chair Ferragine told how he and his cousin Frank Ferragine roughed it by camping in his backyard raising funds. All proceeds raised went to the Lake Simcoe conservation Foundation for a new Education Centre at Scanlon Creek Conservation Area.

VII. Deputations

Item VII, Deputations, was moved forward in the agenda by Chair Emmerson.

a) Mr. Kent Elson, Elson Advocacy

Mayor Quick, having previously declared a conflict of interest, did not participate in item.

Mr. Elson addressed Board members to share his thoughts regarding a Section 28 permit recently issued and subsequently surrendered regarding Maple Lake Estates. He addressed three key issues outlined in his letters of August 11th and September 17th, which were included in the agenda.

Moved by: P. Ferragine

Seconded by: R. Greenlaw

BOD-111-20 **Resolved That** the deputation by Mr. Kent Elson of Elson Advocacy regarding the LSRCA permit for Maple Lake Estates issued on June 18, 2020.

Carried

b) Mr. Colin Dobell, ClearWater Farm

Mr. Dobell shared his presentation regarding a demonstration project at the ClearWater Farm in Georgina focused on water harvesting to reduce potable water consumption use in irrigation, in which he was seeking LSRCA support in their application to the Green Municipal Fund. He noted that the project has the required municipal support for their application. Mr. Dobell described the project components as being able to connect site to municipal water/sewer to handle human water needs, to harvest water from roofs (barn, garage, greenhouses) to be stored in a cistern, and then an anaerobic biodigester imports water through pure organic food waste with run-off and liquid digestate is used as irrigation/nutrient source for agriculture. To view this presentation, please click this link:

[ClearWater Farm Proposal for LSRCA](#)

Moved by: M. Quirk

Seconded by: A. Waters

BOD-112-20 **Resolved That** the deputation by Mr. Colin Dobell of ClearWater Farm regarding a proposed pilot project at the ClearWater Farm in Georgina be received; and

Further That the request for support from LSRCA be referred to staff. **Carried**

V. Presentations

a) Chemical Contaminants Report

Manager, Environmental Science and Monitoring, David Lembcke, provided a presentation on staff's work on chemical contaminants, sharing some resources and findings on this strategic plan goal to identify existing and emerging contaminants. Existing contaminants are described as contaminants we know and can identify and examine, and emerging being those in the research realm where we have no guidelines or a poor understanding of its impacts. Staff have developed a very useful chemical contaminants webpage, which displays a description of a number of groups of contaminants, as well as research done. For more information on chemical

contaminants, please contact David Lembcke at d.lembcke@lsrca.on.ca. To view this webpage, please click this link: www.lsrca.on.ca/watershed-health/chemical-contaminants. To view this presentation, please click this link: [Chemical Contaminants in the Lake Simcoe Watershed](#).

Moved by: A. Waters

Seconded by: V. Hackson

BOD-113-20 **Resolved That** the presentation by Manager, Environmental Science and Monitoring, David Lembcke, regarding chemical contaminants be received for information. **Carried**

b) LSRCA Watershed Restoration Services Department Updates

Manager, Watershed Restoration Services, Christa Sharp and Restoration Project Manager, Brook Piotrowski provided a presentation on some of the projects and accomplishments of the Watershed Restoration Department for 2020, noting that 25 project have been completed and 80 are in progress. Projects located across the watershed, including agricultural, natural heritage and stormwater projects. She highlighted the Goodyear Farm project in the Township of Beaverton, which began in 2018 to address runoff to Lake Simcoe. A number of best management practices were identified, and some have been implemented. This project is ongoing with a number of restoration activities still to come in the fall of 2020 and spring of 2021.

Another project highlighted was a retrofit project in the City of Barrie in the Victoria Woods parking lot, which was very muddy and had many potholes. This project was a great opportunity for a low impact development feature, where the City resurfaced it with asphalt and run-off was re-directed the hard surface area to a bioretention swale. Many benefits we realized on this project, including stormwater being infiltrated to the low impact development feature, a reduction in phosphorus, and an improvement to water quality and reduction to peak flows.

To view this presentation, please click this link: [Watershed Restoration Services update](#). For more information on watershed restoration services, please contact Christa Sharp at c.sharp@lsrca.on.ca.

Moved by: D. Bath-Hadden

Seconded by: C. Riepma

BOD-114-20 **Resolved That** the presentation by Manager, Restoration Services, Christa Sharp, regarding Restoration Services department updates be received for information. **Carried**

VI. Hearings

There were no hearings at this meeting.

VIII. Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

Item No. 1a) was identified under items requiring separate discussion.

IX. Adoption of Items not Requiring Separate Discussion

Items No. 1b), 1c) and 2 were identified as items not requiring separate discussion.

Moved by: P. Ferragine

Seconded by: K. Aylwin

BOD-115-20 **Resolved That** the following recommendations respecting the matters listed as “Items Not Requiring Separate Discussion” be adopted as submitted to the Board, and staff be authorized to take all necessary action required to give effect to same. **Carried**

1. Correspondence (Items b and c)

BOD-116-20 **Resolved That** correspondence listed in the agenda as Items 1 b-c be received for information. **Carried**

2. Proposal Call for External Audit Services

BOD-117-20 **Resolved That** Staff Report No. 40-20-BOD regarding Proposal Call for External Audit Services be received; and

Further That staff's recommendation to appoint BDO Canada LLP to provide external audit services for the period 2020 to 2024 inclusive, subject to annual review, at an annual fee of \$18,500 for 2020, \$19,000 for 2021, \$19,500 for 2022, \$20,000 for 2023 and \$20,500 for 2024 be approved. **Carried**

X. Consideration of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

1. Correspondence (Item a)

Mayor Quirk asked for an update on the Pefferlaw Dam, the ownership issue and communications update. General Manager, Planning and Development and Watershed Restoration, Rob Baldwin, advised that stop logs went in once the welding work was

completed, the reservoir is now operating at normal levels, and logs will be removed as usual in early October. Discussions have been held with the Authority and Town of Georgina staff on consultation. The Town has pulled some historic files, which will provide some information. We continue to try to sort out the ownership issue and have had discussions with our insurer. General Manager, Conservation Lands, Brian Kemp added staff have been working with Georgina staff to review old files. Information continues to confirm that Parts 1 and 2 of the survey belong to the Authority, and the owner of the centre strip remains unclear. CAO Walters noted he remains hopeful the ministry will soon be able to do a more fulsome search. Mayor Quirk mentioned the Ministry's letter of August 17th and asked for an update on consultation. CAO Walters noted the ownership issue must be resolved prior to consultation. Mayor Quirk asked that the Board stand down on any decision until after consultation, which may be in the spring of 2021 at this point and to make arrangements to have stop logs put back in in the spring of 2021. Councillor Riepma noted that it's possible the dam is owned by the Federal government and this may be worth exploring. Chair Emmerson noted that staff have already indicated they do not support putting stop logs back in the spring, and asked Mayor Quirk if it's possible the Town of Georgina would take on this task in the spring. Chair Emmerson asked that Mayor Quirk begin having discussions with her staff regarding operating the dam in 2021. Mayor Quirk noted that the ownership issue needs to be confirmed and the community fears with dam will be removed. CAO Walters noted that the Authority has never proposed removing the dam, but rather changing how or if it is operated in the future.

Moved by: B. Drew

Seconded by: C. Riepma

BOD-118-20 **Resolved That** correspondence listed in the agenda as Item 1a) be received for information. **Carried**

XI. Closed Session

There were no Closed Session items for this meeting.

XII. Other Business

1. East Gwillimbury Local Planning Act matter

CAO Walters provided an update on the East Gwillimbury Local Planning Act Tribunal matter, noting he is pleased to advised that staff have come to an agreement through a memorandum of understanding and the Authority has withdrawn from this matter.

2. October Board of Directors' Meeting

Chair Emmerson noted that there was a need to change the October 23, 2020 Board of Directors' meeting to October 30, 2020.

Moved by: M. Quirk

Seconded by: P. Ferragine

BOD-119-20 **Resolved That** the October 2020 Board of Directors' meeting date be changed from October 23rd to October 30th. **Carried**

XIII. Adjournment

Moved by: A. Eek

Seconded by: R. Greenlaw

BOD-120-20 **Resolved That** the meeting be adjourned at 11:00 a.m. **Carried**



Regional Chairman Wayne Emmerson, Chair



Michael Walters, Chief Administrative Officer