



b) Conservation Ontario Council – December 11, 2017

Moved by: S. Macpherson

Seconded by: P. Ferragine

**BOD-022-18 RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Conservation Ontario Council Meeting #4/17 held on Monday, December 11, 2017 be received for information. CARRIED**

**IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a) Chair Dawe advised that Board member Ms. Debbie Bath, Durham Region's representative from the Township of Brock, had recently resigned from her position on LSRCA's Board. Chair Dawe welcomed Mayor John Grant, who was recently appointed by Durham Region to represent the Township of Brock.
- b) CAO Mike Walters advised that the 'Freezin for a Reason' fundraiser is taking place in Innisfil on Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, and that he and Vice Chair Simpson, along with LSRCA staff members Julie Ingoe, Eavan O'Connor and Geoff Peat, plan to jump in to raise funds for the Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation. Anyone wishing to donate may do so through this link: [LSCF Freezin-for-a-reason-polar-dip](#). Funds raised support LSRCA programs and projects in the Lake Simcoe watershed.
- c) CAO Walters advised that the installation of rooftop solar panels at LSRCA's Administrative Offices, a project previously approved by the Board, was currently taking place. The project, led by Dave Lembcke, provides LSRCA the opportunity to demonstrate its commitment to sustainable, renewable energy generation and highlights LSRCA's commitment to actively participate in addressing the root cause of climate change. For information on this project, please contact David Lembcke, Manager Environmental Science and Monitoring @ 905-895-1281 ext. 237 or [d.lembcke@lsrca.on.ca](mailto:d.lembcke@lsrca.on.ca).

**V. PRESENTATIONS**

a) Update on the New Education and Training Facility – Scanlon Creek Conservation Area

Chief Administrative Officer, Mike Walters, updated the Board regarding LSRCA's new Education and Training Facility, noting that the existing facility (the Nature Centre at Scanlon Creek Conservation Area) is quickly approaching the end of its useful life and would require a significant renovation and investment to extend it. LSRCA has been considering and investigating the feasibility of raising funds for a new multi-use facility; however, funds are not available in the 2018 budget to continue. CAO Walters sought the Board's approval to utilize the Thiess Riverprize funds, which were received in 2009 and have been held in reserve until a worthy project was identified. Staff sought to incorporate these funds into the 2018 budget to cover expenditures associated with completing a detailed design, financial strategy, and to launch the fundraising campaign for the new Education and Training Facility Project.

Moved by: P. Molloy

Seconded by: P. Silveira

**BOD-023-18 RESOLVED THAT the presentation by Chief Administrative Officer, Mike Walters, regarding an update on the new Education and Training Facility at Scanlon Creek Conservation Area be received for information. CARRIED**

The Board approved Staff Report No. 03-18-BOD regarding the new Education and Training Facility Project as it relates to the release of the Thiess Riverprize Reserve funds up to the full amount of \$235,625.00. Staff plan to incorporate the funds into the 2018 budget for the completion of the detailed design, financial strategy and launch of the fund raising campaign. Staff will provide quarterly updates to the Board regarding the project progress and any and all draws on the reserve.

Moved by: P. Molloy

Seconded by: P. Silveira

**BOD-024-18 RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 03-18-BOD regarding new Education and Training Facility Project as it relates to the Thiess Riverprize Reserve be received; and**

**FURTHER THAT Board of Directors approve the release of the Thiess Riverprize Reserve up to and including the full amount of \$235,625.00 to be incorporated into the 2018 budget for the completion of the detailed design, financial strategy and launch of the fund raising campaign; and**

**FURTHER THAT staff be directed to provide quarterly updates regarding the project progress and any and all draws on the reserve to the Board of Directors. CARRIED**

## **VI. HEARINGS**

There were no hearings at this meeting.

## **VII. DEPUTATIONS**

There were no depositions at this meeting.

## **VIII. DETERMINATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION**

Item No. 1b and 4 were identified as items requiring separate discussion.

## **IX. ADOPTION OF ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION**

Items No. 1a, 1c, 2, 3, and 5 were identified as items not requiring separate discussion.

Moved by: R. Simpson

Seconded by: D. Kerwin

**BOD-025-18 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**

**BOD-026-18 RESOLVED THAT correspondence listed in the agenda as Item 1a) and 1c) be received for information. CARRIED**

**2. Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act - 2017 Annual Statistical Report**

BOD-027-18 **RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 04-18-BOD regarding the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act – 2017 Annual Statistical Report* be received for information. CARRIED**

**3. Bill 148 – Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act, 2017**

BOD-028-18 **RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 05-18-BOD regarding Bill 148 – *Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act, 2017* be received for information. CARRIED**

**5. Purchasing Policy – Stormwater Management Economic Study**

BOD-029-18 **RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 07-18-BOD be received; and**

**FURTHER THAT LSRCA be authorized to contact Freeman Associates Ltd. to undertake the Stormwater Management Economic Study supported by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities funding. CARRIED**

**X. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION**

**1. Correspondence**

b) Councillor Eek enquired as to how an Agricultural Advisory Committee would work, as recommended by the Simcoe County Federation of Agriculture (SCFA) in their letter of January 18, 2018. CAO Walters advised that he would arrange to meet with Mr. Partridge of SCFA to gather more information and report back to the Board at a later meeting.

Moved by: A. Eek

Seconded by: S. Strangway

BOD-030-18 **RESOLVED THAT correspondence listed in the agenda as Item 1b) be received for information. CARRIED**

**4. Closure of the Ontario Tree Seed Plant**

Councillor Eek asked questions around the variety of seeds, a good tree to replace the emerald ash borer, which trees are at greater risk, as well as what will happen to the seeds upon the plant closure. Manager, Forestry and Stewardship, Phil Davies, noted that while he couldn't comment on all varieties, the seed plant has been collecting both hardwood and softwood for years, and that the draft letter covers all issues and types of seeds. He went on to note that the seed plant has been a safety net that is heavily relied on. He also noted that collective organizations and non-profits have convinced MNRF to assign bulk of seeds to one collective, but that he was not sure at this point where that would be.

Moved by: A. Eek

Seconded by: S. Harrison-McIntyre

BOD-031-18 **RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 06-18-BOD regarding the closure of the Ontario Tree Seed Plant be received; and**



BOD-037-18 **RESOLVED THAT the update regarding a confidential legal matter be received for information. CARRIED**

**XI. OTHER BUSINESS**

- a) Mayor Quirk requested an update on the application from the DG Group for Maple Lake Estates property, noting that she has received a number of email enquiries. General Manager, Planning & Development, Rob Baldwin explained the application process to the Board of Directors and agreed to provide an email explanation that Board members could pass along to members of the public who make enquiries. Board members were also directed to the Town of Georgina's website where there is a very informative section entitled: [Maple Lake Estates Background Info](#)

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by: V. Hackson

Seconded by: P. Ferragine

BOD-038-18 **RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned @ 11:20 a.m. CARRIED**



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Mayor Geoffrey Dawe  
Chair



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Michael Walters  
Chief Administrative Officer