

# Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority

## Board of Directors' Meeting

Board of Directors' Meeting No. BOD-04-23

Friday, April 28, 2023

120 Bayview Parkway, Newmarket

### Meeting Minutes

#### Board Members Present

Regional Chairman W. Emmerson (Chair), Councillor P. Ferragine (Vice Chair), Councillor S. Bell, Councillor F. Drodge, Councillor A. Eek, Mayor R. Greenlaw, Councillor B. Hamilton, Councillor S. Harrison-McIntyre, Mayor I. Lovatt, Councillor C. Pettingill, Mayor M. Quirk, Councillor C. Riepma, Councillor M. Thompson, Deputy Mayor and Regional Councillor T. Vegh

#### Board Members Absent

Regional Councillor B. Garrod, Mayor V. Hackson, Councillor D. Le Roy, Councillor E. Yeo

#### Staff Present

R. Baldwin, T. Barnett, A. Brown, M. Critch, A. Cullen, D. Goodyear, G. MacMillan, S. McKinnon, G Peat, C. Sharp, K. Toffan, K. Yemm

### I. Land Acknowledgement

Chair Emmerson acknowledged the Lake Simcoe watershed as traditional Indigenous territory and thanked all generations of Indigenous peoples for their enduring and unwavering care for this land and water.

### II. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest or Conflict of Interest

None noted for the meeting.

### III. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: I. Lovatt

Seconded by: R. Greenlaw

BOD-052-23 **Resolved That** the content of the Agenda for the March 24, 2023 meeting of the Board of Directors be approved as circulated. **Carried**

## IV. Adoption of Minutes

### a) Board of Directors' Meeting

Moved by: F. Drodge

Seconded by: C. Pettingill

BOD-053-23 **Resolved That** the minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting, No. BOD-03-23, held on Friday, March 24, 2023 be approved as circulated. **Carried**

## V. Announcements

- a) CAO Baldwin reminded Board members that the Celebration of Life for former Newmarket Councillor and Board member Dave Kerwin was being held on Friday, May 12th at Newmarket Old Town Hall for anyone wishing to attend.
- b) CAO Baldwin advised that Conservation Ontario held its Annual General Meeting on April 13<sup>th</sup>. Elections were held for Chair, Vice Chair and Directors, with the following results:
  - Chair - Chris White, Grand River Conservation Authority
  - Vice Chair - Pierre Leroux, South Nation Conservation Authority
  - Vice Chair - Robert Rock, Kawartha Conservation
  - Director - Rob Baldwin, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority
  - Director - Linda Laliberte, Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority
  - Director - Chandra Sharma, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority
- c) CAO Baldwin was pleased to advise that the Conservation Authority is being recognized as a 2023 recipient of the Salt Symposium Chloride Reduction Leadership Award at the upcoming 2023 Salt Symposium. He congratulated and thanked Manager, Integrated Watershed Management, Bill Thompson and his team for all their efforts on the Freshwater Roundtable.
- d) CAO Baldwin advised that the Bradford West Gwillimbury Mayor & Council's Golf Classic is being held on Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at the Club at Bond Head. Each year this event raises funds for important community services and initiatives, and for 2023, all proceeds will be donated to the new Nature Centre project at Scanlon Creek Conservation Area.
- e) CAO Baldwin reported that a donation of equipment from the Conservation Authority's Sprouting Seeds program run by our Education Department was recently made to Georgina Island First Nation. He noted the program ran from 2014 to 2022, and staff were pleased to be able to make this donation and see the continuation of this educational opportunity.
- f) CAO Baldwin advised that he recently attended the announcement of the Uxbridge Urban Provincial Park with Minister Piccini, MPP Bethlenfalvy, Durham Chair Henry, Mayor Barton, and TRCA CEO John Mackenzie.

## VI. Presentations

### a) 2022 Draft Audited Financial Statements

BDO Canada LLP Partner, Adam Delle Cese, provided an overview of the audit of the Conservation Authority's 2022 draft financial statements for the period ending December 31, 2022, noting that it is BDO's opinion that the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority as at December 31, 2022, and its results of operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards. He went on to note that the audit was conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Mr. Delle Cese confirmed that BDO Canada LLP is independent of Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority in accordance with the ethical requirements relevant to the audit of the financial statements.

To view this presentation, please click this link: [BDO's Audit Report to the Board of Directors](#)

Moved by: P. Ferragine

Seconded by: C. Riepma

BOD-054-23 **Resolved That** the presentation by BDO Canada LLP Partner, Adam Delle Cese, regarding an overview of the audit of the Conservation Authority's 2022 draft financial statements for the period ending December 31, 2022 be received for information. **Carried**

Included in the agenda was Staff Report No. 18-23-BOD regarding the 2022 Draft Audited Financial Statements.

Moved by: P. Ferragine

Seconded by: C. Riepma

BOD-055-23 **Resolved That** Staff Report No. 18-23-BOD regarding the Conservation Authority's 2022 Draft Audited Financial Statements be received; and

**Further that** the 2022 Draft Audited Financial Statements be approved; and

**Further that** the Appropriations to and from Reserves as outlined in Schedule 8 – Statement of Continuity of Reserves of the 2022 Draft Audited Financial Statements be approved; and

**Further that** the pending 2022 Audited Financial Statements be distributed to the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Conservation Authority's banker, and be made available on the Conservation Authority's website. **Carried**

**b) Top Restoration Projects of 2022 and Planned Projects for 2023**

Manager, Restoration Services, Christa Sharp, provided a presentation on the Conservation Authority's Restoration Program, noting that over 90 projects were either completed or funded across the Lake Simcoe watershed in 2022. Projects included stormwater retrofits, low impact development, community action projects, wetland habitat creation and agricultural projects. Key Performance Indicators are tracked with accomplishments including over 35,000 trees and shrubs planted, over 2,000 metres of streambank restored, over 25 hectares of land restored, and over 180 kg per year of Phosphorus reduced in Lake Simcoe. highlighted a few projects, including a stormwater management project in Aurora, a wetland project in Innisfil, and the retrofitting of a stormwater pond in Barrie.

Ms. Sharp was pleased to report that 88 projects are currently in progress, including 67 projects to address natural heritage, 14 urban stormwater projects, and 7 agricultural projects. She highlighted a stormwater pond and stream retrofit project in Barrie and controlled burn and restoration project at Rogers Reservoir in East Gwillimbury.

To view this presentation, please click this link: [Restoration Program and Top Restoration Projects of 2022](#)

Moved by: S. Bell

Seconded by: M. Thompson

BOD-056-23 **Resolved That** the presentation by Manager, Restoration Services, Christa Sharp, regarding the Conservation Authority's Restoration Program and the top projects completed in 2022, as well as planned projects for 2023 be received for information. **Carried**

Included in the agenda was Staff Report No. 19-23-BOD regarding the Conservation Authority's Restoration Program and Projects.

Moved by: S. Bell

Seconded by: M. Thompson

BOD-057-23 **Resolved That** the Staff Report No. No. 19-23-BOD regarding the Conservation Authority's Restoration Program and Projects be received for information. **Carried**

**VII. Hearings**

There were no Hearings at this meeting.

## VIII. Deputations

There were no Deputations at this meeting.

## IX. Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

No items were identified under items requiring separate discussion.

## X. Adoption of Items not Requiring Separate Discussion

Items No. 1 - 4 were identified under items not requiring separate discussion.

Moved by: S. Harrison-McIntyre

Seconded by: M. Quirk

BOD-058-23 **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-059-23 **Resolved That** no Correspondence Items be received. **Carried**

### 2. 2023 Provincial Funding Agreements Summary - Lake Simcoe Protection Plan

BOD-060-23 **Resolved That** Staff Report No. 20-23-BOD regarding recently secured Provincial funding in support of the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan be received for information. **Carried**

### 3. Update on Purchasing of Off-lease Equipment and Vehicles

BOD-061-23 **Resolved That** Staff Report No. 21-23-BOD regarding changes in the replacement of certain aging assets be received; and

**Further That** the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to draw from the Asset Management reserve, as necessary, to facilitate the purchase of off-lease office equipment and vehicles, where financially prudent for the Conservation Authority. **Carried**

### 4. SPO3 Stormwater Pond Retrofit, City of Barrie

BOD-062-23 **Resolved That** Staff Report No. 22-23-BOD regarding the SPO3 Stormwater Pond Retrofit in the City of Barrie be received; and

**Further that** funding for the project through the Conservation Authority's Offsetting Cash in Lieu funds and Restoration Assistance as outlined in this report be approved.

**Carried**

## **XI. Consideration of Items Requiring Separate Discussion**

No items required separate discussion.

## **XII. Closed Session**

The Board moved to Closed Session to deal with a confidential human resources matter.

Moved by: B. Hamilton

Seconded by: A. Eek

BOD-063-23 **Resolved That** the Board move to Closed Session to deal with a confidential human resources matter; and

**Further that** the Chief Administrative Officer remain in the meeting for the discussion.

**Carried**

The Board rose from Closed Session to report findings.

Moved by: R. Greenlaw

Seconded by: C. Riepma

BOD-064-23 **Resolved That** the Board rise from Closed Session and report findings.

**Carried**

### **a) Confidential Human Resources Matter**

The Board adopted the following amended motion.

Moved by: P. Ferragine

Seconded by: S. Harrison-McIntyre

BOD-065-23 **Resolved That** Confidential Staff Report No. 23-23-BOD regarding a confidential human resources matter be received; and

**Further that** the Director, Human Resources be directed to bring recommendations for a new process to the June 23, 2023 Board of Directors' meeting. **Carried**

## **XIII. Other Business**

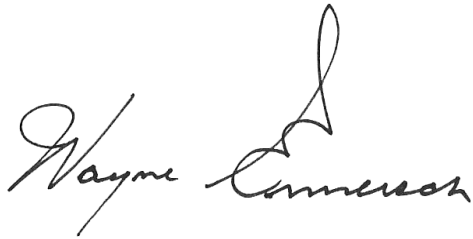
- a) Chair Emmerson noted that the next meeting will be held on Friday, May 26, 2023 at 9:00a. This meeting will be held in person at the Newmarket Administrative Offices.

#### **XIV. Adjournment**

Moved by: A. Eek

Seconded by: T. Vegh

BOD-066-23 **Resolved That** the meeting be adjourned at 11:35 a.m. **Carried**



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Regional Chairman Wayne Emmerson  
Chair



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Rob Baldwin  
Chief Administrative Officer