

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

No. BOD-05-19 – Friday, May 24, 2019

120 Bayview Parkway, Newmarket, ON

MINUTES

LSRCA Board Members Present:

Regional Chairman W. Emmerson, Chair Councillor S. Macpherson, Vice Chair

Mayor D. Barton

Mayor D. Bath-Hadden

Mayor B. Drew Councillor A. Eek

Councillor K. Ferdinands Councillor P. Ferragine Councillor W. Gaertner

Mayor V. Hackson

Councillor S. Harrison-McIntyre

Mayor M. Quirk Councillor C. Riepma Regional Councillor T. Vegh Councillor A. Waters Councillor E. Yeo

Regrets:

Councillor N. Harris Township of Ramara

LSRCA Staff Present:

M. Walters, Chief Administrative Officer C. Ali, GM, Watershed Restoration Services

R. Baldwin, GM Planning & Development

M. Critch, GM, Corporate and Financial Services & CFO

B. Kemp, GM, Conservation Lands

B. Longstaff, GM, Integrated Watershed Management

K. Christensen, Director, Human Resources

K. Yemm, Director, Corporate Communications & Engagement

T. Barnett, Coordinator, BOD/CAO M. Bessey, Acting Director, Planning B. Booth, Director, Regulations

A. Brown, Sr. Environmental Regs. Analyst/Capital Projects Analyst

N. Hamley, Manager, Education

S. Jagminas, Senior Communications Advisor L. McLean, Restoration Program Coordinator

P. Strong, Integrated Watershed Management Specialist

C. Taylor, Executive Director, LSCF

B. Thompson, Manager, Watershed Plans and Strategies

K. Toffan, Manager, Finance

Guests:

Councillor R. Gilliland, Aurora

I. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None noted for this meeting.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: P. Ferragine Seconded by: C. Riepma

BOD-076-19 RESOLVED THAT the content of the Agenda for the May 24, 2019 meeting of the LSRCA Board of Directors be approved as presented. CARRIED

III. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

a) Board of Directors' Meeting – April 26, 2019

Moved by: M. Quirk Seconded by: B. Drew

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BOD-077-19 RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting No. BOD-04-19 held on Friday, April 26, 2019 be approved as circulated. CARRIED

b) Conservation Ontario Council – April 1, 2019

Moved by: S. Macpherson Seconded by: A. Waters

BOD-078-19 **RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Conservation Ontario Council Meeting #1/19 held on Monday, April 1, 2019 be received for information.** CARRIED

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a) Manager, Education, Nicole Hamley was pleased to share with Board members two videos highlighting secondary students visiting LSRCA Scanlon Creek Conservation Area. The videos speak to the wonderful partnership LSRCA has with the watershed school boards and how LSRCA is working to support secondary level kids and youth engagement:
 - i. A group of students from King City Secondary School visited twice in April 2019 Day 1 was Map, Compass and GPS course, one of the courses for certification for Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) students, and they returned on Day 2 for a nature photography workshop, as well as the new Climate Escape program, an outdoor program modelled after popular escape rooms. Please click this link to view the video: <u>King City SS Students at Scanlon Creek Conservation Area</u>
 - ii. A group of SHSM students enrolled in the Health & Wellness sector from three York Region secondary schools visited in March 2019 to take part in an Innovation, Creativity and Entrepreneurship (ICE) training course, where they tackled the question, "How might we increase children and youth health and wellness through access and opportunities for active experiences in nature and the outdoors? To view this video, please click this link: SHSM Students from York Region
- b) CAO Walters was very pleased to advise that the Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation held its AGM on May 24th, and Debbie Conzelmann was once again named President, Marvin Geist was named Vice President, and Debbie Beatty was named Secretary/Treasurer.

V. PRESENTATIONS

a) Freshwater Roundtable - Engaging New Partners in Salt Reduction

Manager, Watershed Plans and Strategies, Bill Thompson, provided the Board with an overview of the Freshwater Roundtable - Engaging New Partners in Salt Reduction, noting that chloride concentrations have been increasing in Lake Simcoe, resulting in significant changes to our freshwater resources. LSRCA's Strategic Plan identified implementing a salt reduction strategy to halt the trend of increasing chloride concentrations in watershed tributaries.

A salt reduction strategy was completed in 2017, which identified the following eight objectives:

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- 1. Support road management authorities in their pursuit of reductions in winter salt use;
- 2. Integrate salt management considerations in stormwater management planning;
- 3. Promote improved winter salt management practices in the private sector;
- 4. Lead by example in property management;
- 5. Promote commercial site design that includes consideration of winter maintenance practices;
- 6. Gain a greater understanding of liability management;
- 7. Increase awareness of the environmental impacts of winter salt; and
- 8. Continue to conduct and support research and development.

Promoting improved winter salt management practices within the private sector was seen as a very important objective, as this sector does not have the same checks and balances on salt use that exist in the public sector, and an estimated 18% of salt used in the watershed is applied to commercial sector parking lots. LSRCA commissioned a consultant to interview senior managers at REITs and retail companies to better understand the motivations and barriers to adoption of best practices, and universally, the response from the property owners was that environmental reputation is an important part of their corporate brand, they recognize the paramount importance of protecting fresh water, and they are willing to consider alternative winter maintenance practices, if it doesn't increase their liability.

Participants were then invited to join a Freshwater Roundtable to collectively understand and promote the adoption of winter maintenance best practices in the commercial parking lot sector. The response was extremely positive, and the Roundtable includes staff from Federal, Provincial, municipal, and First Nations governments, commercial property owners, winter maintenance contractors, and the environmental community. The Roundtable is scheduled to meet approximately three times per year and is chaired by LSRCA and supported by staff. With support from the Roundtable members, LSRCA drafted a discussion paper. The discussion paper will be made available once endorsed by Roundtable members. To view this presentation, please click this link: Engaging the Private Sector in Salt Reduction - Freshwater Roundtable

Moved by: D. Bath-Hadden Seconded by: D. Barton

BOD-079-19 RESOLVED THAT the presentation by Manager of Watershed Plans and Strategies, Bill Thompson, regarding the Freshwater Roundtable be received for information. CARRIED

Staff Report No. 28-19-BOD prepared by Manager of Watershed Plans and Strategies, Bill Thompson, regarding the Freshwater Roundtable - Engaging New Partners in Salt Reduction was included in the agenda.

Moved by: C. Riepma Seconded by: T. Vegh

BOD-080-19 RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 28-19-BOD regarding LSRCA's approach to engaging the commercial sector in salt reduction through the Freshwater Roundtable be received for information. CARRIED

b) <u>Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) Posting No. 013-5018:</u> <u>Modernizing conservation authority operations - Conservation Authorities Act</u>

CAO Mike Walters provided an overview of Province of Ontario's proposed amendments to the *Conservation Authorities Act* as outlined in Environmental Registry of Ontario posting No. ERO#013-5018:

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Modernizing Conservation Authority Operations; *Conservation Authorities Act*, noting that the proposed amendments include:

- 1) Defining the core mandatory programs and services;
- 2) Increasing transparency in how CAs levy municipalities for mandatory and non-mandatory programs and services;
- 3) Updating the Conservation Authorities Act to conform to modern transparency standards.
- 4) Establishing a transition period for MOUs;
- 5) Enabling the Minister to appoint an investigator to investigate or undertake an audit and report on a CA; and
- 6) Clarifying he duties of CA Board members to act in the best interest of the CA.

CAO Walters provided an overview of LSRCA's comments as submitted in response to ERO No. 013-5018, a copy of which can be found through this link: LSRCA Comments on ERO No. 013-5018

To view this presentation, please click this link: <u>Modernizing Conservation Authority Operations, ERO No.</u> <u>013-5018 - LSRCA Comments</u>

Moved by: W. Gaertner Seconded by: A. Waters

BOD-081-19 RESOLVED THAT the presentation by Chief Administrative Officer, Mike Walters, regarding an overview of LSRCA's comments regarding the ERO Posting No. 013-5018:

Modernizing conservation authority operations - Conservation Authorities Act be received for information. CARRIED

Staff Report No. 29-19-BOD prepared by Chief Administrative Officer, Mike Walters regarding LSRCA's comments on the ERO Posting No. 013-5018: Modernizing conservation authority operations - *Conservation Authorities Act* was included in the agenda.

Moved by: A. Eek Seconded by: C. Riepma

BOD-082-19 RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 29-19-BOD and attached comments in response to Environmental Registry of Ontario Posting No 013-5018, Modernizing Conservation Authority Operations - Conservation Authorities Act be received; and

FURTHER THAT staff be directed to circulate final comments to LSRCA's member municipalities, Conservation Ontario and Lake Simcoe watershed MPPs. CARRIED

VI. HEARINGS

There were no hearings at this meeting.

VII. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations at this meeting.

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VIII. DETERMINATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

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

IX. ADOPTION OF ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Items No. 2 and 3 were identified as items not requiring separate discussion.

Moved by: P. Ferragine Seconded by: S. Harrison-McIntyre

BOD-083-19 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

2. LSRCA's Offsetting Policies Housekeeping Policies Amendments

BOD-084-19 RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 30-19-BOD regarding proposed amendments to LSRCA's Ecological Offsetting Plan, the Lake Simcoe Phosphorus Offsetting Policy, and the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan Water Budget Policy for 48.-DP and 6.40-DP be approved. CARRIED

3. <u>Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) Posting No. 013-4992:</u> Focusing conservation authority development permits on the protection of people and property

BOD-085-19 RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 31-19-BOD regarding Comments – Focusing Conservation Authority Permits on the Protection of People and Property – Proposed Changes to Conservation Authority Regulations and Permitting be received; and

FURTHER THAT Staff continue to track and participate with Conservation Ontario and the Province as potential changes or amendments are clarified; and

FURTHER THAT Staff provide updates to the Board of Directors as required. CARRIED

X. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

1. Correspondence

Moved by: A. Waters Seconded by: V. Hackson

BOD-086-19 RESOLVED THAT correspondence listed in the agenda as Item 1a) be received for information. CARRIED

CAO Walters addressed the May 9, 2019 staff report from the Town of Wasaga Beach regarding their comments on the Regional (County) Government Review, which recommended among other things dissolving the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA), as well as the LSRCA. CAO Walters noted that upon seeing this staff report, he did speak with the Mayor of Wasaga Beach and Chief Administrative Officer to determine why a non-member municipality would recommend the dissolution of LSRCA. During the conversation CAO Walters was advised that the Town's comments reflect concerns

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with service delivery provided by NVCA; and it is their belief that the County of Simcoe could offer the services currently being provided by both conservation authorities cheaper and more effectively.

XI. CLOSED SESSION

There were no Closed Session items for this meeting.

XII. OTHER BUSINESS

a) Mayor Bath-Hadden thanked Limnologist Dr. Brian Ginn for the wonderful presentation on the health of Lake Simcoe that he recently gave at a meeting in Brock Township.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: K. Ferdinands Seconded by: M. Quirk

BOD-087-19 RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned @ 10:50 a.m. CARRIED

Regional Chairman W. Emmerson

Chair

Michael Walters

Chief Administrative Officer

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