

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: [King City SS Students at Scanlon Creek Conservation Area](#)

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:

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) Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) Posting No. 013-5018:
Modernizing conservation authority operations - Conservation Authorities Act**

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:

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. Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) Posting No. 013-4992:
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

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