



BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

No. BOD-06-18 – Friday, June 22, 2018

120 Bayview Parkway, Newmarket, ON

MINUTES

LSRCA Board Members Present:

Mayor G. Dawe, Chair
Deputy Mayor/Regional Councillor N. Davison
J. Dolan
Regional Councillor B. Drew
Councillor A. Eek
Councillor K. Ferdinands
Councillor P. Ferragine
Mayor J. Grant
Mayor V. Hackson
Councillor D. Kerwin
Councillor S. Macpherson
Mayor M. Quirk
Councillor S. Strangway

Regrets:

Councillor S. Harrison-McIntyre
Mayor P. Molloy
Councillor P. Silveira
Councillor R. Simpson, Vice Chair
Township of Ramara

LSRCA Staff Present:

M. Walters, Chief Administrative Officer
R. Baldwin, GM, Planning & Development
M. Critch, GM, Corporate & Financial Services
B. Kemp, GM, Conservation Lands
B. Longstaff, GM, Integrated Watershed Management
K. Christensen, Manager, Human Resources
K. Yemm, Manager, Corporate Communications
T. Barnett, Coordinator, BOD/CAO
D. Andrews, Land & Resources Planning Technician
B. Booth, Manager, Regulations
C. Burgess, Manager, Planning
J. Chan, Natural Heritage Assistant
A. Copeland, Climate Change Mitigation Assistant
S. Fernandes, Natural Heritage Ecologist
S. Jagminas, Communications Program Coordinator
K. Kennedy, Land Securement Officer
N. Knight, Communications Specialist
C. Taylor, Executive Director, LSCF
B. Thompson, Manager, Integrated Watershed Management
K. Vickers, GIS Technician

Guests:

K. Adeney, York Region
L. Davies, York Region
L. Gonsalves, York Region
V. Navolsky, York Region

Chair Dawe recognized National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21st and acknowledged and thanked all generations of indigenous peoples for sharing the land known as the Lake Simcoe watershed, noting they have been stewards of this land and water for thousands of years before us. He noted that this acknowledgement will be made at the beginning of each Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Annual General Meeting and at the Board of Directors' meeting closest to June 21st each year.

I. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None noted for this meeting.

strength is the ability to bring people together to build a welcoming community that celebrates and values the differences and contributions of everyone.

By endorsing the Inclusion Charter, organizations affirm their commitment to becoming increasingly inclusive for employees and customers alike. The Charter reflects an evolving approach in support of existing federal and provincial legislation, responds to our rapidly changing demographics, provides a framework for promoting programs, services, facilities and workplaces, and benefits the communities it serves.

LSRCA's participation in and commitment to the Charter were then endorsed through a signing by LSRCA's CAO Mike Walters and Chair, Mayor Geoffrey Dawe.

To view this presentation, please click this link: [The Inclusion Charter York Region Presentation](#)

Moved by: B. Drew

Seconded by: V. Hackson

BOD-096-18 **RESOLVED THAT the presentation by Manager, Human Resources, Keri Christensen, regarding the Inclusion Charter for York Region be received for information. CARRIED**

b) Lake Simcoe Watershed Report Card 2018

Manager, Integrated Watershed Management, Bill Thompson, provided a presentation on the Lake Simcoe Watershed Report Card 2018, noting that the watershed report card is a Conservation Ontario led initiative in an effort for all conservation authorities to use the same template. The report card is released every five years and reports on three core metrics: groundwater quality, surface water quality, and forest conditions, all combined to show the overall health of the lake. He was pleased to report that in all categories, conditions have remained stable or shown improvement since the last report card. To view the report card, please click this link: [Lake Simcoe Watershed Report Card 2018](#). He also noted that more detailed information and technical studies are available through LSRCA's Data Portal, which can be accessed on the [LSRCA Homepage](#) by clicking **Data Portal** from the **Popular Links** area.

To view this presentation, please click this link: [Lake Simcoe Watershed Report Card 2018 Presentation](#)

Moved by: S. Macpherson

Seconded by: J. Dolan

BOD-097-18 **RESOLVED THAT the presentation by Manager, Integrated Watershed Management, Bill Thompson, regarding the Lake Simcoe Watershed Report Card 2018 be received for information. CARRIED**

c) LSRCA's Natural Heritage System and Restoration Strategy

Natural Heritage Ecologist, Shauna Fernandes Chagani, provided a presentation on LSRCA's Natural Heritage System and Restoration Strategy (NHSRS), noting that developing and implementing a NHSRS for the Lake Simcoe watershed was identified as a priority action in LSRCA's Strategic Plan (2016-2020). Following a presentation to and direction from the Board of Directors in 2017, a comprehensive consultation process was undertaken in order to update a previous natural heritage system that will serve as a foundational study that will be implemented through LSRCA's programs and services.

The Natural Heritage System was defined and categorized into core features, targeted areas that enhance the NHS, and buffers within the Lake Simcoe watershed. To view the strategy, please click this link: [Natural Heritage System and Restoration Strategy](#)

LSRCA will lead the implementation of the NHSRS through a series of 39 actions that will be shared and supported by its watershed-wide municipal partners and the extended community. The implementation strategy focuses on LSRCA's programs and services through actions of protection, land planning and management, monitoring and data collection, research and tools, outreach and education, partnerships, and strategy evaluation.

Mayor Hackson thanked Ms. Fernandes for her wonderful presentation and all the work that has gone into the strategy, noting that all partners will need to play a large role in making it happen. Councillor Eek thanked staff for the additional consultation with the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, noting she is pleased to hear of their letter of support.

To view this presentation, please click this link: [Natural Heritage System and Restoration Strategy Presentation](#)

Moved by: A. Eek

Seconded by: D. Kerwin

BOD-098-18 **RESOLVED THAT the presentation by Natural Heritage Ecologist, Shauna Fernandes Chagani, regarding LSRCA's Natural Heritage System and Restoration Strategy be received for information. CARRIED**

Staff Report No. 23-18-BOD regarding LSRCA's Natural Heritage System and Restoration Strategy was included in the agenda.

Moved by: A. Eek

Seconded by: D. Kerwin

BOD-099-18 **RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 23-18-BOD regarding the Natural Heritage System and Restoration Strategy be received; and**

FURTHER THAT the Natural Heritage System and Restoration Strategy be approved. CARRIED

d) [LSRCA's Landholding Assessment Strategy](#)

Land and Resource Planning Technician, Dan Andrews, provided a presentation on LSRCA's Land Holding Assessment Strategy, noting the purpose of the assessment was to a) provide an account of all existing records for LSRCA landholdings, b) identify incomplete or out-of-date records and propose a schedule for their completion, and c) inform future conservation land management direction. He noted that to date, an accurate account of LSRCA's existing 35 lands has been completed, and identifying incomplete or out-of-date records is two-thirds complete resulting in better management of these properties. The information gathered is and will continue to inform the future of conservation area management plan agreements, forest management plans, land acquisition strategies, risk management, operations and facilities management, conservation lands and funding, as well as monitoring and tracking. An implementation strategy has been put in place, and future anticipated outcomes have been defined.

To view this presentation, please click this link: [Conservation Landholding Assessment Implementation Strategy Presentation](#)

Moved by: P. Ferragine

Seconded by: B. Drew

BOD-100-18 **RESOLVED THAT the presentation by Land and Resource Planning Technician, Dan Andrews, regarding LSRCA's Land Holding Assessment Strategy be received for information. 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

Items 1a, b, c, and 2 were identified as items requiring separate discussion.

IX. ADOPTION OF ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Item 3 was identified under items not requiring separate discussion.

Moved by: S. Macpherson

Seconded by: N. Davison

BOD-101-18 **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**

3. Update on LSRCA's Administrative By-Laws

BOD-102-18 **RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 25-18-BOD regarding the second reading of the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Administrative By-Laws be received; and**

FURTHER THAT the Chief Administrative Officer/Secretary Treasurer be directed to table the draft Administrative By-Laws for a third and final time at the July 2018 Board of Directors' meetings with the intent to present a final version for approval at the September 28, 2018 meeting. CARRIED

X. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

1. Correspondence

- a) CAO Walters referenced the June 6, 2018 letter from the Township of Ramara to the Office of the Mining and Lands Commissioner, noting that while it advises that the Township is appealing

LSRCA's 2018 levy, it does not state a reason for the appeal. CAO Walters noted that LSRCA does not have any additional information on this appeal at this point.

- b) CAO Walters referenced the June 15, 2018 letter from the Township of Ramara to LSRCA regarding the Township's wishes to terminate the Memorandum of Understanding(MOU) of March 2014 concerning "Procedures to Circulate Applications under the *Planning Act* and to define the Roles of the LSRCA and Municipality in Ontario's Land Use Planning system. CAO Walters noted that representatives of Township (the Mayor, two Councillors and two staff members) attended a meeting at LSRCA on June 15th to discuss the termination of this MOU. LSRCA staff did advise during the meeting that terminating the MOU is in fact in direct contravention of the *Planning Act*.
- c) Councillor Strangway referenced the City of Kawartha Lakes Council Report, noting that Mayor Letham requested a core service review on approximately 50 aspects within the municipality to consider all options. He was pleased to report that Council very strongly supports the work of the conservation authorities and quickly voted on Option 3 – To Continue Conservation Authority Services, and expressed an interest in exploring Options 4 and 5 - To Increase and Embrace Conservation Authority Services.

Moved by: S. Strangway

Seconded by: J. Grant

BOD-103-18 **RESOLVED THAT correspondence listed in the agenda as Item 1a) to 1c) be received for information. CARRIED**

2. LSRCA's 2019 Budget Assumptions

General Manager, Corporate and Financial Services, Mark Critch, noted that the budget assumptions were updated to be consistent with those approved at the May Board Budget Committee meeting, and this information will be used to update member municipalities. He also noted that resources have been added to address planned strategic plan initiatives, but that this request is conservative.

Moved by: V. Hackson

Seconded by: N. Davison

BOD-104-18 **RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 24-18-BOD regarding the recommended budget assumptions for the 2019 fiscal year be approved. CARRIED**

XI. CLOSED SESSION

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

Moved by: S. Macpherson

Seconded by: M. Quirk

BOD-105-18 **RESOLVED THAT the Board move to Closed Session to deal with a confidential legal matter; and**

FURTHER THAT the Chief Administrative Officer, members of the Executive Management Team, the Manager, Regulations, the Environmental Regulations Analyst, and the Coordinator BOD/CAO remain in the meeting. CARRIED

The Board rose from Closed Session.

Moved by: S. Macpherson

Seconded by: N. Davison

BOD-106-18 **RESOLVED THAT the Board rise from Closed Session and report findings. CARRIED**

a) Legal Matter

The Board received an update regarding on a confidential legal matter.

Moved by: M. Quirk

Seconded by: V. Hackson

BOD-107-18 **RESOLVED THAT the update regarding a confidential legal matter be received for information. CARRIED**

XII. OTHER BUSINESS

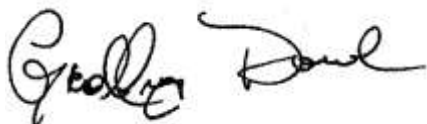
- a) Chair Dawe advised that the next meeting will be held on Friday, July 27th @ 9:00 a.m. at LSRCA's offices located at 120 Bayview Parkway in Newmarket.
- b) Councillor Kerwin announced that he plans to retire and accordingly he will not be running in the 2018 Municipal Election.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: P. Ferragine

Seconded by: K. Ferdinands

BOD-108-18 **RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned @ 11:20 a.m. CARRIED**



Mayor Geoffrey Dawe
Chair



Michael Walters
Chief Administrative Officer