



BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING  
No. BOD-06-20 – Friday, May 22, 2020

Virtual Meeting

**MINUTES**

***LSRCA Board Members Present:***

Regional Chairman W. Emmerson, Chair  
Councillor K. Aylwin  
Mayor D. Barton  
Mayor D. Bath-Hadden  
Mayor B. Drew  
Councillor A. Eek  
Councillor K. Ferdinands  
Councillor W. Gaertner  
Councillor R. Greenlaw  
Mayor V. Hackson  
Councillor S. Harrison-McIntyre  
Mayor M. Quirk  
Councillor C. Riepma  
Regional Councillor T. Vegh  
Councillor A. Waters

***Regrets:***

Councillor P. Ferragine, Vice Chair  
Councillor E. Yeo  
Township of Ramara

***LSRCA Staff Present:***

M. Walters, Chief Administrative Officer  
R. Baldwin, GM Planning & Development  
M. Critch, GM, Corporate and Financial Services  
B. Kemp, GM, Conservation Lands  
B. Longstaff, GM, Integrated Watershed Management  
K. Christensen, Director Human Resources  
C. Taylor, Executive Director, LSCF  
K. Yemm, Director, Corporate Communications & Engagement  
T. Barnett, Coordinator, BOD/CAO  
M. Bessey, Director, Planning  
A. Brown, Acting Director, Regulations  
M. Brown, Compliance Officer  
P. Davis, Manager, Forestry and Greenspace Services  
L. Grzywniak, Land Management Technician  
N. Hamley, Manager, Education  
S. Jagminas, Senior Communications Advisor  
B. Patel, Engineer, Watershed Restoration Services  
G. Peat, Manager, Director, Information Services & Technology  
M. Rosato, Communications Specialist  
D. Ruggle, Planner II  
C. Sharp, Restoration Program Coordinator  
K. Toffan, Manager, Finance

**I. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None noted for this meeting.

**II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by: K. Ferdinands

Seconded by: W. Gaertner

BOD-066-20 **RESOLVED THAT the content of the Agenda for the May 22, 2020 meeting of the LSRCA Board of Directors be approved as circulated. CARRIED**

**III. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

a) Board of Directors' Meeting – April 24, 2020

Moved by: S. Harrison-McIntyre

Seconded by: C. Riepma

**BOD-067-20 RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting No. BOD-05-20 held on Friday, April 24, 2020 be approved as circulated. CARRIED**

#### **IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a) CAO Walters advised that LSRCA's Education Team received a letter of thanks and appreciation from Simcoe County District School Board for their ability to overcome this year's challenges and continue to provide online learning. CAO Walters thanked the Education Team for their innovation during these challenging times and also thanked the Communications Team for their assistance with all the far-reaching online learning that LSRCA has been able to produce.

#### **V. PRESENTATIONS**

- a) Reopening Plan for LSRCA's Conservation Areas

General Manager, Conservation Lands, Brian Kemp provided an overview of LSRCA's planned approach to reopening its conservation areas. Providing background, he noted that after a tough decision, all LSRCA Conservation Areas were closed on March 24<sup>th</sup> in an effort for LSRCA to do its part with social distancing and comply with provincial direction. On May 1<sup>st</sup> working with municipal partners East Gwillimbury, Newmarket and Uxbridge, a few LSRCA trails with direct connectivity to municipal trails were opened. Municipal staff assisted with the opening and monitoring of these trails. On May 11<sup>th</sup> with the Province opening conservation reserves for day use, LSRCA began working on a plan to reopen its conservation areas to provide limited day use. On May 19<sup>th</sup>, the Province further eased restrictions to include the opening of dog parks, etc. LSRCA is proceeding with its plan to reopen all conservation areas by May 29<sup>th</sup> excluding all amenities except the Bark Park at Scanlon Creek Conservation Area.

GM Kemp explained that steps to reopening included finalizing safety measures to keep staff safe, assessing all properties for hazards such as felled branches and trees, potholes, etc. He was pleased to note that properties for the most part are in good condition. New signage regarding restrictions and visitor etiquette is being installed, and enhanced maintenance will continue once properties are open. Staff will continue to keep municipal partners including park staff and bylaw enforcement updated on any property issues.

GM Kemp went on to note that timing for the reopening of conservation area facilities and amenities is unknown at this time but will coincide with provincial and medical health direction. Staff will continue to monitor properties and are prepared to close them again if restrictions and visitor etiquette is not adhered to.

Mayor Hackson thanked GM Kemp on behalf of the residents of East Gwillimbury, who are thankful for the opened trails, noting that East Gwillimbury staff enjoyed working with LSRCA staff and will continue to be available for ongoing assistance as needed.

Councillor Gaertner asked about garbage in the conservation areas. GM Kemp noted they are trying to balance the need of garbage facilities versus safety of staff having to handle the garbage, and conservation area messaging includes asking the public to take home anything they bring, garbage included.

Chair Emmerson asked if staff have a sufficient supply of personal protective equipment, and GM Kemp noted that most items are available but finding sufficient face masks has been challenging. Chair Emmerson noted that York Region's Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Kurji, advised that a homemade, double layered cloth mask is a good substitute, and Mayor Barton advised that he has a source for masks should one be required.

Chair Emmerson thanked Board members for their assistance and patience and sent a thank you out to all LSRCA and municipal staff working on getting trails and conservation areas reopened.

To view this presentation, please click this link: [LSRCA Conservation Areas Reopening Plan](#)

Moved by: V. Hackson

Seconded by: K. Ferdinands

**BOD-068-20 RESOLVED THAT the presentation by General Manager, Conservation Lands, Brian Kemp and Manager, Forestry and Greenspace Services, Phil Davies regarding the Reopening Plan for LSRCA's Conservation Areas be received for information. CARRIED**

The Board supported the reopening plan for LSRCA's Conservation Areas outlined in Staff Report No. 27-20-BOD.

Moved by: V. Hackson

Seconded by: K. Ferdinands

**BOD-069-20 RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 27-20-BOD regarding the reopening plan for LSRCA's Conservation Areas in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic be received; and**  
**FURTHER THAT the approach provided in the report be supported. 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**

No items were identified under items requiring separate discussion.

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

Items No. 1, 2, 3, and 4 were identified as items not requiring separate discussion.

Moved by: D. Barton

Seconded by: R. Greenlaw

**BOD-070-20 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**



a) **Confidential Land Matter**

Confidential Staff Report No. 31-20-BOD regarding a confidential land matter was provided to Board members prior to the meeting.

Moved by: M. Quirk

Seconded by: V. Hackson

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**RESOLVED THAT Confidential Staff Report No. 31-20-BOD regarding a confidential land matter be received; and**

**FURTHER THAT recommendations contained within Confidential Staff Report No. 31-20-BOD be approved. CARRIED**

**XII. OTHER BUSINESS**

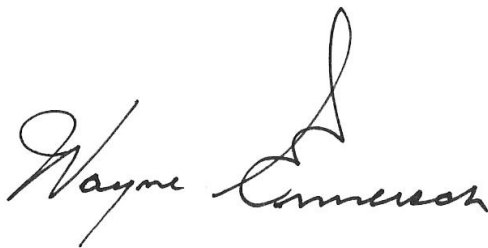
a) Mayor Quirk asked for an update on the Pefferlaw Dam. CAO Walters noted that a start-up meeting was held between LSRCA and Town of Georgina staff, and DM Wills and Associates, the contractor hired to perform a structural assessment. All assessments are to be completed in May, with a report expected late June. Scenarios and options will then be discussed and consultation with the members of the public will be conducted. Recommendations and associated costs will be brought back to the Board in the coming months. He also reiterated that stop logs and flash boards will not be put in. CAO Walters also noted that dam ownership is unclear at this time, and LSRCA is awaiting responses from MECP and MNRF on clarification on who owns the dam.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by: K. Ferdinands

Seconded by: D. Bath-Hadden

BOD-077-20 **RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned @ 11:10 a.m. CARRIED**



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Regional Chairman W. Emmerson  
Chair

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Michael Walters  
Chief Administrative Officer