

# Board Meeting Highlights

April 27, 2018

## Announcements:

- a) CAO Mike Walters was pleased to announce that Don MacIver, Vice Chair of Credit Valley Conservation, was recently elected as the Chair of Conservation Ontario Council. He also congratulated LSRCA's Chair Geoffrey Dawe on being elected to Conservation Ontario's Board of Directors.
- b) CAO Walters was pleased to advise Board members that Conservation Ontario signed a Memorandum of Cooperation with the Province of Ontario on April 16<sup>th</sup>, formalizing their partnership to protect Ontarians from natural hazards such as flooding, and to ensure the health of Ontario's natural resources. For more information, please click this link: [New-Relationship-Between-the-Province-and-Conservation-Authorities](#).
- c) CAO Walters reminded Board members that nominations for LSRCA's Annual Conservation Awards are now open for and will remain open until June 15<sup>th</sup>. Nominations can be made through the following link: [Nominate-Environmental-Heroes](#) or by contacting Katarina Zeppieri, Senior Administrative Assistant, Communications and Education at [k.zeppieri@lsrca.on.ca](mailto:k.zeppieri@lsrca.on.ca) or 905-895-1281 x 116.

## Presentations:

- a) LSRCA 2017 Audit by BDO Canada

Ms. Trudy White, representing LSRCA's independent audit firm, BDO Canada LLP, attended the meeting to advise the Board of Directors on the audit of LSRCA's 2017 Financial Statements, noting that the audit went very well with lots of support and cooperation from staff. Ms. White went on to note that the audit found no issues with override of controls or anything unusual. Ms. White asked Board members if they were aware of any fraud that has taken place at LSRCA during the year, to which Board members replied that they were not.

- b) Stormwater Management Economic Study

General Manager, Integrated Watershed Management, Ben Longstaff, together with Tracy Patterson of Freeman Associates Ltd., provided a presentation on the stormwater management optimization study, a study on how stormwater can be optimized at the least cost to municipalities. Extensive research in stormwater management has shown that a new direction is needed to resolve the massive infrastructure deficit and to provide sustainable solutions for future development. Partnering with the Towns of Aurora, Newmarket, and East Gwillimbury, and utilizing funds obtained through provincial and federal grants, the study will explore opportunities in the East Holland River to optimize stormwater performance while assessing economic principles of aggregation, economies of scale and equitable responsibility. Currently each municipality manages its stormwater independently, and this study will look at opportunities for municipalities to work collectively to identify solutions at the subwatershed scale.

Some objectives of the study include evaluating the potential for mitigating stormwater flows and flooding, and reducing contaminant loadings via integration of municipal green and grey stormwater management infrastructure; determining operational implications of an integrated or systems-based approach to

municipal stormwater management; identifying the most effective phosphorus and water quantity offset locations, supporting planning decision via updates to subwatershed plans; and facilitating application of a public domain model for future stormwater applications. To view this presentation, please click this link: [Stormwater Management Optimization Study](#). For additional information on this study, please contact Ben Longstaff @ [b.longstaff@lsrca.on.ca](mailto:b.longstaff@lsrca.on.ca) or 905-895-1281 ext 305.

### **Correspondence and Staff Reports:**

#### **Correspondence**

The Board received the following pieces of correspondence:

- a) Aird & Berlis letter of March 20, 2018 to LSRCA regarding Maple Lake Estates Section 28 Application;
- b) Durham Region letter of March 27, 2018 to LSRCA regarding LSRCA's 2018 Operating and Special Projects Budgets; and
- c) MPP-York Simcoe Julia Munro's letter of March 28, 2018 to MMA Minister, the Hon. Bill Mauro, requesting a meeting regarding the Maple Lake Estates property.

#### **LSRCA'S 2017 Draft Audited Financial Statement**

The Board approved Staff Report No. 15-18-BOD prepared by Manager, Finance, Katherine Toffan, regarding the 2017 Draft Audited Financial Statements of LSRCA, which included recommendation of Appropriations to and from Reserves from operations, as well as distribution of the audited statements.

#### **Purchasing Policy - Stormwater Management Economic Study**

The Board approved Staff Report No. 16-18-BOD, prepared by Ben Longstaff, General Manager, Integrated Watershed Management, which sought approval to contract Freeman Associates Ltd. to undertake a stormwater management economic study funded through a Natural Resource Canada (NRCan) grant.

#### **LSRCA'S 2018 Proposed Budget**

The Board received Staff Report No. 17-18-BOD, prepared by Susan McKinnon, Manager, Budget and Business Analysis, regarding LSRCA's 2018 Proposed Budget. The Board approved the 2018 Budget and all projects outlined therein and authorized staff to enter into agreements as required for the undertaking of projects for the benefit of LSRCA. Per Ontario Regulations 139/96, the 2018 budget was approved by weighted vote, unanimously by those in attendance. General Manager, Corporate and Financial Services, Mark Critch provided a presentation on LSRCA's 2018 budget. To view the presentation, please click this link: [2018 Budget Presentation](#)

#### **Purchasing Policy - Magna Centre (Newmarket) Low Impact Development (LID) Retrofit Project**

The Board approved Staff Report No. 18-17-BOD, prepared by Steve Auger, Manager, Urban Restoration, regarding the Magna Centre Low Impact Development Retrofit Project, which recommended that staff retain R&M Construction Ltd. to undertake construction services to implement the design at a cost of \$132,961 excluding HST.

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