



# Board Meeting Highlights

April 3, 2020

## 1. SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A special meeting of the Board of Directors was held for the purposes of amending the Lake Simcoe Region

Conservation Authority Administrative By-Laws to include provisions to ensure to ensure business continuity during emergencies. The Board approved Staff Report No. 11-20-BOD, prepared by CAO Mike Walters, regarding amendments to LSRCA's administrative by-laws. This included the ability to hold meetings virtually when a state of emergency has been declared.

## 2. REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### PRESENTATIONS:

#### a) LSRCA Fourth Quarter 2019 Financial Update and 2020 Budget

General Manager, Corporate and Financial Services/CFO, Mark Critch, provided an overview of LSRCA's Fourth Quarter 2019 Financial Report and the 2020 Budget. He thanked staff members Susan McKinnon and Katherine Toffan for a great job and their support throughout the year, as well as the Communications Team, especially Katarina Zeppieri for her support on the Budget Document.

GM Critch outlined the highlights for 2019, which include a small operational surplus, a temporary reserve draw required for offsetting programs, as well as a required draw from reserves to cover the \$64K reduction from MNRF transfer payment. There were some timing differences on some capital projects that were anticipated to be completed in 2019 but moved into 2020. Interest of 2.5% was achieved on investments. He reviewed the procurement summary, the summary of offsetting funds, major projects for 2019, as well as reserve funds.

Moving on to 2020, he advised that the 2019 audited financial statements will require approval at the next meeting. The annual operating priorities (AOPs) for 2020 have been developed, along with the 2020 Proposed Budget set for approval today.

To view this presentation, please click this link: [LSRCA 2019 Financial Results and 2020 Proposed Budget Presentation](#)

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## **CORRESPONDENCE AND STAFF REPORTS:**

### **Correspondence**

- a) The Board received Lake Simcoe Watch correspondence of February 18, 2020 regarding Cleaning up Lake Simcoe: A Discussion Paper.
- b) The Board received Town of Innisfil Council resolution of March 11, 2020 regarding Conservation Authorities Act, Section 28, and the Needs of Rural Areas.
- c) The Board received the Town of Georgina email dated March 2, 2020 regarding a Council motion regarding the continuation of programs and services by Conservation Authorities.

### **LSRCA Fourth Quarter 2019 Financial Update**

The Board received Staff Report No. 12-20-BOD, prepared by Manager, Finance, Katherine Toffan, regarding LSRCA's Fourth Quarter Unaudited Financial Report for the period ending December 31, 2019.

### **LSRCA 2020 Proposed Capital and Operating Budget**

The Board approved Staff Report No. 13-20-BOD, prepared by Manager, Budget and Business Analysis, Susan McKinnon, regarding LSRCA's 2020 Proposed Capital and Operating Budget, and adopted all projects therein. The Board authorized staff to enter into agreements and/or execute documents with private sector organizations, non-governmental organizations or governments and their agencies for the undertaking of projects for the benefit of LSRCA and funded by the sponsoring organization or agency, including projects that have not been provided for in the approved budget. As required by Ontario Regulation 139/96 (formerly O.S. 231/97), the recommendations and accompanying budget documents, including the schedule of matching and non-matching levies, were approved by weighted vote.

### **LSRCA Operational Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic**

The Board received Staff Report No. 14-20-BOD, prepared by CAO Mike Walters, regarding changes in LSRCA's operations in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **Pefferlaw Dam**

The Board received Staff Report No. 15-20-BOD, prepared by General Manager, Planning & Development and Watershed Restoration Services, Rob Baldwin, which provided the Board with an update regarding the Pefferlaw Dam Ownership, Operational and Structural Status. The Board approved the following five recommendations:

1. The dam stop logs will not be installed in 2020 due to structural concerns and staff safety issues;
2. Staff will communicate the status of dam operations with the general public and Town of Georgina;
3. Staff continue to pursue and establish clear ownership of the dam structure and associated properties in consultation with Town of Georgina and Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and/or the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks;
4. Staff engage in consultation with Town of Georgina staff, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and/or the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks and community to discuss long-term options for the Pefferlaw Dam; and
5. Staff will bring updates to the Board of Directors as required.

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*Recently Secured Funding Agreements supporting the Integrated Watershed Management Division*

The Board received Staff Report No. 16-20-BOD, prepared by General Manager, Integrated Watershed Management, Ben Longstaff, which provided a summary of recently secured funding agreements supporting the Integrated Watershed Management Division.

*LSRCA 2020 Conservation Awards Program*

The Board received Staff Report No. 17-20-BOD, prepared by Director, Communications & Community Engagement, Kristen Yemm, which provided the Board with an update on the 2020 Conservation Awards Ceremony. The Board deferred the viability of hosting a Conservation Awards evening in 2020 to the April 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.

*Closure of LSRCA's Conservation Areas – Response to COVID-19 Pandemic*

The Board supported Staff Report No. 18-20-BOD, prepared by General Manager, Conservation Lands, Brian Kemp, which provided an update on the status of LSRCA's Conservation Areas and associated amenities during the global COVID-19 pandemic.

*Goodyear Farms Best Management Practices Construction Project to address Agricultural Surface Runoff*

The Board received Staff Report No. 19-20-BOD, prepared by Restoration Program Coordinator, Christa Sharp, regarding a restoration project to address agricultural surface runoff from Goodyear Farms in the Township of Brock. The Board approved funding through LSRCA's restoration grant program for Phase 2 at a cost of 50% to an upset limit of \$152,500 excluding taxes be approved.

For more information or to see the full agenda package, please click the link below for LSRCA's Board of Directors' webpage: <https://www.lsrca.on.ca/Pages/Board-Meetings.aspx>