

Board Meeting Highlights

December 17, 2021

Announcements:

- a) CAO Baldwin updated the Board on staff's return to the physical office, which had been planned for January 10th. He advised that the return to office date has been pushed back to an unknown date at this time due to rising cases of COVID.
- b) CAO Baldwin advised that the Federal Minister's mandate letter was recently issued, and he was pleased to note that it included implementation funding for a series of the Great Lakes waterways and rivers, and Lake Simcoe is specifically named as a recipient. Staff have been working with Environment Canada over a couple of years on a substantial restoration package and remain optimistic that this funding will come through. He reminded Board members that the Authority received Federal funding a few years back through the Lake Simcoe Clean-up Fund and the Lake Simcoe/south-eastern Georgian Bay Clean-up Fund.
- c) General Manager, Integrated Watershed Management, Ben Longstaff was pleased to advise the Board that the Climate Wise Business Network recently held its annual awards ceremony, and the Authority was awarded the GHG Achievement Award. This award recognizes efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and the Authority reduced emissions from fleet vehicles by moving from gasoline to electric and hybrid vehicles. During the period 2016 and 2019, a 30% reduction in fleet vehicle emissions was achieved, with an overall emissions reduction of 16%, putting the Authority halfway to its 2026 targets.

Staff Reports:

Conservation Authorities Act Transition Plan

The Board received Staff Report No. 63-21-BOD regarding the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority's *Conservation Authorities Act* Transition Plan and approved the Transition Plan for submission to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and circulation to watershed municipalities and the Authority's website.

Updates to Ontario Regulation 179/06 Implementation Guidelines (formerly Watershed Development Guidelines)

The Board received Staff Report No. 64-21-BOD regarding updates to the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority's Ontario Regulation 179/06 Implementation Guidelines and approved the Guidelines for implementation effective January 3, 2022.

Lake Simcoe Shoreline Hazard Project – Request for Proposal – Award to Consultant

The Board received Staff Report No. 65-21-BOD regarding the Request for Proposal for the Lake Simcoe Shoreline Hazard Project and approved staff's recommendation to award the project to W.F. Baird & Associates Coastal Engineers Ltd.

Updates Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority's Purchasing Policy

The Board received Staff Report No. 66-21-BOD regarding recommended updates to Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority's Purchasing Policy. The Board approved the delegation of authority to the Chief Administrative Officer for project approvals up to \$500,000 and purchase order approvals within the projects up to \$200,000. The Board also approved changes to Schedule E of the Purchasing Policy to allow for standard procurement/purchase order awards between \$200,000 and \$500,000 to be authorized by the Chief Administrative Officer, along with the Chair or Vice Chair of the Board of Directors; changes to Schedule D of the Purchasing Policy to increase the threshold for the CAO from \$100,000 to \$200,000 for standard procurement; and changes to Schedule E to remove the term "designate" from the authorization table.