

Board Meeting Highlights

February 23, 2018

Announcements:

- a) The Board welcomed new member, Mayor John Grant, representing Durham Region (Township of Brock). Mayor Grant has been appointed to replace Ms. Debbie Bath, who recently resigned from her position on LSRCA's Board.
- b) CAO Mike Walters advised that the 'Freezin for a Reason' fundraiser is taking place in Innisfil on Saturday, February 24th, and that he and Vice Chair Simpson, along with a few other LSRCA staff members, will be jumping in to raise funds for the Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation. Anyone wishing to donate may do so through this link: [LSCF Freezin-for-a-reason-polar-dip](#). Funds raised support LSRCA programs and projects in the Lake Simcoe watershed.
- c) CAO Walters advised that the installation of rooftop solar panels at LSRCA's Administrative Offices, a project previously approved by the Board, was currently taking place. The project, led by Dave Lembcke, provides LSRCA the opportunity to demonstrate its commitment to sustainable, renewable energy generation and highlights LSRCA's commitment to actively participate in addressing the root cause of climate change. For information on this project, please contact David Lembcke, Manager Environmental Science and Monitoring @ 905-895-1281 ext. 237 or d.lembcke@lsrca.on.ca

Presentations:

Update on the New Education and Training Facility – Scanlon Creek Conservation Area

Chief Administrative Officer, Mike Walters, updated the Board regarding LSRCA's new Education and Training Facility, noting that the existing facility (the Nature Centre at Scanlon Creek Conservation Area) is quickly approaching the end of its useful life and would require a significant renovation and investment to extend it. LSRCA has been considering and investigating the feasibility of raising funds for a new multi-use facility; however, funds are not available in the 2018 budget to continue. CAO Walters sought the Board's approval to utilize the Thiess Riverprize funds, which were received in 2009 and have been held in reserve until a worthy project was identified. Staff sought to incorporate these funds into the 2018 budget to cover expenditures associated with completing a detailed design, financial strategy, and to launch the fundraising campaign for the new Education and Training Facility Project.

The Board approved Staff Report No. 03-18-BOD regarding new Education and Training Facility Project as it relates to the release of the Thiess Riverprize Reserve funds up to the full amount of \$235,625.00 to be incorporated into the 2018 budget for the completion of the detailed design, financial strategy and launch of the fund raising campaign. Staff will provide quarterly updates to the Board regarding the project progress and any and all draws on the reserve.

Correspondence and Staff Reports:

Correspondence

The Board received the following pieces of correspondence:

- a) The Township of Ramara's letter to LSRCA dated December 15, 2017 advising that Council had passed a resolution that the Township of Ramara does not want to be a member and that they would not be contributing to LSRCA's 2018 budget.
- b) The Simcoe County Federation of Agriculture's letter to LSRCA dated January 18, 2018 requesting that LSRCA consider the formation of an Agricultural Advisory Committee, the aim of which would be to improve communications and influence policy for the benefit of mutual interests within the agricultural community and LSRCA.
- c) Conservation Ontario's email to conservation authority CAOs dated February 1, 2018 advising that the Gilmor's Leave for Appeal was dismissed by the Supreme Court of Canada.

Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act: Annual Statistical Report 2017

The Board received Staff Report No. 04-18-BOD, prepared by Shelley Fogelman, Senior Administrative Assistant, Corporate & Financial Services, which provided the Board with a summary of *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* – Annual Statistical Report for 2017.

Bill 148 – Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act, 2017

The Board received Staff Report No. 05-18-BOD, prepared by Keri Christensen, Manager Human Resources, which provided the Board with information on how Bill 148 – *Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act, 2017* has and will continue to be implemented at LSRCA.

Closure of the Ontario Tree Seed Plant

The Board approved Staff Report No. 06-18-BOD, prepared by Phil Davies, Manager, Forestry and Stewardship, which outlined the anticipated impacts of the closing of the Ontario Tree Seed Plant, and requested that a letter (draft letter provided in the agenda) be sent to the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry to express these concerns.

Purchasing Policy – Stormwater Management Economic Study

The Board received Staff Report No. 08-17-BOD, prepared by Ben Longstaff, General Manager, Integrated Watershed Management, which sought authorization to contract Freeman Associates Ltd. to undertake the Stormwater Management Economic Study supported by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities funding.

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