

Board Meeting Highlights

June 22, 2018

Announcements:

a) Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation Annual Conservation Dinner

LSRCA CAO Mike Walters congratulated Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation Executive Director Cheryl Taylor and her team of staff and volunteers on a very successful fundraising dinner held on June 13, 2018. He also thanked LSRCA Board members for their support, noting that twelve Board members were in attendance. Executive Director Cheryl Taylor noted that the dinner raised \$220,000, which is \$20,000 above the evening's goal. She thanked Board members and staff, for without them these results would not be possible.

b) ClimateWise Business Network Evening of Recognition

CAO Walters was pleased to advise that LSRCA was the recipient of the 2018 Progressive Action Plan Award at the ClimateWise Business Network's Evening of Recognition held on May 31st. General Manager, Integrated Watershed Management, Ben Longstaff, explained that the award was for LSRCA's work on a carbon reduction strategy and was pleased to recognize LSRCA's Climate Change Mitigation Assistant, Anna Copeland, for her hard work in pulling the plan together.



Presenting the award to Anna Copeland - from left to right: LSRCA CAO Mike Walters, Chair Mayor Geoff Dawe, Climate Change Mitigation Assistant Anna Copeland, and General Manager, Integrated Watershed Management, Ben Longstaff

Presentations:

a) The Inclusion Charter for York Region

Manager, Human Resources, Keri Christensen, welcomed guests from York Region's Strategies and Partnerships Branch and provided an overview of the Inclusion Charter for York Region, noting that the Charter is a community collaboration developed by York Region, bringing together multiple sectors in a "commitment to action". She went on to note that the Charter is grounded in the belief that our greatest strength is the ability to bring people together to build a welcoming community that celebrates and values the differences and contributions of everyone.



Supporting The Inclusion Charter York Region signing from left to right: York Region's Lisa Gonsalves, LSRCA Manager Human Resources Keri Christensen, LSRCA CAO Mike Walters, LSRCA Chair Mayor Geoff Dawe, York Region's Kim Adeney, York Region's Valentyna Navolsky, and York Region's Lois Davies

By endorsing the Inclusion Charter, organizations affirm their commitment to becoming increasingly inclusive for employees and customers alike. The Charter reflects an evolving approach in support of existing federal and provincial legislation, responds to our rapidly changing demographics, provides a framework for promoting programs, services, facilities and workplaces, and benefits the communities it serves. SRCA's participation in and commitment to the Charter was then endorsed by a signing by LSRCA's CAO Mike Walters and Chair, Mayor Geoffrey Dawe. To view this presentation, please click this link: [The Inclusion Charter York Region Presentation](#)

b) [Lake Simcoe Watershed Report Card 2018](#)

Manager, Integrated Watershed Management, Bill Thompson, provided a presentation on the Lake Simcoe Watershed Report Card 2018, noting that the watershed report card is a Conservation Ontario led initiative in an effort for all conservation authorities to use the same template. The report card is released every five years and reports on three core metrics: groundwater quality, surface water quality, and forest conditions, all combined to show the overall health of the lake. He was pleased to report that in all categories, conditions have remained stabled or shown improvement since the last report card. To view the report card, please click this link: [Lake Simcoe Watershed Report Card 2018](#). He also noted that more detailed information and technical studies are available through LSRCA's Data Portal, which can be accessed on the [LSRCA Homepage](#) by clicking **Data Portal** from the **Popular Links** area. To view this presentation, please click this link: [Lake Simcoe Watershed Report Card 2018 Presentation](#)

c) [Natural Heritage System and Restoration Strategy](#)

Natural Heritage Ecologist, Shauna Fernandes Chagani, provided a presentation on LSRCA's Natural Heritage System and Restoration Strategy (NHSRS), noting that developing and implementing a NHSRS for the Lake Simcoe watershed was identified as a priority action in LSRCA's Strategic Plan (2016-2020). Following a presentation to and direction from the Board of Directors in 2017, a comprehensive consultation process was undertaken in order to update a previous natural heritage system that will serve as a foundational study that will be implemented through LSRCA's programs and services. The Natural Heritage System was defined and categorized into core features, targeted areas that enhance the NHS, and buffers within the Lake Simcoe watershed. To view the strategy, please click this link: [Natural Heritage System and Restoration Strategy](#)

LSRCA will lead the implementation of the NHSRS through a series of 39 actions that will be shared and supported by its watershed-wide municipal partners and the extended community. The implementation strategy focuses on LSRCA's programs and services through actions of protection, land planning and management, monitoring and data collection, research and tools, outreach and education, partnerships, and strategy evaluation. To view this presentation, please click this link: [Natural Heritage System and Restoration Strategy Presentation](#)

d) [LSRCA Landholding Assessment Implementation Strategy](#)

Land and Resource Planning Technician, Dan Andrews, provided a presentation on LSRCA's Land Holding Assessment Strategy, noting the purpose of the assessment was to a) provide an account of all existing records for LSRCA landholdings, b) identify incomplete or out-of-date records and propose a schedule for their completion, and c) inform future conservation land management direction. He noted that to date, an accurate account of LSRCA's existing 35 lands has been completed, and identifying incomplete or out-of-date records is two-thirds complete resulting in better management of these properties. The information gathered is and will continue to inform the future of conservation area management plan agreements, forest management plans, land

acquisition strategies, risk management, operations and facilities management, conservation lands and funding, as well as monitoring and tracking. An implementation strategy has been put in place, and future anticipated outcomes have been defined. To view this presentation, please click this link: [Conservation Landholding Assessment Implementation Strategy Presentation](#)

Correspondence and Staff Reports:

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The Board received the following pieces of correspondence:

- a) Township of Ramara letter of June 6, 2018 regarding LSRCA's 2018 Levy;
- b) Township of Ramara letter of June 15, 2018 regarding LSRCA and Watershed Municipalities (Township of Ramara) Memorandum of Understanding 2014;
- c) City of Kawartha Lakes Council Report No. PLAN2018-055 dated June 19, 2018 regarding Conservation Authorities Core Services Review – Options.

LSRCA 2019 Budget Assumptions

The Board approved Staff Report No. 24-18-BOD, prepared by Manager, Budgets and Business Analysis, Susan McKinnon, which recommended budget assumptions for the 2019 fiscal year.

Update on LSRCA's Administrative By-Laws

The Board received Staff Report No. 25-18-BOD, prepared by CAO Mike Walters, regarding draft updated Administrative By-Laws for LSRCA, which were tabled at the May Board of Directors' meeting and will also be tabled at the July 2018 Board of Directors' meetings for comment, with the intent to present a final version for approval at the September 28, 2018 meeting.

For more information or to see the full agenda package, please click the link below for LSRCA's Board of Directors' webpage: [LSRCA Board of Directors' Meetings](#)