

Board Meeting Highlights

June 24, 2022

Announcements:

- a) Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation Executive Director, Cheryl Taylor, was very pleased to advise of the successful Federal grant of \$4.17M for the new Nature Centre at Scanlon Creek Conservation Area. She thanked everyone for attending the Foundation's Annual dinner, which was once again a very successful event. She also noted that the 4th Annual Golf Tournament is being held on August 22nd at the Nest at Friday Harbour. More information on these events can be found at [Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation](#)
- b) Manager, Forestry and Greenspace Services, Phil Davies, provided an update on the Conservation Authority's clean-up efforts from the May 21st storm. He reviewed the path of the storm, noting that three of our conservation areas were impacted. Nine properties were closed while clean-up efforts took place. He shared some photos of the damage and thanked all staff involved in the clean-up efforts.
- c) General Manager, Planning, Development and Restoration, Glenn MacMillan, was pleased to advise that over 200 participants attended the Conservation Authority's webinar on Hydrogeological Assessments for Land Development Applications. This was the first in a series of webinars taking place over the next couple of years to help streamline the approvals process. The next webinar is planned for the fall of 2022 on stormwater management related to volume control.
- d) General Manager, Planning, Development and Restoration, Glenn MacMillan, advised that staff developed a Regulations 101 webinar for real estate agents. Three pilot sessions were delivered in June to the Barrie, Durham and Toronto real estate boards, and discussion are taking place to continue delivering these sessions across Ontario.

Presentations:

a) Phosphorus Decoupling Investigation in Lake Simcoe

The Conservation Authority's Limnologist, Dr Brian Ginn, provided an update on the phosphorus decoupling project to investigate ecological changes in Lake Simcoe and why changes phosphorus loads are not being tracked by in lake indicators. The presentation detailed that phosphorus loads seem to be intercepted by invasive mussels and invasive starry stonewort and buffering changes in other lake health indicators. Further research is being undertaken to understand what mechanisms are driving phosphorus cycling in the lake, how

these have changed in recent years, and what the consequences of future change might be to the health of Lake Simcoe.

b) 2023 Budget Assumptions

General Manager, Corporate and Financial Services/CFO, Mark Critch, provided a presentation on the Conservation Authority's 2023 Budget Assumptions, noting that staff set budget targets at this time each year to help set clear organizational direction, to allow staff to work with funding partners to secure preliminary budget approval, and for the Board of Directors to have some input on the general direction of the budget. He reviewed the budget recommendations, including inflation, municipal targets, recommended investment in the Conservation Authority's strategic plan, and long-term funding for asset management. He reviewed the COLA and inflation comparators, along with the financial impact of the funding targets. GM Critch sought the Board's approval on the following budget recommendations:

- Inflation up to 4.00% (2022 Budget: 2.00%);
- COLA for staff up to 2.00% (2022 Budget: 2.00%);
- Infrastructure levy for Asset Management at 0.50% increase on capital funding only;
- Investment in Strategic Priorities of 1.50% (2022: 0.00%);
- No additional FTEs in 2023, unless fully funded from grants and/or fees (exception Strategic Priorities);
- General and Special Operating Levy up to 2.00% (2022: 2.00%); and
- Special Capital Levy up to 1.68% (2022 Budget: 1.70%).

To view this presentation, please click this link: [2023 Budget Assumptions](#)

Correspondence and Staff Reports:

Correspondence

The Board received two letters of thanks from the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority:

- a) to Premier Ford and Ministers Clark and Mulroney regarding the recent land transfer in the Town of Georgina; and
- b) to Premier Ford, Ministers Piccini and Mulroney, and MPP Khanjin regarding funding for the Holland Marsh Treatment Facility.

Phosphorus Decoupling Investigation in Lake Simcoe

The Board received Staff Report No. 20-22-BOD regarding the phosphorus decoupling project investigating ecological changes in Lake Simcoe.

2023 Budget Assumptions

The Board approved Staff Report No. 21-22-BOD regarding recommended 2023 Budget assumptions.

Exception Request for the Current Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors

The Board received Staff Report No. 22-22-BOD regarding the requirement for an exception request for the current Chair and Vice Chair of the Board of Directors and approved the submission of such request to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks regarding Chair Wayne Emmerson and Vice-Chair Peter Ferragine continuing in their Board roles for 2022.

CAA Transition Plan Quarterly Report

The Board received Staff Report No. 23-22-BOD regarding the Conservation Authority Transition Quarterly Progress Report No. 1 and approved Quarterly Progress Report No. 1 for submission to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks.

Offsetting Program Results – Reconciliation to December 31, 2021

The Board received Staff Report No. 24-22-BOD regarding an update on the Conservation Authority's Offsetting Cash in Lieu funds and Key Performance Indicators reconciliation.

Appointment of Enforcement Officer(s) under the Conservation Authorities Act

The Board received Staff Report No. 25-22-BOD regarding the appointment of Ashley Page as a Provincial Offences Officer with the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority under Section 28 of the Conservation Authorities Act. The Board welcomed Ashley and approved her appointment as a Provincial Offenses Officer.

Conservation Awards Recipients

The Board received Confidential Staff Report No. 26-22-BOD regarding the recipients of the 2022 Conservation Awards and approved the recommendations contained within the report.

Confidential Land Matter

The Board received Confidential Staff Report No. 27-22-BOD regarding a confidential land matter.

Confidential Land and Human Resources Matter

The Board received Confidential Staff Report No. 28-22-BOD regarding an update on a confidential land and human resources matter.

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