

# Board Meeting Highlights

March 24, 2017

## **Presentations:**

### Scanlon Creek Operations Centre Design Schematic

General Manager, Conservation Lands, Brian Kemp, provided an overview of the Scanlon Creek Operations Centre located in Bradford West Gwillimbury, noting that it currently houses LSRCA's Education and Conservation Lands staff teams. He presented the schematic design to Board members and reviewed the steps taken to date to arrive at the design, noting that architects at Brook McIlroy have been retained and are working with an internal team to ensure the interests of all concerned are considered. He explained that the renovations will allow for more staff to relocate to this building in the future to create much needed space in LSRCA's Administrative Offices located in Newmarket.

### Urban Restoration Department and Demonstration Projects

General Manager, Integrated Watershed Management, Ben Longstaff, provided the Board with a presentation on LSRCA's new Urban Restoration Department, noting a priority action in LSRCA's Strategic Plan is to develop a new Urban Restoration Program and update the Rural Stewardship Program in 1 year. He noted the department essentially consists of three main areas: construction services; knowledge transfer and translation; and RainScaping Assistance Program. He explained the desired outcomes of this new department include cost effective urban restoration services provided to municipal partners and other stakeholders; a strategic approach to urban restoration that moves from opportunistic and ad hoc demonstration projects to one based on identified priorities and economic rationalization; low impact development (LID) and better site design becoming normal practice for all urban restoration activities; a sustainable incentive program that motivates ICI sector to undertake LID solutions; along with business and environmental outcomes tracked, reported and communicated to stakeholders.

GM Longstaff overviewed some of the demonstration projects the team has been working on, noting the primary purposes of pilot projects include using smaller scale projects as a learning experience in order to adapt on the broader projects, measuring environmental outcomes, as well as an opportunity to educate and promote members of the public and municipal staff.

## **Correspondence and Staff Reports:**

### Correspondence

The Board received three pieces of correspondence: (a) the Township of Ramara's letter advising that they will no longer have a Township representative on the LSRCA Board, (b) a thank you letter from the Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD); and (c) a thank you letter from Conservation Ontario.

*2016 Reserves and Preliminary Unaudited Financial Statements*

The Board approved Staff Report No. 12-17-BOD, prepared by Katherine Toffan, Manager, Finance, which provided the Board of Directors with the 2016 Preliminary Unaudited Financial Statements, which contained recommendations of appropriations to and (from) reserves.

*2017 Conservation Awards Program – Timeline and Proposed Changes*

The Board received Staff Report No. 13-17-BOD, prepared by Kristen Yemm, Manager, Communications, which provided the Board with information regarding the 2017 Conservation Awards Program. The Board approved an amended recommendation regarding the proposed changes to the Conservation Awards Program; namely, the Board requested that the names of the Ernie Crossland Young Conservationist Award and the George R. Richardson Award of Honour remain unchanged.

*Nature Backpack Public Library Pilot Project*

The Board received Staff Report No. 14-17-BOD, prepared by Nicole Hamley, Manager, Education, which provided the Board with additional information regarding the Nature Backpack Public Library Pilot Project, as had been requested at a previous meeting.

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