

Board Meeting Highlights

March 23, 2018

Announcements:

The board received a number of handouts at the meeting:

- i) Lake Simcoe Living Magazine
- ii) [Lake Simcoe Watershed Report Card 2018](#)
- iii) [2017 Lake Simcoe Subwatershed Plans Implementation Report](#)

Presentations:

a) Floods of 2017

Manager, Engineering, Tom Hogenbirk, provided a presentation regarding the 2017 flood activity in the Lake Simcoe watershed, noting that 2017 was fairly normal year with an early thaw and then the return of winter. There were some major rainfall events that saw Lake Simcoe levels somewhat elevated. He noted that by early May, the Lake Simcoe watershed had exceeded highest rainfall ever measured for same period, and June saw another major amount of rainfall. As the year went on, events became more severe, a symptom of climate change. To view this presentation, please click this link: [Floods of 2017 in the Lake Simcoe Watershed](#)

b) Asset Management Planning

General Manager, Corporate & Financial Services, Mark Critch, provided a presentation on the development of LSRCA's asset management plan, noting that the 2016-2020 Strategic Plan identified this under operational excellence to quantify existing assets and guide sustainable replacement of corporate assets over the next ten years. He noted that Ontario Regulation No. 588/17 is driving change and requiring municipalities to have some components of an asset management plan in place for January 1, 2019, and while conservation authorities are not governed by this regulation, developing an asset management policy and plan is good business practice and will help provide greater certainty in long-term funding for LSRCA's municipal partners.

GM Critch explained that previously, LSRCA's managed its assets in a more reactive way (i.e. fixing assets as they broke) and the shift to an asset management plan will allow the LSRCA to be more proactive through increased collaboration across departments, a better understanding of the condition of assets, and regular updates for the Board of Directors.

He advised of a funding opportunity of up to \$50,000 through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) that, if granted, would allow for expert municipal and/or external assistance in developing levels of service and knowledge transfer in the area of building condition assessments. Among other conditions of the funding, LSRCA would be expected to contribute a minimum of 20%, which is already allocated in the proposed 2018 budget. He noted that this funding would greatly assist in improving the quality of the asset management plan and significantly accelerate the completion of the project. To view this presentation, please click this link: [LSRCA's Asset Management Planning](#)

Deputations:

The Board received two deputations regarding Item No. 2, Maple Lake Estates Inc. (represented by DG Group) Permit Application and Proposed Land Transfer. Mr. Jack Gibbons spoke about the North Gwillimbury Forest and urged Board members to reject the staff report recommendations regarding the Maple Lake Estates permit application, and Ms. June Davies spoke about her lost hope in the governmental system and urged Board members to think differently and shift decision making to members of the community.

Correspondence and Staff Reports:

Correspondence

The Board received the following pieces of correspondence:

- a) Town of Georgina letter of February 9, 2018 to LSRCA regarding Maple Lake Estates Development;
- b) LSRCA letter of February 21, 2018 to Town of Georgina in response to February 9th letter;
- c) Aird & Berlis (Leo Longo) letter of February 20, 2018 to LSRCA regarding Maple Lake Estates Section 28 Application;
- d) LSRCA letter of March 16, 2018 to Aird & Berlis (Leo Longo) in response to February 20th letter;
- e) Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry letter of February 28, 2018 to LSRCA in response to LSRCA's letter of regarding the closure of the Ontario Tree Seed Plant.
- f) Township of Ramara letter of February 28, 2018 to LSRCA regarding payment of 2017 levy.

Maple Lake Estates Inc. (represented by DG Group) Permit Application and Proposed Land Transfer

The Board approved Staff Report No. 10-18-BOD, prepared by Rob Baldwin, General Manager, Planning & Development, which sought approval on a permit application for the Maple Lake Estates development in the Town of Georgina, a file that has a long and complex planning history. The permit application was approved on the condition that the developer transfers more than double the amount of land adjacent to the development into public ownership. A letter explaining the Board's decision was prepared for members of the public. This letter is available through this link: [Open Letter regarding Maple Lake Estates](#)

Monitoring Report – 2017 Planning and Development Applications

The Board received Staff Report No. 11-18-BOD, prepared by Beverley Booth, Manager, Regulations, and Charles Burgess, Manager, Planning, which provided the Board with a summary of 2017 planning and development applications.

2018 Conservation Awards Program

The Board approved Staff Report No. 12-18-BOD, prepared by Kristen Yemm, Manager, Communications, which outlined LSRCA's Annual Conservation Awards Program and recommended a date of Tuesday, October 16th to hold the Awards evening. Nominations are open now through June 15th and can be made through the following link: [LSRCA Conservation Awards 2018](#). For more information, please contact Joanne Doyley, Communications Specialist, @ 905-895-1281 ext 298 or j.doyley@lsrca.on.ca

*York Region Phosphorus Removal Demonstration Project Partnership:
Request for Proposals – Stormwater Management Pond Retrofits*

The Board approved Staff Report No. 13-17-BOD, prepared by Steve Auger, Manager, Urban Restoration, which recommended that AECOM be retained to undertake the Engineering and Environmental Assessment Design, Permitting and Implementation Services for the Stormwater Management Pond Retrofits.

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