

Board Meeting Highlights

November 30, 2018

Announcements:

a) Ontario Fill Symposium

CAO Mike Walters noted that General Manager, Planning & Development, Rob Baldwin, attended the Ontario Fill Symposium recently and was on a panel discussing new ways to deal with illegal fill. GM Baldwin noted that the symposium was well attended by about 400 people, and discussions acknowledged that the issue of illegal is not going away, and accordingly new methods to deal with it must be found; such as finding new legal fill sites. CAO Walters noted that TRCA has been successful with the purchase of their fill site, noting it is profitable and ensures fill goes to the right place. Councillor Ferdinands and Mr. Dolan both mentioned legal sites in the watershed that would be worth looking at. CAO Walters will follow up with both members to learn more.

b) LSRCA's Corporate Carbon Reduction Strategy

Harry French and Jen Atkinson from Windfall Centre were in attendance as the Board approved LSRCA's Corporate Carbon Reduction Strategy. General Manager, Integrated Watershed Management, Ben Longstaff, thanked them for all their assistance and acknowledged LSRCA's Stormwater Technician, Anna Copeland, for all her hard work in getting the carbon reduction strategy pulled together.



From left to right: Jen Atkinson, Windfall Centre; Anna Copeland, LSRCA Climate Change Mitigation Assistant; Harry French, Windfall Centre; Mayor Geoffrey Dawe, LSRCA Chair; Mike Walters, LSRCA CAO; and Ben Longstaff, LSRCA General Manager, Integrated Watershed Management

Presentations:

a) Sustainable Technology Evaluation Program

General Manager, Integrated Watershed Management, Ben Longstaff, provided a presentation on the Sustainable Technology Evaluation Program (STEP), a multi-agency initiative developed to support broader implementation of sustainable technologies and practices within a Canadian context. Founded by Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) in 2004, its initial focus was on evaluating sustainable technology in the water and energy sectors. With strong working relationships between the provincial and federal governments, academia and conservation authorities across Ontario, it has become a multi-agency initiative whose purpose is to share, optimize and maximize the effectiveness of existing financial, technical and staffing resources; to avoid confusion in marketplace caused by multiple CAs working in same sector; to strengthen conservation authority position; and to coordinate research, tool development, activities and facilitate knowledge transfer.

The objectives of the program include creating livable, sustainable communities by providing the data, scientific evidence, analytical tools, and expertise needed to support broader implementation of sustainable water technologies and practices within an Ontario and Canadian context. To view this presentation, please click this link: [STEP Partnership](#)

For more information, please contact Ben Longstaff @ 905-895-1281 ext 305, b.longstaff@lsrca.on.ca, or visit the program's website at <https://sustainabletechnologies.ca/about-step/>

Correspondence and Staff Reports:

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The Board received the following pieces of correspondence:

- a) Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks memo of November 20, 2018 regarding ministry re-organization.

LSRCA Corporate Carbon Reduction Strategy

The Board approved Staff Report No. 45-18-BOD, prepared by General Manager, Integrated Watershed Management, Ben Longstaff, regarding LSRCA's Corporate Carbon Reduction Strategy. The Board had previously received a presentation on the draft strategy.

Durham Regional Forest Standing Timber Sale

The Board approved Staff Report No. 46-18-BOD, prepared by Manager, Forestry and Greenspace Services, Philip Davies, which sought the Board's approval to award Tender DRF-2018-001 to Gees Lumber and Logging Ltd.

Standardization of Administration Fees for Compensation/Offsetting Programs

The Board approved Staff Report No. 47-18-BOD, prepared jointly by General Manager, Watershed Restoration Services, Carolyn Ali; General Manager, Planning & Development, Rob Baldwin; and General Manager, Corporate and Financial Services, Mark Critch, which recommended a standard administration fee of 15% for the WHPA-Q2 Recharge Compensation Program, Ecological Offsetting Plan, and the Phosphorus Offsetting Policy effective January 1, 2019.

LSRCA Reserve Management Update

The Board approved Staff Report No. 48-18-BOD, prepared by General Manager, Corporate and Financial Services, Mark Critch, which recommended that changes in reserve management, including updated minimum targets, be endorsed for future financial reporting updates, effective January 2019. The Board also approved the delegation of authorization of reserve transfer (reserve to reserve) to the Chief Administrative Officer.

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