

# Board Meeting Highlights

October 27, 2017

## Announcements:

a) General Manager, Corporate & Financial Services

CAO Mike Walters was pleased to introduce Mark Critch, LSRCA's new General Manager, Corporate and Financial Services, who joined LSRCA on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

b) Thanks to Geranium and Friday Harbour

CAO Mike Walters thanked members of Geranium and Friday Harbour for hosting the meeting, noting it is great for Board members to be able to see first-hand how the development community and LSRCA worked very effectively together, as will be evident following the meeting's presentations.

## Presentations:

a) International Riversymposium Presentations by LSRCA's Rob Baldwin and Brian Kemp

CAO Mike Walters advised that General Managers, Rob Baldwin and Brian Kemp, recently proudly represented LSRCA at the 20<sup>th</sup> International Riversymposium in Australia. He advised that LSRCA was the proud winner of the prestigious Thies International Riverprize in 2009, and that the 2017 winner is the San Antonio River in San Antonio, Texas. Both General Managers shared their presentations from the symposium.

i) Creating a Public-private Relationship

General Manager, Planning & Development, Rob Baldwin's presentation was about creating a public-private relationship to achieve maximum benefits in the Lake Simcoe watershed. He noted that intense growth and development pressures are common around the world and can often result in conflict between approval agencies and developers. This conflict does little in achieving climate change resiliency goals, sustainable water management and much more and can result in minimal outcomes and increased community conflict.

He went on to note that the Lake Simcoe watershed is and will continue to be one of the most significant growth areas in Canada. LSRCA, charged with protecting and restoring the health of Lake Simcoe and acting as an environmental extension of municipal government, has adopted an approach to change the development culture from "fighting for minimums" to "partnering for maximums".

LSRCA has been fortunate to partner with a willing and significant developer, Geranium Corporation, who also realizes the traditional approach does not work. Together, LSRCA and Geranium have changed the relationship to focus on mutual outcomes that surpass all traditional approaches. Mr. Baldwin introduced Geranium representatives, Cheryl Shindruk, Executive Vice President, and Shauna Dudding, Senior Vice President, who he has had the pleasure of working with on a number of developments, and in particular Friday Harbour in Innisfil.

Friday Harbour is a 600-acre, 2,000 unit, marina-based village that includes an 18 hole champion golf course, 200 acres of nature preserve, a 7.5km trail system and multi-activity beach area. With its environmental significance, this large development had a very engaged community of members both for and strongly opposed to it. Leaders of both LSRCA and Geranium embraced an approach based on science, collaboration, and innovation, which has achieved a positive outcome, socially, environmentally, and politically.

This presentation can be viewed by following this link: [Public-Private Relationship](#)

*ii) Twinning Success Story*

General Manager, Conservation Lands, Brian Kemp's presentation was about LSRCA's twinning success story. He explained that in 2009, LSRCA won the International RiverFoundation's (IRF) Thies International Riverprize for water management excellence, and along with this award LSRCA was provided an opportunity to "twin", or partner, with a developing country, to share expertise in the areas of integrated watershed management, flood control, public participation, forestry, recreation and environmental stewardship. In 2011, the journey began with LSRCA's "twin" – the Junta Intermunicipal de Medio Ambiente para la Gestión Integral de la Cuenca Baja del Rio Ayuquila (JIRA) and then quickly expanded in 2013 to include the Centro Universitario de la Costa Sur Universidad de Guadalajara (CUCSUR – University of Guadalajara) and the Watershed Commission of the Ayuquila-Armeria River (AAWC). Collectively, the group established a vision to partner to promote integrated watershed management in the Ayuquila-Armeria River Basin by developing twinning programs to meet the desired objectives and inspire positive social and environmental change in both countries.

Mr. Kemp described the missions undertaken to date, including visits to the Lake Simcoe watershed by the twinning partners and visits to Ayuquila watershed by LSRCA staff members, where business plans have been developed and workshops have been held. He went on to note that this twinning project has established and implemented many positive outcomes and is considered to be the success that was the vision of the International RiverFoundation.

This presentation can be viewed by following this link: [Twinning Success Story](#)

**Correspondence and Staff Reports:**

Correspondence

The Board received the following pieces of correspondence:

- a) September 22, 2017 letter from the Regional Municipality of York regarding proposed amendments to the Conservation Authorities Act under Bill 139;
- b) September 22, 2017 letter from the Regional Municipality of Peel regarding final comments on Bill 139 - proposed changes to the Ontario Municipal Board Act, Planning Act, and Conservation Authorities Act; and
- c) September 26, 2017 memo from TRCA regarding the Greater Golden Horseshoe Natural Heritage and Agricultural Systems.

### Budget Status Report

The Board received Staff Report No. 44-17-BOD, prepared by Manager, Finance, Katherine Toffan, which provided the Board with a summary of revenues and expenditures for the period ending September 30, 2017.

### LSRCA Signing Officers

The Board approved Staff Report No. 45-17-BOD, prepared by Chief Administrative Officer, Mike Walters, regarding a change in LSRCA's signing officers with the arrival of new General Manager, Corporate and Financial Services.

### Ghost Canal Wetland Project - RFT #CL-2017-GCWP-001

The Board approved Staff Report No. 46-17-BOD prepared by General Manager, Brian Kemp, which outlined the tender results for the Ghost Canal Wetland Project and recommended that LSRCA retain North Gate Farms to undertake the works associated with the Ghost Canal Wetland Project.

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