

Board Meeting Highlights

September 28, 2018

Announcements:

- a) CAO Walters was pleased to introduce Carolyn Ali, LSRCA's new General Manager, Watershed Restoration Services, noting that Carolyn comes to LSRCA from the Town of Innisfil, where for the past six years she has held various positions, including: Director of Engineering, Manager of Engineering and Manager of Development Engineering.
- b) CAO Walters was excited to advise that on October 15th, Cassandra Connell, LSRCA's Outreach Educator, will co-lead a webinar through the Children and Nature Network. He noted that this is LSRCA's first opportunity to lead an international conversation on community engagement and schoolyard greening. Anyone interested in tuning in to this webinar may do so through the following link: childrenandnature.org/initiatives/schoolyards
- c) CAO Walters reminded Board members that LSRCA's Annual Conservation Awards will take place on Tuesday, October 16th at Madsen's Gardens in Newmarket. This exciting event runs from 6:00pm to 8:30pm and is a wonderful evening to recognize many Lake Simcoe watershed heroes. For more information, please contact Katarina Zeppieri @ k.zeppieri@lsrca.on.ca or 905-895-1281 ext. 116.

Presentations:

- a) LSRCA's Corporate Carbon Reduction Strategy

General Manager, Integrated Watershed Management, Ben Longstaff, provided the Board with a presentation on LSRCA's Draft Carbon Reduction Strategy, a priority action identified in LSRCA's Strategic Plan. He recognized Stormwater Technician, Anna Copeland, for all her work on the strategy, noting that it sets the foundation for reducing corporate greenhouse gas emissions. The General Manager advised that the strategy was completed in partnership with ClimateWise Business Network, a local network of businesses of which LSRCA is a founding member. The partnership provides a fantastic opportunity to collaborate with other environmental organizations. More information on ClimateWise Business Network can be found through the following link: <http://windfallcentre.ca/climatewise>.

The General Manager went on to note that preparing for the strategy included establishing baseline carbon emissions, identifying reduction opportunities, and setting a 10 year reduction target. Emissions were categorized in three scopes: i) at the source including fleet vehicles and natural gas; ii) offsite generation of electricity; and iii) business travel and commute. Emissions were calculated for 2014, 2015 and 2016, with 2016 being used to establish baseline emissions. A target of a 28% overall reduction has been set by 2026.

The General Manager noted that next steps include developing an annual implementation plan, building off existing resources and successes, and undertaking an annual audit and report. To view this presentation, please click this link: [LSRCA's Corporate Carbon Reduction Strategy Presentation](#), and to view the draft carbon reduction strategy, please click this link: [LSRCA's Draft Carbon Reduction Strategy](#).

b) LSCF Connect Campaign Update

Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation's Executive Director, Cheryl Taylor, and Campaign Manager, Lisa Spinks, provided the Board with an update on the Connect Campaign for a new Nature Centre at Scanlon Creek Conservation Area. The Nature Centre Project is a multi-year, \$6 million project to replace the current Nature Centre that is nearing the end of its useful life with a multi-use facility that will enable LSRCA to expand its Education Program and provide for a rental facility for events.

The Campaign Manager reviewed the project team, as well as the Campaign Leadership Cabinet, whose goals will include providing leadership, as well as providing links to prospective donors to secure pledges.

To view this presentation, please click this link: [LSCF Connect Campaign - The Nature Centre Project](#)

Correspondence and Staff Reports:

Correspondence

There were no correspondence items listed for this meeting.

Response to July 2018 Deputation by Nick Didomenico regarding 319 The Queensway South, Georgina

The Board received Staff Report No. 37-18-BOD prepared by Manager, Regulations, Beverley Booth, regarding a response to a deputation made by Nick Didomenico pertaining to 319 The Queensway South, Town of Georgina.

LSRCA's Administrative By-Laws

The Board approved Staff Report No. 38-18-BOD, prepared by CAO Mike Walters, which sought the Board's approval of the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Administrative By-Laws effective September 28, 2018. These Administrative By-Laws replaced LSRCA's Administrative By-Law #1 Governance & Administration Regulations dated December 18, 2015 and Administrative By-Law #2 Meeting Procedures dated June 27, 2014.

LSRCA's Fees Policy

The Board approved Staff Report No. 39-18-BOD, prepared by General Manager, Planning & Development, Rob Baldwin and Manager, Planning, Charles Burgess, which sought the Board's approval on an updated LSRCA Fees Policy to be effective January 1, 2019.

LSRCA's Purchasing Policy Updates

The Board approved Staff Report No. 40-18-BOD, prepared by General Manager, Corporate and Financial Services, Mark Critch and General Manager, Watershed Restoration Services, Carolyn Ali, which sought the Board's approval regarding revisions to LSRCA's Purchasing Policy to include Pre-Qualification of Goods and Services and/or Construction effectively immediately.

Updated Naming Policy for LSRCA Assets and Facilities

The Board approved Staff Report No. 41-18-BOD, prepared by CAO Mike Walters, which sought the Board's approval on LSRCA's Donor Recognition and Naming Policy, regarding the naming of LSRCA assets and facilities.

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