

Board Meeting Highlights

September 22, 2017

Announcements:

a) Education and Outreach Vehicle

Members of LSRCA's Outreach Education team were pleased to show off their new hybrid vehicle that was provided through funding from the Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation. The vehicle was acquired on a three-year lease and wrapped with engaging images and messaging to increase LSRCA's profile as it travels throughout the watershed. The addition of the new vehicle is helping to expand the geographic reach of the LSRCA's education and outreach programs to create a more connected and engaged watershed community.



LSRCA's Outreach Coordinator Dana Eldon and Outreach Educator Cassandra Connell were on hand to give Board members a first-hand look their new vehicle.

b) General Manager, Corporate & Financial Services

CAO Mike Walters was pleased to announce that Mark Critch has accepted LSRCA's offer of employment and will begin on October 2nd as General Manager, Corporate & Financial Services.

c) Low Impact Development (LID) Tour

CAO Mike Walters was pleased to announce that the first Stormwater Management Low Impact Development (LID) Tour took place on September 19th and was well attended by Council and staff of member municipalities. The tour took participants to four local demonstration sites where LID techniques and features have been incorporated to manage stormwater runoff. For more information on stormwater management practices, please contact Steve Auger, Manager Urban Restoration, 905-895-1281 or s.auger@lsrca.on.ca.

d) International Riversymposium

CAO Mike Walters was pleased to advise that LSRCA General Managers, Rob Baldwin and Brian Kemp, were currently in Australia representing LSRCA and presenting at the 20th International Riversymposium. He also announced that this year's Thies International Riverprize winner is San Antonio River in San Antonio, Texas. LSRCA was the proud winner of this prestigious award in 2009.

e) Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) Program

Manager, Education, Nicole Hamley, provided Board members with the new brochure for the Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) program, which allows students to focus their learning on a specific economic sector while meeting secondary school graduation requirements. She was pleased to note that this brochure has been distributed to six school boards across the Lake Simcoe watershed. For more information on this program, please click to following link: [LSRCA SHSM Program](#)

Presentations:

a) George Barley Water Prize

Sabrina Ternier, Research Analyst, Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC), Environmental Innovations Branch, provided the Board with an overview of the George Barley Water Prize. She noted that her role at MOECC is to lead pilot projects and facilitate partnerships to test new ideas that drive better environmental outcomes in the water sector. Projects range from low impact development, resource recovery, competitions, and how stormwater can be regulated in the future.

The George Barley Water Prize is one such project, using innovative crowdsourcing to generate solutions to phosphorus pollution with an offer of prize money. With a \$10 million grand prize, the Everglades Foundation is partnering with MOECC on this competition for a huge opportunity to solve one of the world's water problems. Ms. Ternier outlined the four stages of the competition, noting that Stage 1 is now complete and saw over 75 entries. Stage 2 is the evaluation of entries and the selection of 10 finalists who will move on to the pilot stage, Stage 3, which will be conducted at the Art Janse Pumping Station in Holland Landing and will have the 10 finalists test their technology over three months to see their solution's ability to remove phosphorus in cold water climates.

For more information on the competition, please click this link: www.barleyprize.com

Correspondence and Staff Reports:

Correspondence

The Board received a memo from Conservation Ontario dated September 6, 2017 regarding Gilmor v. Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority.

Budget Status Report

The Board received Staff Report No. 37-17-BOD, prepared by Manager, Finance, Katherine Toffan, which provided the Board with a summary of revenues and expenditures for the period ending August 31, 2017.

Lake Simcoe Phosphorus Offsetting Program Draft Policy

The Board received Staff Report No. 38-17-BOD, prepared by Chief Administrative Officer, Mike Walters, regarding the Lake Simcoe Phosphorus Offsetting Program. The Board approved the Phosphorus Offsetting policy with an effective date of January 1, 2018.

Campaign Feasibility Study Final Report

The Board received Staff Report No. 39-17-BOD prepared by Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation Executive Director, Cheryl Taylor, which provided the Board with the final report on the Campaign Feasibility Study for the Scanlon Creek Conservation Area Nature Centre.

Lake Simcoe Water Level Management – Trent-Severn Waterways

The Board approved Staff Report No. 40-17-BOD, prepared by Chief Administrative Officer, Mike Walters, which requested that LSRCA participate in a joint resolution with the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation and the Town of Georgina for submission to Parks Canada and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to enter into discussions regarding the current and future management of Lake Simcoe water levels.

Purchasing Policy -

Design, Installation and Commission of a 40kw Photovoltaic System at LSRCA's Administrative Offices

The Board approved Staff Report No. 41-17-BOD, prepared by Manager, Environmental Science and Monitoring, David Lembcke that sought the Board's approval to proceed with a contract with Solera to design, install and commission a 40kW photovoltaic system at LSRCA's administrative offices under the FIT 4.0 program.

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