

Board Meeting Highlights

67th Annual General Meeting

January 26, 2018

Welcome and Greetings:

Chair Dawe welcomed everyone to LSRCA's 67th Annual General Meeting and thanked the many guests in attendance from the provincial government, Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation, as well as regional and municipal partners and many LSRCA staff members.

Chair Dawe was pleased to call upon the Honourable Chris Ballard, Ontario Minister of the Environment and Climate Change to bring greetings. Minister Ballard recognized LSRCA for its contributions for the better part of seven decades. He also highlighted 2018 as the 10th anniversary of the Lake Simcoe Protection Act, the first watershed based legislation in Ontario.

Chair Dawe welcomed Debbie Conzelmann, President of the Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation Board of Directors. Ms. Conzelmann congratulated LSRCA on another year filled with great accomplishments. She thanked all in attendance, noting that each person's contribution to the Foundation resulted in \$685,000 (104% of its goal) being raised in support of program and project delivery in the Lake Simcoe watershed.

Chair Dawe called upon Mike Walters, LSRCA's CAO, who thanked everyone for attending, introduced LSRCA's Executive Management Team, and thanked all Board members and staff for their hard work and commitment to Lake Simcoe.

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Faisal Moola
Associate Professor
Department of Geography
University of Guelph

Healthy Ecosystems - Healthy Communities: the Importance of Ecohealth in the Age of the Anthropocene

Despite being a vast nation of mountains, forests, and ice, Dr. Moola noted that Canada is truly an urban society. Over 82 per cent of Canadians now live in cities and suburbs and according to statistics collated by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Canada is among the top fifty urbanized nations on the planet - well ahead of the United Kingdom, Germany, Ireland, Italy and many other western European countries.

However, while public investment in urban infrastructure such as sewage and solid waste management, energy production and distribution, transit, and other built structures and technologies have come to dominate the policy and political discussions on the future of our urban areas, local parks, healthy waterways and beaches as well as engineered ecosystems, like green roofs within the built environment have received comparatively little political attention or government funding, despite their enormous value to urban residents. Continuing to ignore the green infrastructure needs of our cities, such as local parks and naturalized school grounds, is shortsighted. Greenspaces complement traditional infrastructure, provide a multitude of ecological benefits and contribute to the health and well-being of urban populations.

To view Dr. Moola's presentation, please click on the following link: [Healthy Ecosystems - Healthy Communities: the Importance of Ecohealth in the Age of the Anthropocene](#)

Presentations:

Therapy in the Woods

Members of LSRCA's Education team, along with a team from Children's Development Services at Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre provided a presentation on a pilot program entitled "Therapy in the Woods". In an effort to expand the demographic and geographic reach of LSRCA's Education program, LSRCA educators partnered with Children's Development Services at Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre to offer a special outdoor education program for early learners with special needs. Offered once per week for five weeks, the children, their caregivers and both LSRCA and RVH staff engaged in outdoor activities designed to improve their balance, sensory abilities, upper limb function and socialization skills. For a few hours each week, these children and their caregivers experienced the freedom to pursue new outdoor adventures in a safe and accepting environment.

To view this joint presentation, please click on the following link: [Therapy in the Woods](#). If you'd like more information on this program, please contact Nicole Hamley, Manager of Education @ 905-895-1281 ext. 243 or n.hamley@lsrca.on.ca

Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority's 2017 Annual Report

Chair Dawe congratulated LSRCA's staff, Board and partners on the tremendous accomplishments of 2017; just to name a few, new standards to reduce phosphorus, laying the foundation for policies and action to reduce the amount of salt entering our lake from roads and parking lots, and strengthening our relationship with our First Nation partners and our watershed school boards. He then shared a video presentation that summed up this year's successes: [2017 Annual Report Video](#)

LSRCA's 2017 Annual Report was handed out at the meeting. Additional copies may be obtained by contacting Katarina Zeppieri at k.zeppieri@lsrca.on.ca / 905-895-1281 or electronically via the following link: [LSRCA 2017 Annual Report](#)

Chair's 2017 Activity Report

Chair Dawe reviewed the Chair's 2017 Activity Report, which was included in the agenda, noting that 2017 was a very busy and exciting year at LSRCA and that he was so proud to serve as Chair of the Board of Directors.

Conclusion of 2017 Business

Chair Dawe concluded the Year 2017 business and deemed the Chair vacant.

2018 Business

The 2018 Business portion of the meeting was called to order by the CAO, Mike Walters, who served as Chair Pro Temp during the election of the Chair and Vice Chair for 2018.

Election of Officers

Aurora Mayor Geoffrey Dawe and Innisfil Councillor Richard Simpson were both acclaimed to their positions of Chair and Vice Chair for 2018.

2018 Meeting Schedule – LSRCA Board of Directors

The Board approved the following 2018 meeting schedule. Meetings are held in LSRCA's Administrative Offices located at 120 Bayview Parkway in Newmarket from 9:00 a.m. to approximately 12:00 p.m.

Friday, February 23rd
Friday, March 23rd
Friday, April 27th
Friday, May 25th
Friday, June 22nd
Friday, July 27th
No August meeting
Friday, September 28th
Friday, October 26th
Friday, November 23rd
Friday, December 14th

2018 LSRCA Board of Directors

Below is a photo of the 2018 Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Board of Directors in attendance.



From left to right:

Back Row: Councillor Peter Ferragine, Deputy Mayor Pat Molloy, Councillor Dave Kerwin, Mr. Jay Dolan, Councillor Ken Ferdinands, Councillor Scott Macpherson, Councillor Stephen Strangway

Front Row: Regional Councillor Naomi Davison, Councillor Shira Harrison-McIntyre, Mayor Margaret Quirk, Mayor Geoffrey Dawe (Chair), Councillor Richard Simpson (Vice Chair), Regional Councillor Bobbie Drew, Mayor Virginia Hackson, Councillor Avia Eek

Missing: Township of Brock, Township of Ramara, Councillor Peter Silveira

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[Media Release - LSRCA Annual General Meeting](#)