



Board Meeting Highlights

68th Annual General Meeting

January 25, 2019

Welcome and Greetings:

Chair Dawe welcomed everyone to LSRCA's 68th 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 called upon the following individuals to bring greetings to the meeting.

The Regional Municipality of York Chairman and CEO, Wayne Emmerson, brought greetings on behalf of the Region, commending LSRCA for its ongoing commitment to the environment and confirmed York Region's commitment to LSRCA's mission and vision. Working together with LSRCA on projects such as the Phosphorus Offsetting Program and York Region's Climate Change Action Plan reinforce the Region's dedication to sustainability now and in the future. He noted that he looks forward to continuing to collaborate as LSRCA advances its strategic plan for the watershed to be healthier in 2041 than it is today.

Ms. Debbi Conzelmann, President of the Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation Board of Directors, brought greetings on behalf of the Foundation and congratulated LSRCA on another year filled with incredible accomplishments. She recognized the commitment of all those in attendance, who through donations, sponsorships, advice and guidance, help support the work of the Foundation. She was proud to note that the Foundation met its highest goal ever in 2018, raising almost \$700,000. Also in 2018, the Connect Campaign, a multi-year capital campaign that will raise millions of dollars to build a new Education and Training Facility at Scanlon Creek Conservation Area, was launched. President Conzelmann introduced the Campaign's volunteer leadership cabinet who were in attendance; namely, Co-Chairs Joanne Barnett and Brad Rogers and Cabinet members Regional Chairman Wayne Emmerson, Mayor Virginia Hackson, Gayle Wood and Paul Bailey.

Mike Walters, LSRCA's CAO, 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. He noted that LSRCA's greatest strength is the staff and recognized and thanked the many staff members in attendance.

Keynote Speaker

**Dr. Blair Feltmate, Head, Intact Centre on Climate Adaptation
Faculty of Environment, University of Waterloo**

Climate Change and Flood Risk Mitigation: Built and Natural Infrastructure Go "Hand in Hand"

Climate change is real and it's irreversible, Dr. Blair Feltmate advised. Too much water in the wrong places, combined with loss of natural infrastructure, is driving the costs of flooding upwards in most regions, placing a significant burden on home owners and municipalities. Flooded basements at an average cost of \$43,000, he

noted, leads to uninsurable homes for flooding in areas that flood repeatedly. He noted that the impacts of flooding can become more costly as they can lead to mortgage defaults, as well as mental stress causing an increase to health insurance costs.

In Canada, lots is being done in the way of new standards to mitigate flood risk; however he noted, there is plenty that homeowners can do to better prepare their home. The 10 simple ways homeowners can lower basement flood risk are:

- removing debris from nearest storm drain,
- correcting grading around foundation,
- cleaning eaves troughs and extending downspouts;
- installing window wells and covers;
- maintaining plumbing fixtures and appliances;
- testing sump pumps and installing back up power;
- installing and maintaining a backwater valve;
- keeping floor drains clear;
- storing valuables in watertight containers; and
- installing and maintaining flood alarms.

He went on to note that an Intact Centre study found that keeping wetlands intact can reduce flood damage costs to buildings by up to 38%. The most cost-effective means to utilize natural infrastructure for climate adaptation is to retain what you have, restore what you've lost, and build what you must.

To view Dr. Feltmate's presentation, please click on the following link: [Climate Change and Flood Risk Mitigation by Blair Feltmate - LSRCA AGM January](#)

Presentations:

Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority's 2018 Annual Report

Chair Dawe congratulated LSRCA staff and Board of Directors for an incredible year filled with many accomplishments. He then shared a video presentation that summed up this year's successes: [2018 Video Highlights](#)

To view LSRCA's 2018 Annual Report, please click this link: [2018 Annual Report](#). To obtain a hard copy, please contact Katarina Zeppieri at k.zeppieri@lsrca.on.ca / 905-895-1281 ext 116.

Conclusion of 2018 Business

Chair Dawe concluded the Year 2018 business and deemed the Chair vacant.

2019 Business

The 2019 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 2019.

Election of Officers for 2019

The Regional Municipality of York Chairman Wayne Emmerson was named Chair for 2019 and Township of Oro-Medonte Councillor Scott Macpherson was named Vice Chair for 2019.



2019 Meeting Schedule – LSRCA Board of Directors

The Board approved the following 2019 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 22nd
Friday, March 22nd
Friday, April 26th
Friday, May 24th
Friday, June 28th
Friday, July 26th

No August meeting
Friday, September 27th
Friday, October 25th
Friday, November 22nd
Friday, December 13th

2019 LSRCA Board of Directors

Below is a photo of the 2019 Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Board of Directors in attendance.



From left to right:

Back Row: Councillor Wendy Gaertner, Councillor Emmett Yeo, Mayor Virginia Hackson, Councillor Ken Ferdinands, Mayor Margaret Quirk, Councillor Alex Waters, Councillor Peter Ferragine

Front Row: Councillor Shira Harrison-McIntyre, Regional Councillor Tom Vegh, Councillor Avia Eek, Regional Chairman Wayne Emmerson (LSRCA Chair), Councillor Scott Macpherson (LSRCA Vice Chair), Mayor Bobbie Drew, Mayor Dave Barton, Mayor Debbie Bath-Hadden

Missing: Councillor Natalie Harris, Councillor Clare Riepma, and Township of Ramara

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