

BOD-146-16 **RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting No. BOD-10-16 held on Friday, November 25, 2016 be approved as circulated. CARRIED**

b) Budget Committee Meeting - November 25, 2016

Moved by: P. Molloy

Seconded by: V. Hackson

BOD-147-16 **RESOLVED THAT the agenda and minutes of the Budget Committee meeting held on Friday, November 25, 2016 be approved as circulated. CARRIED**

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Dawe announced that Georgina Deputy Mayor/Regional Councillor Naomi Davison has been newly appointed to LSRCA's Board of Directors to fill the position left vacant upon the passing of Georgina Deputy Mayor/Regional Councillor Danny Wheeler. Board members introduced themselves and welcomed Deputy Mayor/Regional Councillor Davison.

V. PRESENTATIONS

a) Enhancing Education and Celebrating Success

Manager, Education, Nicole Hamley, and Outreach Educator, Dana Eldon, provided the Board with their presentation entitled Enhancing Education and Celebrating Success. LSRCA's Strategic Plan 2016-2020 Goal No. 3 states: Create a more connected and engaged watershed community through education and engagement.

Manager, Education, Nicole Hamley outlined LSRCA's education services areas, which include Outdoor Education at Scanlon Creek Conservation Area, Watershed-Wide Outreach Education, and Conservation Kids Summer Camp at Sheppard's Bush Conservation Area. Highlights for Outdoor Education in 2016 included over 3,500 students participating in over 18,000 learning hours, which included March Break Day Camp, full day Kindergarten programming, the first ever Summer Institute with York Region District School Board.

Outreach Educator, Dana Eldon, highlighted LSRCA's watersheds-wide Outreach Education program which includes complimentary in-class presentation, classroom and field discovery programs, action-oriented environmental engagement, as well as education events and teacher professional development. In 2016, the Outreach Education services were provided to nearly 4,000 students and 104 teachers.

Looking ahead, the Education team highlighted their plans into 2017, which includes the launch of three additional Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) certification courses, teacher professional development workshops, Schoolscaping pilot with Simcoe County District School Board, and the Nature Backpack pilot project in Aurora & Newmarket public libraries. Board members expressed a particular interest in the Nature Backpack project in public libraries and requested additional information on how to get more municipalities involved. This presentation is available through the following link: [Enhancing Education and Celebrating Success](#).

Moved by: V. Hackson

Seconded by: A. Eek

BOD-148-16 **RESOLVED THAT the presentation by Manager, Education, Nicole Hamley, and Outreach Educator, Dana Eldon, regarding Enhancing Education and Celebrating Success be received for information; and**

FURTHER that staff be congratulated on a great presentation. CARRIED

b) Wildlife Safe Passage Program

Integrated Watershed Management Specialist, Kaitlyn Read, provided the Board with her presentation on the Wildlife Safe Passage Project, a project geared at reducing the road mortality rate for migrating turtles, as well as other herptiles. The project began with monitoring of various locations for one year, the results of which saw 7.4 animals killed per week during spring and fall. By installing simple retrofit ecopassages (fencing) between wetland and upland habitat where turtles are likely to migrate, the post-installation monitoring showed a significant decline of over 90% in turtle deaths.

Going forward, staff hopes to continue monitoring and encourage changes to municipal policy requiring ecopassages be installed where new roads pass through wildlife hotspots. Educating the public on the importance of road ecology, creating a guidance manual for ecopassage implementation in the Lake Simcoe watershed, as well as municipal Lunch and Learns are also some of the initiatives staff are working to achieve. This presentation is available through the following link: [The Wildlife Safe Passage Project](#)

Moved by: M. Quirk

Seconded by: R. Simpson

BOD-149-16 **RESOLVED THAT the presentation by Integrated Watershed Management Specialist, Kaitlyn Read, regarding the Wildlife Safe Passage Project be received for information. CARRIED**

c) LSRCA 2017 Preliminary Budget

Manager, Finance, Katherine Toffan, provided the Board with a presentation on LSRCA's 2017 Preliminary Budget, noting that the budget is close to 90% final, but some numbers are still to come after year end. She outlined the assumptions and budget drivers, as well as changes in revenue funding and 2017 expenditures. CAO Walters noted that the Board Budget Committee held its first meeting in November, and staff look forward to the Committee's input. This presentation is available through the following link: [2017 Preliminary Budget](#)

Moved by: S. Strangway

Seconded by: J. Dolan

BOD-150-16 **RESOLVED THAT the presentation by Manager, Finance, Katherine Toffan, regarding LSRCA's 2017 Preliminary Budget be received for information. CARRIED**

VI. HEARINGS

There were no hearings at this meeting.

VII. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations at this meeting.

VIII. DETERMINATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Items 2, 5, 7, and 8 were identified as items requiring separate discussion.

IX. ADOPTION OF ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Items 1, 3, 4 and 6 were identified as items not requiring separate discussion.

Moved by: V. Hackson

Seconded by: B. Drew

BOD-151-16 **RESOLVED THAT the following recommendations respecting the matters listed as “Items Not Requiring Separate Discussion” be adopted as submitted to the Board, and staff be authorized to take all necessary action required to give effect to same.**
CARRIED

1. Correspondence

BOD-152-16 **RESOLVED THAT correspondence listed in the agenda as Item 1a) be received for information.** CARRIED

3. Offsetting Compensation Funding Reserves

BOD-153-16 **RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 51-16-BOD regarding the establishment of three new Offsetting Compensation Fund Reserves in LSRCA’s existing Schedule of Reserves be approved.** CARRIED

4. Provincial Grants supporting Lake Simcoe Protection Plan Related Projects

BOD-154-16 **RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 52-16-BOD regarding provincial grants supporting Simcoe Protection Plan related projects be received for information.** CARRIED

6. 2017 Conservation Lands Fee Schedule

BOD-155-16 **RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 54-16-BOD regarding LSRCA’s proposed 2017 Conservation Lands Fee Schedule be approved.** CARRIED

X. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

2. Budget Status Report

Vice Chair Simpson inquired about the deficit of \$22,791 related to lower revenues associated with Planning and Regulation Fees. Staff noted this small deficit relates to year-end fees yet to be collected, which are expected to come into balance at year-end.

Moved by: R. Simpson

Seconded by: P. Molloy

BOD-156-16 **RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 50-16-BOD regarding LSRCA's Budget Status for the eleven month period ending November 30, 2016 be received for information.**
CARRIED

5. Subwatershed Plan and Implementation Plan for the Canal and Mitchell Lakes, Talbot River and Whites Creek Subwatersheds

In response to Deputy Mayor O'Donnell's question regarding the Ramara Creeks and Talbot River subwatershed plans, General Manager, Integrated Watershed Management, Ben Longstaff, noted that while they were completed a number of years ago, staff are fully aware of the challenges with the Trent and nutrients and sediment coming into lake. Unfortunately, staff continue to try to build on that relationship with little success. CAO Walters noted this demonstrates the importance of having all municipalities around the watershed involved in preserving the lake.

Moved by: J. O'Donnell

Seconded by: S. Strangway

BOD-157-16 **RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 53-16-BOD regarding the Subwatershed Plan and Implementation Plan for the Canal and Mitchell Lakes, Talbot River and Whites Creek subwatersheds be approved.** CARRIED

7. LSRCA Mosquito Spraying Policy

Councillor Eek expressed concern over a potential threats and asked how often ponds and wetlands are monitored. General Manager, Conservation Lands, Brian Kemp noted that LSRCA does not currently monitor for these species but rather utilizes TRCA info and will continue to monitor research. CAO Walters noted that York Region does monitor as part of their health program, and if West Nile virus was found on one of our properties, they would notify us.

Moved by: A. Eek

Seconded by: S. Macpherson

BOD-158-16 **RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 55-16-BOD regarding LSRCA's revised Mosquito Spraying Policy be approved; and**

FURTHER THAT this policy be communicated to all Lake Simcoe watershed municipalities. CARRIED

8. Township of Ramara

The agenda for the meeting was amended to include an additional staff report prepared to address correspondence recently received by LSRCA from the Township of Ramara advising that Council had passed a motion advising that they would no longer be a member of LSRCA effective January 1, 2017.

In response to Mayor Quirk's request for an update, CAO Walters advised that at the November 2016 Board of Directors' meeting, Deputy Mayor O'Donnell stated that the Township of Ramara did not feel it was getting value for its money from LSRCA. On December 12, 2016, CAO Walters, along with Chair Dawe

and General Manager, Planning & Development, Rob Baldwin, made a presentation to Ramara Council regarding the services provided by LSRCA, which detailed their return on investment. This presentation is available through the following link: [LSRCA Presentation to Ramara Township - December 12, 2016](#).

Many questions were asked throughout the presentation; however, LSRCA has learned that after the presentation, Ramara Council held a Closed Session meeting, after which a motion was passed to advise LSRCA that the Township of Ramara is no longer a member municipality effective January 1, 2017.

Upon receiving this notification, CAO Walters contacted the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to better understand the steps a member must take to exit LSRCA. As noted in the staff report, Section 13.1 of the *Conservation Authorities Act* outlines the very onerous process that must be followed by a member wishing to leave the conservation authority, which includes dissolution of the entire conservation authority. CAO Walters advised that until the Township of Ramara completes the process to exit as outlined in Section 13.1 of the *Conservation Authorities Act*, LSRCA will continue to consider the Township of Ramara a member municipality.

Deputy Mayor O'Donnell explained that discussion within the Township of Ramara began a couple of months previous with their disappointment in hearing of the increase in Planning & Development fees. It was his hope that it would open up communications between LSRCA and the Township of Ramara, but instead Council voted to leave the conservation authority.

Board members expressed great concern over Ramara's desire to leave LSRCA, as most are well aware of the great work of the Authority within each of the municipalities, as well as the access to all the different areas of expertise among LSRCA staff that is available to all members.

After much discussion, Board members requested that the recommendation in the staff report be amended so that LSRCA circulate the staff report to the Township of Ramara only, and not to all member municipalities, Conservation Ontario, the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and the Ontario Ministry of Environment and Climate Change. This amendment was to provide the Township of Ramara an opportunity to research and discuss its options as per Section 13.1 of the *Conservation Authorities Act*. The Board also directed the CAO to provide an update at the Board of Directors' meeting in February 2017.

Moved by: M. Quirk

Seconded by: D. Kerwin

BOD-159-16 **RESOLVED THAT WHEREAS the Township of Ramara, through correspondence dated December 13, 2016, has advised that it is no longer a member municipality of the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority effective January 1, 2017;**

AND WHEREAS there is no provision under the *Conservation Authorities Act* R.S.O, 1990, c. C.27 for an individual member municipality to leave the Conservation Authority;

AND WHEREAS should a member municipality wish to leave a Conservation Authority, it must follow provisions set out in Section 13.1 (1-7) of the *Conservation Authorities Act*, which in effect requires the dissolution of the Conservation Authority;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Ramara has not followed these aforementioned provisions;

THE AUTHORITY RESOLVES THAT the Township of Ramara be advised that they are currently and remain a member of the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority and as such are subject to all obligations under the *Conservation Authorities Act R.S.O, 1990, c. C.27* and the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Administrative By-Laws, Policies, and Regulations; and

FURTHER THAT Staff Report No. 56-16-BOD be approved and circulated to the Township of Ramara; and

FURTHER THAT LSRCA's CAO provide an update at the next Board of Directors' meeting. CARRIED

Mayor Quirk requested a recorded vote, the results of which by members in attendance are as follows:

		YES	NO
Deputy Mayor/Regional Councillor Naomi Davison	York Region (at Large)	X	
Jay Dolan	City of Barrie	X	
Regional Councillor Bobbie Drew	Durham Region (Scugog)	X	
Councillor Avia Eek	York Region (King)	X	
Councillor Ken Ferdinands	York Region (Whitchurch-Stouffville)	X	
Councillor Peter Ferragine	Town of Bradford-West Gwillimbury	X	
Mayor Virginia Hackson	York Region (East Gwillimbury)	X	
Councillor Dave Kerwin	York Region (Newmarket)	X	
Councillor Scott Macpherson	Township of Oro-Medonte	X	
Deputy Mayor Pat Molloy	Durham Region (Uxbridge)	X	
Deputy Mayor John O'Donnell	Township of Ramara	X	
Mayor Margaret Quirk	York Region (Georgina)	X	
Councillor Richard Simpson, Vice Chair	Town of Innisfil	X	
Councillor Stephen Strangway	City of Kawartha Lakes	X	
Mayor Geoffrey Dawe, Chair	York Region (Aurora)	X	

XI. CLOSED SESSION

The Board moved to Closed Session to deal with a confidential legal matter.

Moved by: R. Simpson

Seconded by: S. Macpherson

BOD-160-16 RESOLVED THAT the Board move to Closed Session to deal with a confidential legal matter, and

FURTHER THAT the Chief Administrative Officer, the Executive Management Team, and the Coordinator, BOD/CAO remain in the meeting for the discussion. CARRIED

The Board rose from Closed Session.

Moved by: P. Molloy

Seconded by: S. Strangway

BOD-161-16 **RESOLVED THAT the Board rise from Closed Session and report findings.** CARRIED

a) Confidential Legal Matter

Board members received a verbal update on a confidential legal matter.

Moved by: V. Hackson

Seconded by: N. Davison

BOD-162-16 **RESOLVED THAT THAT the update regarding a confidential legal matter be received for information.** CARRIED

XII. OTHER BUSINESS

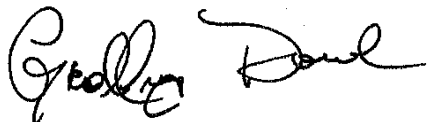
a) The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be the 2017 Annual General Meeting to be held at @ 10:00 a.m. on Friday, January 27, 2017. This meeting will be held at Newmarket's Old Town Hall located at 460 Botsford Street, Newmarket.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: P. Ferragine

Seconded by: S. Macpherson

BOD-163-16 **RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned @ 11:45 a.m.** CARRIED



Mayor Geoffrey Dawe
Chair



Michael Walters
Chief Administrative Officer