



BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
No. BOD-09-16 – Friday, October 28, 2016
120 Bayview Parkway, Newmarket, ON

MINUTES

LSRCA Board Members Present:

Mayor G. Dawe, Chair
Councillor R. Simpson, Vice Chair
D. Bath
J. Dolan
Councillor A. Eek
Councillor K. Ferdinands
Councillor P. Ferragine
Mayor V. Hackson
Councillor S. Harrison-McIntyre
Councillor D. Kerwin
Councillor S. Macpherson
Deputy Mayor P. Molloy
Deputy Mayor J. O'Donnell
Mayor M. Quirk
Councillor S. Strangway

LSRCA Staff Present:

M. Walters, Chief Administrative Officer
R. Baldwin, GM, Planning & Development
R. Jarrett, GM, Communications & Education
B. Kemp, GM, Conservation Lands
B. Longstaff, GM, Integrated Watershed Management
T. Barnett, Coordinator, BOD/CAO
B. Booth, Manager Regulations
C. Burgess, Manager, Planning
P. Davies, Manager, Forestry and Stewardship
B. Ginn, Limnologist
S. Jagminas, Communications Program Coordinator
K. Read, Integrated Watershed Management Specialist
C. Taylor, Executive Director, LSCF
K. Toffan, Manager, Finance

Regrets:

Regional Councillor B. Drew
Councillor P. Silveira
Deputy Mayor/Regional Councillor D. Wheeler

I. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None noted for this meeting.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: S. Strangway

Seconded by: P. Ferragine

BOD-114-16

RESOLVED THAT the content of the Agenda for the October 28, 2016 meeting of the LSRCA Board of Directors be approved as amended to include Staff Report No. 46-16-BOD regarding a change to LSRCA Signing Officers. CARRIED

III. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

a) Board of Directors' Meeting – September 23, 2016

Moved by: P. Molloy

Seconded by: P. Ferragine

BOD-115-16 **RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Board of Directors' Meeting No. BOD-08-16 held on Friday, September 23, 2016 be approved as circulated. CARRIED**

b) Conservation Ontario Council Meeting – September 26, 2016

Moved by: P. Molloy

Seconded by: P. Ferragine

BOD-116-16 **RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Conservation Ontario Council Meeting #3/16 held on Monday, September 26, 2016 be received for information. CARRIED**

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a) CAO Mike Walters reminded Board members that LSRCA's Annual Conservation Awards ceremony is being held on Thursday, November 3rd at Madsen's Gardens in Newmarket.
- b) CAO Mike Walters was pleased to advise that the Beaver River Wetland Trail ribbon cutting ceremony took place in Cannington on October 26th and marked the completion of the final 8 kms of trail that now connects the communities of Uxbridge, Blackwater, Sunderland and Cannington. Township of Brock Board member Debbie Bath thanked staff and especially Brian Kemp for his passion for beautifying the Beaver River Wetland Trail.
- c) CAO Mike Walters was pleased to announce that Influent Magazine recently featured LSRCA's David Lembcke and Bill Thompson in an article regarding salt in urban stormwater run-off. To read this article, please click the following link and proceed to Page 12: [Influent Magazine - Fall 2016](#)

V. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations at this meeting.

VI. HEARINGS

There were no hearings at this meeting.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

a) LSRCA Landholding Assessment 2016

General Manager, Conservation Lands, Brian Kemp, provided the Board with a presentation on LSRCA's 2016 Landholding Assessment, noting that the purpose of this assessment is to provide an account of all holdings, identify out-of-date records, and inform future land management decisions. He noted that at present, LSRCA owns, manages or holds easement over approximately 2,425 ha (5,992 ac) of conservation lands across the watershed, divided into 35 main conservation landholdings, embodying a range of landscapes, ecosystem types and recreational opportunities.

GM Kemp explained that this landholding assessment assists in moving towards a more sustainable approach to land management, and that by identifying information gaps and developing a plan for

populating and maintaining a complete and accurate record of all information, LSRCA will be better positioned to shift from a reactive to an active or proactive land management approach.

Moved by: R. Simpson

Seconded by: S. Strangway

BOD-117-16 RESOLVED THAT the presentation by General Manager, Conservation lands, Brian Kemp, regarding LSRCA's Landholding Assessment 2016 be received for information. CARRIED

General Manager, Conservation Lands, Brian Kemp, prepared Staff Report No. 40-16-BOD regarding LSRCA's Landholding Assessment 2016. Chair Dawe requested additional time for Board members to review the assessment contained within Staff Report No. 40-16-BOD and recommended the following amended recommendation.

Moved by: R. Simpson

Seconded by: S. Strangway

BOD-118-16 RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 40-16-BOD regarding the 2016 Conservation Landholding Assessment be received; and

FURTHER THAT the Conservation Landholding Assessment and associated recommendations be deferred to the November 25, 2016 Board of Directors' meeting for approval. CARRIED

b) Aquatic Plants in Lake Simcoe

Limnologist, Brian, Ginn, provided the Board with a presentation on aquatic plants found in Lake Simcoe. He noted that aquatic plants are any plants living above, below or on the water, they are naturally present in healthy lakes, and they are important for fish habitat. Plant species in Lake Simcoe currently consist of coontail, Eurasian watermilfoil, and muskgrass and water soldier. He explained that water soldier is a rapidly spreading invader that was recorded in October 2015 in the Sutton area, and containment efforts and awareness campaigns ensued. LSRCA studies over 200 sites every five years, with recent years seeing the decrease in Eurasian watermilfoil and an increase in muskgrass. Dr. Ginn went on to explain that sunlight, water temperatures, water clarity and competition with other species all play a role in controlling aquatic plants. Invasive mussels contribute to water clarity, with zebra mussels being prominent in Lake Simcoe from 1991 – 1995, and then being overtaken by quagga mussels in later years.

Dr. Ginn went on to explain that the impact these changes had on the lake was very complex and interconnected. For example, since the invasive mussels are filter feeders, they take phosphorus from the water column and transfer it into the sediment in the near shore lake bottom. By doing so, the mussels are helping the aquatic plants to grow by creating a very fertile lake bottom. The enhanced water clarity also created by the mussels has allowed for great clarity and sunlight penetration, which is also contributing to an overabundance of aquatic plants. The plants die off in the fall and release nutrients when they decompose. During this process, valuable oxygen in the bottom waters is used up, which then impacts on the health of the coldwater fishery.

He explained that in order to manage aquatic plants, the underlying issues must be managed as well. Harvesting or removing plants is restricted by DFO and MNRF as the plants provide habitat for fish. Harvesting aquatic plants usually causes them to spread, and using herbicides to kill the plants can allow other plants such as algae to fill the void. In Ramara, treatment of the Lagoon City canals to kill all the aquatic plants resulted in a massive bloom of Cyanobacteria (blue green algae) which is toxic.

In conclusion, Dr. Ginn noted that ecological improvements are being seen in Lake Simcoe (nutrients, fish), and the best way to control aquatic plants is to limit nutrients to the lake. Regardless, improvements will take time.

Moved by: J. Dolan

Seconded by: M. Quirk

BOD-119-16 **RESOLVED THAT the presentation by Limnologist, Brian Ginn regarding Aquatic Plants in Lake Simcoe be received for information. CARRIED**

VIII. DETERMINATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Items 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6 were identified as items not requiring separate discussion.

IX. ADOPTION OF ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Moved by: M. Quirk

Seconded by: V. Hackson

BOD-120-16 **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-121-16 **RESOLVED THAT correspondence listed in the agenda as Items 1 a) be received for information. CARRIED**

2. Budget Status Report

BOD-122-16 **RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 41-16-BOD regarding LSRCA’s Budget Status for the nine month period ending September 30, 2016 be received for information. CARRIED**

4. Conservation Authorities Act Review

BOD-123-16 **RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 43-16-BOD regarding an update on the Conservation Authorities Act review by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry be received for information. CARRIED**

5. Durham Forest Timber Sales

BOD-124-16 **RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 44-16-BOD regarding the record of tenders for the Durham Regional Forest Tender DRF-001-2016 be received; and**

FURTHER THAT Tender DRF-001-2016 be awarded to Gee's Lumber and Logging. CARRIED

6. LSRCA Signing Officers

BOD-125-16 **RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 46-16-BOD regarding a change to LSRCA Signing Officers be received; and**

FURTHER THAT the Board of Directors approve a revised Signing Resolution to reflect the change in LSRCA's General Manager, Corporate & Financial Services position. CARRIED

BOD-126-16 **RESOLVED THAT an account in the name of Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (hereinafter called the "Organization") be kept at the Bank of Nova Scotia (hereinafter called the "Bank"); and**

FURTHER THAT the Authority's Chair Geoffrey Dawe, Vice Chair Richard Simpson, Michael Walters, Chief Administrative Officer/Secretary-Treasurer, and Reneé Jarrett, General Manager, Communications and Education, or any two of them are hereby authorized to sign, make, draw, accept, endorse and deliver cheques, promissory notes, bills of exchange, orders for the payment of money and such agreements and instruments as may be necessary or useful in connection with the operation of the said account; and

FURTHER THAT any one of the above-mentioned officers is hereby authorized for and in the name of the Organization to endorse and transfer to the Bank for deposit or discount with or collection by the Bank (but for the credit of the Organization only) cheques, promissory notes, bills of exchange, orders for the payment of money and other instruments, to arrange, settle, balance and certify all books and accounts with the Bank and to sign receipts for vouchers. CARRIED

X. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

3. Fees Update

Deputy Mayor Molloy expressed concern over the increases in fees outlined in Staff Report No. 42-16-BOD and asked for additional justification. CAO Walters explained that LSRCA's fees have always been very reasonable, and that in accordance with LSRCA's Strategic Plan, the Planning & Development department must become self-sufficient in three years. He explained that general levy is subsidizing permit fees, and this was an issue raised by a number of member municipalities during the Strategic Plan discussions. Full cost recovery for the department is resulting strategic goal. General Manager, Planning

& Development, Rob Baldwin provided Board members with cost comparison with other conservation authorities, which clearly showed LSRCA has been lagging behind in fees being charged.

With the additional explanation, most Board members agreed that the increase in fees is warranted and that general levy should not be subsidizing user fees. Board members asked staff to continue to monitor fees so that they remain in line with other conservation authorities.

Deputy Mayor O'Donnell expressed his disagreement with the increase in fees, noting that he believes the building inspector should be responsible for approving permits. GM Baldwin explained that building inspectors review applications from a Building Code perspective, and LSRCA looks at applications from a foundation and flood relief perspective, and in fact there is no duplication or overlapping of services. GM Baldwin also noted that LSRCA is legislated to provide such services under the *Conservation Authorities Act*.

Moved by: D. Kerwin

Seconded by: V. Hackson

BOD-127-16 RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 42-16-BOD regarding the Planning and Development Fees Policy be received; and

FURTHER THAT the Planning and Development Fees Policy contained herein be approved for implementation effective January 1, 2017. CARRIED

Deputy Mayor O'Donnell requested a recorded vote, the results of which by members in attendance are as follows:

		YES	NO
Debbie Bath	Durham Region (Brock)	X	
Jay Dolan	City of Barrie	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 Shira Harrison-McIntyre	Town of New Tecumseth	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	

- b) The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Friday, November 25th @ 9:00 a.m. This meeting will be held at the offices of LSRCA located at 120 Bayview Parkway, Newmarket.

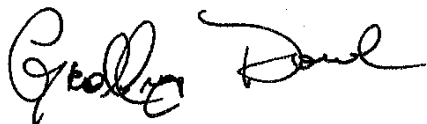
XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: V. Hackson

Seconded by: M. Quirk

BOD-132-16

RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned @ 10:50 a.m. CARRIED



Mayor Geoffrey Dawe
Chair



Michael Walters
Chief Administrative Officer