

Board Meeting Highlights

July 22, 2016

Announcements:

LSRCA Research Boat

General Manager, Integrated Watershed Management, Ben Longstaff, was pleased to announce that LSRCA's new research boat has arrived, noting that this purchase was made possible with funds raised through the Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation. The chosen name for the vessel is "Hexagenia", which is a type of mayfly / shadfly, which are usually seen in the springtime in healthy lakes.



DFO Funds

Chief Administrative Officer, Mike Walters, was pleased to announce that LSRCA was successful with its submission to the Recreational Fisheries Conservation Partnerships Program (RFCPO) through Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) for funding for a project entitled Lake Simcoe Watershed Fish Habitat Enhancement. The funding, which is approximately \$260,000 over a three year period, will be used to improve cold water fish passages by removing structures and improving habitats.

LSRCA Administrative Offices Parking Lot Expansion and LID Project

Stormwater Management Specialist, Steve Auger, provided the Board with an update on activities surrounding LSRCA's Administrative Offices Parking Lot Expansion and LID Project, noting that Phase 1 (north end) is in the completion stages, and Phase 2 (south end) will take place from July 25th to August 5th.

Conservation awards

General Manager, Communications and Education, René Jarrett, reminded Board members that nominations are still being sought until August 12, 2016 for LSRCA's Annual Conservation Awards. For more information, please contact Maria Leung @ 905-895-1281 ext 258 or m.leung@LSRCA.on.ca.

Lake Simcoe/south-eastern Georgian Bay Clean-Up Fund

Chief Administrative Officer, Mike Walters, was pleased to announce that notices of funding for Round 4 of the Lake Simcoe/south-eastern Georgian Bay Clean-Up Fund (LSGBCUF) are being received.

Presentations:

LSRCA Stewardship Priorities and Opportunities Tool

Manager, Integrated Watershed Management, Bill Thompson, provided the Board with a presentation on LSRCA's Stewardship Priorities and Opportunities Tool (SPOT), a web-based mapping tool that helps identify sites of potential restoration projects within the Lake Simcoe watershed. SPOT is an interactive map that uses monitoring data to prioritize locations and projects that would achieve the greatest benefit to watershed health. Mr. Thompson noted this tool has been in the works for a couple of years and got its start with funding received through the Lake Simcoe Clean-Up Fund, which allowed staff to undertake an inventory of potential aquatic stewardship project sites in the watershed. Sites identified relate to improving fish habitat, increasing forest cover, and Low Impact Development (LID) opportunities to manage stormwater. To learn more about SPOT, please contact Bill Thompson @ 905-895-1281 ext 271 or b.thompson@lsrca.on.ca.

Staff Reports:

Budget Status Report

The Board received Staff Report No. 29-16-BOD, prepared by Manager, Finance, Katherine Toffan, which provided the Board with a summary of revenues and expenditures for the period ending June 30, 2016, as they relate to the 2016 budget approved by the Board on April 29, 2016.

LSRCA Budget Committee

The Board approved an amended recommendation regarding Staff Report No. 30-16-BOD prepared by Chief Administrative Officer, Mike Walters, which sought the Board's approval on the creation of a Budget Committee, which is to be comprised of the Chair, Vice Chair, three additional Board members, and members of LSRCA Executive Management Team. Board members expressed interest in appointing the committee effective immediately rather than at the Annual General Meeting, as originally recommended in the staff report. Accordingly, Mayor Hackson, Deputy Mayor Molloy and Mr. Dolan were appointed to the committee.

LSRCA Comments - Conservation Authorities Act Review

The Board approved Staff Report No. 31-16-BOD prepared by Chief Administrative Officer, Mike Walters, which provided the Board with LSRCA's comments regarding the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry's review of the *Conservation Authorities Act* and sought the Board's approval to submit these comments in response to the EBR posting.

Coordinated Land Use Review

The Board received Staff Report No. 32-16-BOD prepared by Manager, Planning, Charles Burgess, which updated the Board regarding proposed amendments for the coordinated review of the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, Greenbelt Plan, Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, and Niagara Escarpment Plan.

Beaver River Trail – Request for Tenders

The Board approved Staff Report No. 33-16-BOD prepared by General Manager, Conservation Lands, Brian Kemp, which sought the Board's approval to retain TDI International to construct the third phase of the Beaver River Trail.

Other Business

Board members were reminded that there will not be a meeting in the month of August, and that the next meeting on Friday, September 23rd will be a meeting of the Lakes Simcoe and Couchiching/Black River Source Protection Authority from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., immediately followed by the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Board of Directors' meeting at 10:00 a.m.

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