

Board Meeting Highlights

May 27, 2016

Announcements:

LSRCA Stewardship Events

Communications Specialist, Nancie Knight, updated Board members regarding upcoming Stewardship events around the watershed, noting one remaining event in May, a Rain Garden Workshop in partnership with Windfall Ecology Centre, taking place in Newmarket on Saturday, May 28th; and two events in June, a Farm Tour, in partnership with Couchiching Conservancy, taking place in Carden and Ramara on Wednesday, June 15th, and the 2nd Annual Scanlon Creek BioBlitz taking place at Scanlon Creek Conservation Area in Bradford on Saturday, June 18th. For more information on these events or to find an event near you, please click the following link: www.LSRCA.on.ca or contact Nancie Knight at n.knight@lsrca.on.ca or 905-895-1281 ext 144.

Celebrating Lake Simcoe Dinner – Thursday, September 22nd

Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation (LSCF) Executive Director, Cheryl Taylor, advised Board members that LSCF Board members Steve Chenier and Councillor Peter Silveira are organizing a fundraising dinner in celebration of Lake Simcoe. The dinner is to take place at the Southshore Community Centre, 205 Lakeshore Drive, Barrie, ON, on Thursday, September 22nd. For more information or to order tickets, please contact Lee Hanson at l.hanson@lsrca.on.ca or 905-895-1281 ext 251.

Lake Simcoe Coordinating Committee – New Member

CAO Mike Walters was pleased to announce that LSRCA Board member Councillor Avia Eek has recently been appointed to the Lake Simcoe Coordinating Committee. Board member expressed congratulations to Councillor Eek on this exciting appointment.

LSRCA Website Launch

General Manager, Communications & Education, René Jarrett, announced that after months of hard work and planning, LSRCA's new website will be launched on Wednesday, June 1st. Please have a look @ www.LSRCA.on.ca and let us know what you think.

Conservation Ontario Handouts

Board members received copies of Conservation Ontario 2015 Annual Report, as well as Conservation Ontario's 2016-2020 Strategic Plan. To obtain copies of these reports, please contact Jane Dunning at Conservation Ontario: jdunning@conservationontario.ca

Presentations:

LSRCA Stewardship and Forestry Activities

Manager, Forestry and Stewardship, Philip Davies, provided the Board with a presentation of LSRCA Stewardship and Forestry activities, overviewing their many program areas, including: tree and shrub planting, forest management, urban forest studies, and watershed restoration through the Landowner Environmental Assistance Program (LEAP).

LSRCA's Flood Forecasting and Warning Emergency Management System

Manager, Engineering, Tom Hogenbirk, updated the Board with a presentation on LSRCA's Flood Forecasting and Warning Emergency Management System project. Acting on one of the priority actions of LSRCA's 2016-2020 Strategic Plan to expand the flood warning and forecasting Emergency Management System throughout the watershed, Mr. Hogenbirk explained that the Emergency Management System (EMS) consists of a database and mapping for York and Durham Regions that identifies all structures which would be flooded by a specific storm event. He noted the main tasks of the project are to consult with municipal emergency response people in the watershed and area conservation authorities to develop an EMS that is user friendly, web based and accessible using smart phones and tablets.

LSRCA Administrative Office Parking Lot Expansion and LID Retrofit Project

Stormwater Management Specialist, Steve Auger, provided the Board with an update on LSRCA's Administrative Office Parking Lot Expansion and Low Impact Development (LID) Retrofit Project. As he explained, the project will not only provide much needed additional parking spaces, but it will also include six different LID features for stormwater management.

Correspondence and Staff Reports:

Correspondence

The Board received a copy of the Township of Oro-Medonte's letter of May 10, 2016 to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau regarding renewal funding for the Lake Simcoe/south-Eastern Georgian Bay Clean-up Fund.

Budget Status Report

The Board received Staff Report No. 18-16-BOD, prepared by Manager, Finance, Katherine Toffan, which provided the Board with a summary of revenues and expenditures for the period ending April 30, 2016, as they relate to the 2016 budget approved by the Board on April 29, 2016.

LSCUF/LSGBCUF Accomplishments

The Board received Staff Report No. 19-16-BOD prepared by Manager, Forestry and Stewardship, Phil Davies, and General Manager, Integrated Watershed Management, Ben Longstaff, which outlined the projects and initiatives LSRCA has been able to accomplish through Environment Canada's Lake Simcoe Clean-Up Fund (2007-12) and Lake Simcoe/South-eastern Georgian Bay Clean-Up Fund (2013-17). The Board directed the CAO to prepare a letter to Minister of Environment and Climate Change Catherine McKenna requesting the continuation of funds.

Service Level Agreement with Metrolinx / GO

The Board received Staff Report No. 20-16-BOD prepared by General Manager, Planning & Development, Rob Baldwin which inform the Board that LSRCA is entering into a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with Metrolinx / GO "twinning" of the GO rail line from the Aurora Station to the Allendale Station.

LSRCA Administrative Office – Parking Lot Expansion and Low Impact Development Retrofit Project – Results of Tender Request CL-2016-AO-LID

The Board approved Staff Report No. 21-16-BOD prepared by General Manager, Conservation Lands, Brian Kemp, which advised the Board on the record of tenders for LSRCA's Administrative Office – Parking Lot Expansion and Low Impact Development Retrofit Project and sought the Board's approval to retain Gallo Bros. Paving Ltd. to undertake the project.

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