



BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
NO. BOD-04-14 – Friday, March 28, 2014
120 Bayview Parkway, Newmarket, ON

MINUTES

LSRCA Board Members Present:

Regional Councillor D. Bath, Chair
Mayor G. Dawe, Vice-Chair
Councillor M. Baier
Regional Councillor J. Ballinger
Mr. E. Bull
Councillor D. Crake
Regional Councillor B. Drew
Councillor A. Eek
Councillor D. Evans
Councillor K. Ferdinands
Mayor V. Hackson
Councillor D. Kerwin
Councillor J. O'Donnell
Councillor B. Ward
Regional Councillor D. Wheeler

LSRCA Staff Present:

D. G. Wood, Chief Administrative Officer
B. Kemp, General Manager, Conservation Lands
R. Jarrett, General Manager, Communications & Education
J. Lee, General Manager, Corporate & Financial Services
M. Walters, General Manager, Watershed Management
T. Barnett, Coordinator, BOD/CAO, Project & Services
T. Hogenbirk, Manager, Engineering and Technical Services
D. Palombi, IT Support Specialist
C. Taylor, Executive Director, Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation

Guests:

A. Slight, Ontario Water Centre
D. Stone, Town of East Gwillimbury
K. Stone, Town of Georgina

Regrets:

Councillor P. Craig
Councillor B. Haire
Mayor A. Orsi
Councillor S. Strangway

I. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None noted for the record of this meeting.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: D. Kerwin

Seconded by: D. Evans

BOD-059-14

RESOLVED THAT the content of the Agenda for the March 28, 2014 meeting of the LSRCA Board of Directors be approved as amended to include two additional items under Item 1, Correspondence and to reorder the agenda to have Item VII, Presentations following Item IV, Announcements. CARRIED

Chair Bath welcomed new Board member, Deputy Mayor/Regional Councillor Danny Wheeler, a longstanding member of council for the Town of Georgina. LSRCA received notification from the Regional Municipality of York that Regional Chair Fisch has appointed Deputy Mayor/Regional Councillor Danny Wheeler to the Authority's Board to replace Mayor Rob Grossi, who has resigned.

III. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

a) Board of Directors – February 28, 2014

Moved by: J. Ballinger

Seconded by: E. Bull

BOD-060-14 **RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting No. BOD-03-14 held on Friday, February 28, 2014 be received and approved as printed and circulated.**
CARRIED

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

a) Chair/Vice Chair Challenge for Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation (LSCF)

Chair Bath reminded Board members of the Chair/Vice Chair Challenge that was put forward at the February Board of Directors' meeting, noting that she and Vice Chair Dawe are striving for 100% Authority Board participation in contributing to LSCF. Board members have a number of options for donations, and anyone can make a donation @ www.lakesimcoefoundation.ca.

b) Township of Brock / LSRCA Lake Simcoe Shoreline Forum

Chair Bath advised Board members that the Township of Brock, together with LSRCA, will be hosting an information session on the roles and responsibilities of the various agencies related to Lake Simcoe shoreline development. Invitations are being sent out by Mayor Clayton. This session will be held on Thursday, May 8, 2014 at the Beaverton/Thorah Community Centre located at 176 Main Street in Beaverton from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. This session is free of charge and is open to senior municipal staff and council members. For more information on this session, please contact Trish Barnett @ t.barnett@lsrca.on.ca.

c) Lake Simcoe Living Magazine

Chair Bath advised Board members that the Lake Simcoe Living Magazine, March/April edition, had been handed out to each member, noting that the Lake Simcoe Science article can be found on Pages 11-12 of the magazine. To obtain a copy, please contact Natasha O'Dell @ n.odell@lsrca.on.ca or visit Lake Simcoe Living Magazine @ <http://www.lakesimcoeliving.com/>.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

a) 2013 Flood Events – Lake Simcoe and Beyond

Manager, Engineering and Technical Services, Tom Hogenbirk, provided the Board with a presentation on 2013 Flood Events in Lake Simcoe and Beyond, noting that Lake Simcoe had a number of events in 2013. He shared a number of photos and explained how the mid-winter melt in January 2013 and the spring freshet in March 2013 contributed to the flooding. He went on to note that the winter of 2014 did not see a mid-winter melt, and as of the meeting date Lake Simcoe still had two to three feet of ice and many of the creeks and rivers still had as much as six inches.

Moved by: V. Hackson

Seconded by: A. Eek

BOD-061-14 **RESOLVED THAT the presentation by Manager, Engineering and Technical Services, Tom Hogenbirk, entitled 2013 Flood Events - Lake Simcoe and Beyond, be received for information.** CARRIED

V. DEPUTATIONS

Ms. Annabel Slaight, President of the Ladies of the Lake Conservation Association, provided Board members with an overview of the Ontario Water Centre for Innovation, Research and Learning, a Centre for exchanging information and getting communities involved in restoring Lake Simcoe.

Ms. Slaight outlined a number of initiatives planned for the Centre, including the Ladies of the Lake proposal regarding the ClearWater Farm in Georgina. Ms. Slaight was seeking LSRCA's participation on the Ontario Water Centre's Board of Directors. For further information on the Ontario Water Centre and its initiatives, please visit www.ontariowatercentre.ca.

Moved by: M. Baier Seconded by: D. Wheeler

BOD-062-14 **RESOLVED THAT the deputation by Ms. Annabel Slaight, President of the Ladies of the Lake Conservation Association, regarding the Ontario Water Centre for Innovation, Research and Learning be received for information. CARRIED**

CAO Gayle Wood's Staff Report No. 19-14-BOD regarding the Ontario Water Centre for Innovation, Research and Learning, was included in the Agenda package.

Moved by: D. Wheeler Seconded by: V. Hackson

BOD-063-14 **RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 19-14-BOD be received; and**

FURTHER THAT the Board of Directors approve, in principle, LSRCA's participation on the Board of Directors of the Ontario Water Centre for Innovation, Research and Learning, provided that a Terms of Reference for the Water Centre's Directors, including roles and responsibilities, are forwarded to the LSRCA for endorsement prior to an appointment; and

FURTHER THAT LSRCA endorse the proposal of "ClearWater Farm" as a demonstration site for wise water management and local food on a portion of the Town of Georgina's property purchased as the Reed Farm in 2012 and 2013. CARRIED

VI. HEARINGS

There were no hearings at this meeting.

VIII. DETERMINATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

The Board identified Item 2 as items requiring separate discussion.

IX. ADOPTION OF ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Moved by: J. Ballinger Seconded by: D. Kerwin

BOD-064-14 **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

CAO Gayle Wood noted that two additional pieces of correspondence had recently been received regarding the Ontario Ranger Program (ORP), including a response from Minister Oraziotti on behalf of the Government of Ontario. A number of Board members expressed that the new day programs being offered in place of the ORP are in not comparable to the experiences and life lessons that youths gained through the ORP. CAO Wood noted that the upcoming Conservation Ontario Council meeting agenda included a recommendation for Conservation Ontario to submit a letter on behalf of the 36 conservation authorities to Premier Wynne and Minister Oraziotti urging the reinstatement of the ORP.

BOD-065-14 **RESOLVED THAT correspondence listed as items 1 (a) to (i) be received for information. CARRIED**

3. Scanlon Creek Conservation Area – Scanlon Farmhouse

BOD-066-14 **RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 21-14-BOD be received; and**

FURTHER THAT the Board of Directors approve a transfer of \$30,000 from the Thiess International Riverprize Award account for investment in the protection and restoration of the Scanlon Farmhouse. CARRIED

4. 2014 Conservation Awards

BOD-067-14 **RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 22-14-BOD regarding the 2014 Conservation Awards be received for information; and**

FURTHER THAT Staff recommendation of November 6, 2014 as the date of the 2014 Conservation Awards ceremony be approved. CARRIED

X. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

2. 2013 Reserves and Preliminary Unaudited Financial Statements

In response to Mayor Hackson`s question regarding the status of the York Region forgivable loan, General Manager, Corporate & Financial Services, Jocelyn Lee, explained that the 10 year forgivable loan stems from building renovations in 2006 and is strictly an accounting entry for York Region that will end April 2016.

Moved by: V. Hackson Seconded by: D. Crake

BOD-068-14 **RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 20-14-BOD entitled “2013 Preliminary Unaudited Financial Statements be received; and**

FURTHER THAT the Appropriations to Reserve from operations as outlined in Schedule 5 of the 2013 Preliminary Unaudited Financial Statements be approved pending any

changes brought forward in the 2013 Audited Financial Statements to be presented at the April 2014 Board meeting; and

FURTHER THAT the pending 2013 Audited Financial Statements be distributed to the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Authority's banker. CARRIED

XI. CLOSED SESSION

There were no Closed Session items for this meeting.

XII. OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Ballinger asked if staff has looked at the possibility of holding a Board meeting at the Scanlon facility. CAO Wood advised that staff are looking at this option for a warmer month, such as May or June, giving Board members the opportunity to see more of the property in the nicer weather.

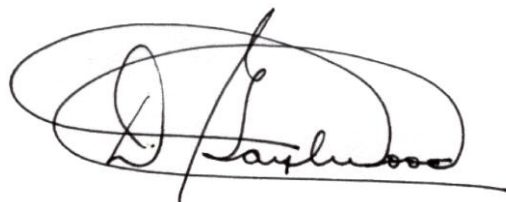
Councillor Kerwin asked if the Board could be provided with a statement of legal expenses regarding a human resources matter that was considered in 2013 and early 2014. CAO Wood advised that staff will provide this breakdown at the next meeting.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 a.m. on a motion J. O'Donnell.



Deputy Mayor/Regional Councilor Debbie Bath
Chair



D. Gayle Wood
Chief Administrative Officer