



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**

No. BOD-04-16 – Friday, April 29, 2016

120 Bayview Parkway, Newmarket, ON

**MINUTES**

***LSRCA Board Members Present:***

Mayor G. Dawe, Chair  
Councillor R. Simpson, Vice Chair  
Regional Councillor B. Drew  
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  
Deputy Mayor/Regional Councillor D. Wheeler

***Regrets:***

D. Bath  
Councillor P. Silveira

***LSRCA Staff Present:***

M. Walters, Chief Administrative Officer  
R. Baldwin, GM, Planning & Development  
R. Jarrett, GM, Communications & Education  
B. Kemp, GM, Conservation Lands  
J. Lee, GM, Corporate & Financial Services  
B. Longstaff, GM, Integrated Watershed Management  
T. Barnett, Coordinator, BOD/CAO  
K. Christensen, Manager, Human Resources  
N. Knight, Communications Specialist  
M. Leung, Communications Specialist  
K. Yemm, Manager, Corporate Communications

***Guests:***

Councillor M. Sharpe, Township of Ramara

**I. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None noted for this meeting.

**II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by: B. Drew

Seconded by: A. Eek

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**RESOLVED THAT the content of the Agenda for the April 29, 2016 meeting of the LSRCA Board of Directors be approved as presented. CARRIED**

**III. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

a) Board of Directors Meeting – April 1, 2016

Moved by: S. Strangway

Seconded by: S. Macpherson

BOD-049-16            **RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Board of Directors' Meeting No. BOD-03-16 held on Friday, April 1, 2016 be approved as circulated. CARRIED**

**IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

a) LSRCA Upcoming Stewardship Events

Communications Specialist, Nancie Knight, updated the Board regarding upcoming Stewardship events around the watershed, noting that tree planting events begin on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> and continue on Saturdays in May. For more information or to find an event near you, please click the following link: [LSRCA Upcoming Events](#)

b) LSRCA Conservation Awards - Nominations

Communications Specialist, Maria Leung, advised Board members that nominations are now being accepted for LSRCA's Annual Conservation Awards taking place on Thursday, November 3, 2016. She noted that nominations can be made by contacting Maria directly @ 905-895-1281, ext. 258 or [m.leung@lsrca.on.ca](mailto:m.leung@lsrca.on.ca) or online by clicking the following link: [LSRCA Watershed Heroes Nomination Form](#)

Regional Councillor Wheeler noted that it would be helpful if staff could provide a list of projects taking place around the watershed, so that Board members would be more informed about the watershed heroes in their respective municipalities.

c) Meeting Guest

Deputy Mayor O'Donnell introduced Ramara Councillor Margaret Sharpe, who attended the meeting as a guest.

**V. DEPUTATIONS**

There were no deputations at this meeting.

**VI. HEARINGS**

There were no hearings at this meeting.

**VII. PRESENTATIONS**

LSRCA 2015 Audit Findings by BDO Canada LLP

Mr. Michael Jones, representing LSRCA's Audit firm, BDO Canada LLP, attended the meeting to report to the Board on the audit of LSRCA's 2015 Financial Statements. Mr. Jones noted that no significant issues were found during the audit and that BDO Canada received great cooperation from LSRCA's management throughout the audit. He went on to note that it is the opinion of BDO Canada LLP that the financial statements present fairly, in all material aspects, the financial position of Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority as at December 31, 2015 and the results of its operations, changes in net financial assets, and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Moved by: R. Simpson

Seconded by: P. Molloy

BOD-050-16           **RESOLVED THAT the presentation by Mr. Michael Jones of BDO Canada LLP be received for information. CARRIED**

The Board approved Staff Report No. 14-16-BOD prepared by General Manager, Corporate & Financial Services, Jocelyn Lee, regarding LSRCA's 2015 Draft Audited Financial Statements.

Moved by: D. Wheeler

Seconded by: J. Dolan

BOD-051-16           **RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 14-16-BOD entitled 2015 Draft Audited Financial Statements be received; and**

**FURTHER THAT the Appropriations to Reserve from operations as outlined in Schedule 5 of the 2015 Draft Audited Financial Statements be approved; and**

**FURTHER THAT the pending 2015 Audited Financial Statements be distributed to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and LSRCA's banker. CARRIED**

**VIII. DETERMINATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION**

There were no items identified as items not requiring separate discussion.

**IX. ADOPTION OF ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION**

**X. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION**

**1. Correspondence**

The Board received the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry's (MNRF) letter regarding the review of the *Conservation Authorities Act*. The letter outlined the five priority areas for improvement, namely:

- Stronger oversight and accountability in decision-making;
- Increased clarity and consistency in roles and responsibilities, processes and requirements;
- Modern funding mechanisms to support conservation authority operations;
- Improved collaboration and engagement among all parties involved in resource management; and
- Enhanced flexibility for the Province to update the *Conservation Authorities Act* framework in the future.

The letter also noted that MNRF will now work to develop options on how to proceed with improvements in these five priority areas.

Deputy Mayor O'Donnell asked if there is still an opportunity for municipalities to respond. CAO Walters noted that unofficially comments are still being accepted.

Moved by: S. Harrison-McIntyre

Seconded by: V. Hackson

BOD-052-16        **RESOLVED THAT correspondence listed in the agenda as Item 1a) be received for information. CARRIED**

**2. Proposed Excess Soil Management Policy Framework: EBR Registry Number: 012-6065**

Mayor Hackson commended staff on a great report and requested that it be shared with member municipalities. The Board approved an amended resolution.

Moved by: M. Quirk

Seconded by: V. Hackson

BOD-053-16        **RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 15-16-BOD regarding the LSRCA's comments on the Proposed Excess Soil Management Policy Framework (EBR Posting 012-6065) be received for information; and**

**FURTHER THAT Staff Report No. 15-16-BOD be shared with member municipalities. CARRIED**

**3. 2016 Proposed Budget**

General Manager, Corporate and Financial Services, Jocelyn Lee provided a presentation regarding LSRCA's 2016 proposed budget, outlining the 2016 budget assumptions and reviewing changes from 2015 to 2016. She reviewed the highlights for 2016 spending, including developing the new Urban Restoration Program, the Asset Management Plan, and the Education and Training Facility enhancements, LID Projects, as well as the completion of the Lake Simcoe/South-eastern Georgian Bay Clean-up Fund projects into 2017.

Moved by: D. Kerwin

Seconded by: A. Eek

BOD-054-16        **RESOLVED THAT the presentation by General Manager, Corporate and Financial Services, Jocelyn Lee, regarding LSRCA's 2016 Proposed Budget Book be received for information. CARRIED**

The Board approved Staff Report No. 16-16-BOD, regarding the 2016 Proposed Budget.

Moved by: V. Hackson

Seconded by: M. Quirk

BOD-055-16        **RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 16-16-BOD regarding LSRCA's 2016 Proposed Budget be received; and**

**FURTHER THAT the 2016 budget estimates, with projected revenues in the amount of \$14,505,543, as presented in the 2016 Budget Book be approved; and**

**FURTHER THAT the net reserve appropriations in the amount of \$(703,955) as outlined in the 2016 Budget Book be approved. CARRIED**

<b>Representative</b>	<b>Partner Municipality</b>	<b>YEA</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>CVA</b>
Ms. Debbie Bath	Durham Region (Brock)	Absent		2.97%
Mayor Geoffrey Dawe	York Region (Aurora)	X		7.14%
Mr. Jay Dolan	City of Barrie	X		12.43%
Regional Councillor Bobbie Drew	Durham Region (Scugog)	X		2.97%
Councillor Avia Eek	York Region (King)	X		7.14%
Councillor Ken Ferdinands	York Region (Whitchurch-Stouffville)	X		7.15%
Councillor Peter Ferragine	Town of Bradford-West Gwillimbury	X		6.28%
Mayor Virginia Hackson	York Region (East Gwillimbury)	X		7.15%
Councillor Shira Harrison-McIntyre	Town of New Tecumseth	X		0.63%
Councillor Dave Kerwin	York Region (Newmarket)	X		7.14%
Councillor Scott Macpherson	Township of Oro-Medonte	X		1.51%
Councillor Pat Molloy	Durham Region (Uxbridge)	X		2.96%
Deputy Mayor John O'Donnell	Township of Ramara	X		1.57%
Mayor Margaret Quirk	York Region (Georgina)	X		7.14%
Councillor Peter Silveira	City of Barrie	Absent		12.43%
Councillor Richard Simpson	Town of Innisfil	X		5.68%
Councillor Steven Strangway	City of Kawartha Lakes	X		0.57%
Deputy Mayor/Regional Councillor Danny Wheeler	York Region (at Large)	X		7.14%
	<b>Total</b>			<b>100.00%</b>

**XI. CLOSED SESSION**

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

Moved by: R. Simpson

Seconded by: P. Ferragine

BOD-056-16 **RESOLVED THAT the Board move to Closed Session to deal with confidential human resources matters; and**

**FURTHER THAT the Chief Administrative Officer, members of 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: D. Wheeler

Seconded by: J. Dolan

BOD-057-16 **RESOLVED THAT the Board rise from Closed Session and report findings. CARRIED**

a) Confidential Human Resources Matter

Confidential Staff Report No. 17-16-BOD regarding a confidential human resources matter was provided to Board members prior to the meeting.

Moved by: S. Macpherson

Seconded by: P. Ferragine

BOD-058-16      **RESOLVED THAT Confidential Staff Report No. 17-16-BOD regarding a confidential human resources matter be approved. CARRIED**

**XII. OTHER BUSINESS**

a) Next Meeting:

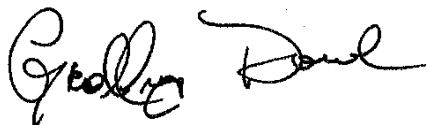
Chair Dawe advised that the next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by: P. Ferragine

Seconded by: R. Simpson

BOD-059-16      **RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned @ 10:10 a.m. CARRIED**



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Mayor Geoffrey Dawe  
Chair



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Michael Walters  
Chief Administrative Officer