



BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

No. BOD-03-16 – Friday, April 1, 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
Councillor S. Harrison-McIntyre
Councillor S. Macpherson
Deputy Mayor P. Molloy
Mayor M. Quirk
Councillor P. Silveira
Councillor S. Strangway
Deputy Mayor/Regional Councillor D. Wheeler

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
B. Booth, Manager, Regulations
L. Bulford, Development Planner
C. Burgess, Manager, Planning
P. Davies, Manager, Forestry and Stewardship
K. Kennedy, Land Securement Officer
S. Fernandes, Natural Heritage Ecologist
D. Lembcke, Manager, Environmental Science and Monitoring
B. Thompson, Manager, Integrated Watershed Management

Regrets:

D. Bath
Mayor V. Hackson
Councillor D. Kerwin
Deputy Mayor J. O'Donnell

Guests:

A. Nuttall, MP Barrie Springwater Oro-Medonte
L. Tattersall, Office of MP Nuttall

I. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None noted for this meeting.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: M. Quirk

Seconded by: S. Harrison-McIntyre

BOD-031-16

RESOLVED THAT the content of the Agenda for the April 1, 2016 meeting of the LSRCA Board of Directors be approved as presented. CARRIED

III. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

a) Board of Directors Meeting – February 26, 2016

Moved by: P. Molloy

Seconded by: M. Quirk

BOD-032-16 **RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Board of Directors' Meeting No. BOD-02-16 held on Friday, February 26, 2016 be approved as circulated. CARRIED**

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

a) Ontario Municipal Cycling Infrastructure Program (OMCIP) Funding Approval – Township of Brock
General Manager, Conservation Lands, Brian Kemp, was pleased to announce that the Township of Brock was recently awarded the funds required for the completion of the Beaver River Trail. He noted that LSRCA staff have been working closely with the Township of Brock staff, as well as Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation staff, to secure funding for this project.

b) Sponge City Initiative – China – May 2016
Chief Administrative Officer, Mike Walters, advised that he has been invited to China to participate as a practitioner in China's Sponge City Pilot Project, which will see 16 cities participating in retrofitting and innovative urban design in dealing with rain water.

c) Conservation Ontario Queen's Park Day – March 10, 2016
Chief Administrative Officer, Mike Walters, advised that he recently attended Conservation Ontario's Queen's Park Day, which was well attended by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change and well represented across the conservation authorities.

V. DEPUTATIONS

a) Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte Member of Parliament Alex Nuttall
Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte Member of Parliament Alex Nuttall attended the meeting to make a deputation to the Board of Directors regarding the Lake Simcoe/South-eastern Georgian Bay Clean-up Fund. MP Nuttall expressed concern that this fund, which has had such a positive impact on the Lake Simcoe and its watershed since 2008, does not appear to be in new government's budget beyond 2017. MP Nuttall asked Board members to consider signing a petition to the House of Commons requesting that Parliament renew funding to support the clean-up efforts in Lake Simcoe and South-eastern Georgian Bay.

Moved by: D. Wheeler

Seconded by: S. Macpherson

BOD-033-16 **RESOLVED THAT the deputation by Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte Member of Parliament Alex Nuttall be received for information; and**

FURTHER THAT the discussion regarding the petition be deferred to Item XII, Other Business. CARRIED

VI. PRESENTATIONS

LSRCA's Ecological Offsetting Guidelines

Development Planner, Lisa-Beth Bulford, provided a presentation on LSRCA's Ecological Offsetting Strategy, noting that staff have been working on a strategy for the replacement of any loss of natural heritage and hydrologic features resulting through Ontario's land use planning process under the

Planning Act and the *Environmental Assessment Act*. She explained that while this has been LSRCA's practice, there is currently no formal procedure to facilitate this process. Through the creation and implementation of LSRCA's Ecological Offsetting Guideline, it is LSRCA's goal that clear direction will be provided to watershed stakeholders and municipal partners on how to achieve a net gain of natural heritage features within the watershed.

Ms. Bulford went on to note that the guideline will be aimed at creating consistency in areas within municipalities where pockets of forest or wetland surround proposed subdivisions. Two concepts will be proposed: i) replacement and ii) a financial model where an opportune location does not exist, funds will in place when an opportunity does arise.

Moved by: S. Harrison-McIntyre

Seconded by: S. Strangway

BOD-034-16 **RESOLVED THAT the presentation by Development Planner, Lisa-Beth Bulford regarding LSRCA's development of a Draft Ecological Offsetting Guideline be received for information. CARRIED**

Staff sought the Board's approval to continue consulting with internal and external stakeholders and municipalities to develop LSRCA's Ecological Offsetting Guideline, with the draft guideline to be brought back at a later date for Board approval.

Moved by: A. Eek

Seconded by: D. Wheeler

BOD-035-16 **RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 08-16-BOD regarding LSRCA's development of a Draft Ecological Offsetting Guideline be received; and**

FURTHER THAT staff be directed to continue consultation with internal and external stakeholders and municipalities prior to adoption of LSRCA's Ecological Offsetting Guideline by the Board of Directors. CARRIED

VII. HEARINGS

There were no hearings at this meeting.

VIII. DETERMINATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

The Board identified Items No. 1a) as items requiring separate discussion.

IX. ADOPTION OF ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Moved by: S. Harrison-McIntyre

Seconded by: S. Strangway

BOD-036-16 **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-037-16 **RESOLVED THAT** correspondence listed in the agenda as Item 1b) be received for information. CARRIED

2. 2015 Reserves and Preliminary Unaudited Financial Statements

BOD-038-16 **RESOLVED THAT** Staff Report No. 09-16-BOD regarding LSRCA's 2015 Preliminary Unaudited Financial Statements be received; and

FURTHER THAT the Appropriations to and from Reserves from operations as outlined in Schedule 5 of the 2015 Preliminary Unaudited Financial Statements be approved pending any changes brought forward in the 2015 Audited Financial Statements to be presented at the April 29, 2016 Board of Directors' meeting. CARRIED

3. LSRCA Conservation Awards 2016

BOD-039-16 **RESOLVED THAT** Staff Report No. 10-16-BOD regarding the 2016 Conservation Awards be received; and

FURTHER THAT staff recommendation to hold the Conservation Awards Ceremony on Thursday, November 3, 2016 be approved. CARRIED

4. Current LSPP Grant Funding

BOD-040-16 **RESOLVED THAT** Staff Report No. 11-16-BOD regarding provincial funding towards Lake Simcoe Protection Plan projects within LSRCA's Integrated Watershed Management Division be received for information. CARRIED

X. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

1. Correspondence

Councillor Eek had two questions regarding Correspondence Item 1a, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry letter of February 25, 2016 to Conservation Ontario regarding Phragmites. Both questions were with regards to if staff were aware of the timelines of the initiatives outlined in Minister Mauro's letter; namely, i) the emergency use registration application regarding enabling the aerial application of a herbicide in shoreline and wetland areas and the development of an implementation plan; and ii) the development of best management practices for the control of Phragmites surrounding the agreement entered into with the Ontario Invasive Plant Council. For both questions, CAO Walters advised that he was not aware of the timelines associated with either initiative but that he would inquire.

Moved by: A. Eek

Seconded by: S. Macpherson

c) Confidential Legal Matter

An update regarding a confidential legal matter was provided to Board members at the meeting.

Moved by: S. Harrison-McIntyre

Seconded by: J. Dolan

BOD-046-16 **RESOLVED THAT the update regarding a confidential legal matter be received for information. CARRIED**

XII. OTHER BUSINESS

a) Petition regarding Lake Simcoe/South-eastern Georgian Bay Clean-up Fund

Vice Chair Simpson requested that Board members consider the petition brought forward by MP Alex Nuttall regarding the continuation of the Lake Simcoe/South-eastern Georgian Bay Clean-up Fund beyond 2017. CAO Walters advised that staff would bring a report back summarizing the projects completed through the Fund for the Board's information.

b) Phragmites Workshop

Vice Chair Simpson advised that on April 21st he and one Innisfil staff member will be attending a workshop on how to combat phragmites.

c) Run or Walk for Southlake

Councillor Eek advised that she is once again participating in the Run or Walk for Southlake on May 1, 2016. For more information or to donate, please click this link: [Run or Walk for Southlake](#)

d) Next Meeting:

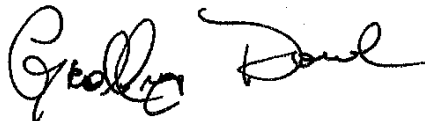
Chair Dawe advised that the next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Friday, April 29th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., followed by a meeting of the Lakes Simcoe and Couchiching/Black River Source Protection Authority from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: R. Simpson

Seconded by: S. Harrison-McIntyre

BOD-047-16 **RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned @ 10:45 a.m. CARRIED**



Mayor Geoffrey Dawe
Chair



Michael Walters
Chief Administrative Officer