

# Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority

## Board of Directors' Meeting

Board of Directors' Meeting No. BOD-03-23

Friday, March 24, 2023

120 Bayview Parkway, Newmarket

### Meeting Minutes

#### Board Members Present

Regional Chairman W. Emmerson (Chair), Councillor P. Ferragine (Vice Chair), Councillor S. Bell, Councillor F. Drodge, Councillor A. Eek, Regional Councillor B. Garrod, Mayor R. Greenlaw, Mayor V. Hackson, Councillor S. Harrison-McIntyre, Councillor D. Le Roy, Mayor I. Lovatt, Councillor C. Pettingill, Mayor M. Quirk, Councillor C. Riepma, Councillor M. Thompson, Councillor E. Yeo

#### Board Members Absent

Councillor B. Hamilton, Deputy Mayor and Regional Councillor T. Vegh

#### Staff Present

R. Baldwin, T. Barnett, A. Brown, M. Critch, A. Cullen, D. Goodyear, G. MacMillan, S. McKinnon, G Peat, P. Strong, C. Taylor, B. Thompson, K. Toffan, K. Yemm

### I. Land Acknowledgement

Chair Emmerson acknowledged the Lake Simcoe watershed as traditional Indigenous territory and thanked all generations of Indigenous peoples for their enduring and unwavering care for this land and water.

### II. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest or Conflict of Interest

None noted for the meeting.

### III. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: B. Garrod

Seconded by: M. Quirk

BOD-034-23 **Resolved That** the content of the Agenda for the March 24, 2023 meeting of the Board of Directors be approved as circulated. **Carried**

## IV. Adoption of Minutes

### a) Board of Directors' Meeting

Moved by: C. Pettingill

Seconded by: C. Riepma

BOD-035-23 **Resolved That** the minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting, No. BOD-02-23, held on Friday, February 24, 2023 be approved as circulated. **Carried**

## V. Announcements

- a) CAO Baldwin advised that the Source to Stream Conference was recently held with over 700 participants in attendance. The conference included great presentations by Conservation Authority staff, Chandler Eves on stormwater pond maintenance and monitoring and Pete Shuttleworth on a dam removal project in Kettleby, as well as a panel discussion by David Lembcke on environmental compliance approvals.

## VI. Presentations

### a) Watershed Planning

Integrated Watershed Management Specialist, Pam Strong, provided an overview of watershed planning, noting that among the first plans was the Upper Holland Conservation Report in 1953, with subsequent plans completed in the 1980s and 1990s. A subwatershed plan describes the current state, identifies stressors, and develops recommendations to address stressors and improve overall watershed health. More current plans were a coordinated effort covering the watershed, which were developed between 2010 and 2017 and have seen many successful collaborations and achieved close to 90% of their recommendations. As watershed conditions change and new technologies become available, staff are developing a more modernized approach allowing for streamlining of the process, enabling plans to remain more up to date. Ms. Strong shared the Conservation Authority's new webpage in development, noting next steps include developing site content, goal setting and recommendations, and the completion of a watershed-based resource management strategy.

To view this presentation, please click this link: [Watershed Planning Presentation](#)

Moved by: F. Drodge

Seconded by: S. Harrison-McIntyre

BOD-036-23 **Resolved That** the presentation by Integrated Watershed Management Specialist, Pam Strong, regarding watershed planning be received for information. **Carried**

**b) Fourth Quarter 2022 Unaudited Financial Report and 2023 Proposed Capital and Operating Budget**

General Manager, Corporate and Financial Services/CFO, Mark Critch, provided an overview of the 2022 unaudited financial results, as well as the 2023 proposed Capital and Operating Budget, noting a small year-end operational surplus position. He reviewed the various drivers contributing to the surplus and updated on reserve activity.

Next, Mr. Critch reviewed the budget process, noting the budget was built based on the assumptions approved by the Board in June 2022, as well as working with municipal funding partners. As of March 24<sup>th</sup>, 7 of the 9 funding partners had approved the ask for 2023, with the two remaining approvals expected within the following week. He reviewed the Conservation Authority's 2023 annual priorities, which include:

1. Managing and implementing legislative changes in Bills 229 (2020) and Bill 23 (2022);
2. Continuing to develop the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging framework;
3. Developing a management plan and conducting community consultation for Lake Simcoe Conservation Preserve;
4. Advancing design and construction of new Scanlon Creek Nature Centre;
5. Advancing business development opportunities for climate change and stormwater management;
6. Assessing and implementing necessary network security solutions; and
7. Implementing corporate records management and asset management financial strategies.

To view this presentation, please click this link: [2022 Financial Results and 2023 Budget Presentation](#)

Moved by: E. Yeo

Seconded by: A. Eek

BOD-037-23 **Resolved That** the presentation by General Manager, Corporate and Financial Services/CFO, Mark Critch, regarding the Fourth Quarter 2022 Unaudited Financial Report and the 2023 Proposed Budget be received for information. **Carried**

Included in the agenda was Staff Report No. 10-23-BOD regarding the Fourth Quarter 2022 Unaudited Financial Report.

Moved by: E. Yeo

Seconded by: A. Eek

BOD-038-23 **Resolved That** the Staff Report No. 10-23-BOD regarding the Conservation Authority's Fourth Quarter Unaudited Financial Report for the period ending December 31, 2022 be received for information. **Carried**

Included in the agenda was Staff Report No. 11-23-BOD regarding the 2023 Proposed Capital and Operating Budget.

Moved by: P. Ferragine

Seconded by: V. Hackson

BOD-039-23 **Resolved That** Staff Report No. 11-23-BOD regarding the Conservation Authority's 2023 Proposed Capital and Operating Budget be received; and

**Further that** the 2023 Proposed Capital and Operating Budget and all projects therein be adopted; and

**Further that** staff be authorized to enter into agreements and/or execute documents with private sector organizations, non-governmental organizations or governments and their agencies for the undertaking of projects for the benefit of the Conservation Authority and funded by the sponsoring organization or agency, including projects that have not been provided for in the approved budget; and

**Further that** as required by Ontario Regulation 139/96 (formerly O.S. 231/97), this recommendation and the accompanying budget documents, including the schedule of matching and non-matching levies, be approved by weighted vote. **Carried**

A weighted vote was taken for the approval of the 2023 Capital and Operating Budget, the results of which can be found in the table below:

Representative	Partner Municipality	YEA	NAY	CVA
Councillor Sherri Bell	Township of Ramara	X		0.91%
Councillor Fred Drodge	Town of Innisfil	X		4.53%
Councillor Avia Eek	York Region (King)	X		9.34%
Regional Chairman Wayne Emmerson (Chair)	York Region (at Large)	X		9.34%
Councillor Peter Ferragine (Vice Chair)	Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury	X		5.20%
Regional Councillor Bruce Garrod	Durham Region (Uxbridge)	X		1.92%
Mayor Randy Greenlaw	Township of Oro-Medonte	X		0.98%
Mayor Virginia Hackson	York Region (East Gwillimbury)	X		9.34%
Councillor Bryn Hamilton	City of Barrie	Absent		8.22%
Councillor Shira Harrison-McIntyre	Town of New Tecumseth	X		0.48%
Councillor David Le Roy	Durham Region (Scugog)	X		1.92%

<b>Representative</b>	<b>Partner Municipality</b>	<b>YEA</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>CVA</b>
Mayor Iain Lovatt	York Region (Whitchurch-Stouffville)	X		9.34%
Councillor Cria Pettingill	Durham Region (Brock)	X		1.92%
Mayor Margaret Quirk	York Region (Georgina)	X		9.34%
Councillor Clare Riepma	City of Barrie	X		8.22%
Councillor Michael Thompson	York Region (Aurora)	X		9.34%
Deputy Mayor and Regional Councillor Tom Vegh	York Region (Newmarket)	Absent		9.34%
Councillor Emmett Yeo	City of Kawartha Lakes	X		0.35%
	<b>Total</b>			<b>100.00%</b>

### **c) Summary Overview regarding Bill 229**

CAO Rob Baldwin reviewed the changes to the Conservation Authorities Act brought about in Schedule 6 of Bill 229 - Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act (Budget Measures), 2020, which received royal assent in December 2020. Phase 1 included a categorization of programs and services into three categories: Category 1 - Mandatory Programs and services; Category 2 - Programs and activities undertaken by a conservation authority which are funded by a member municipality require that an agreement be in place; and Category 3 – Non-mandatory but considered critical in effective watershed management and serving the needs of key municipal partners and communities. Also included in Phase 1 is Transition Plans and Agreements for Programs and Services, which covers having a transition plan in place to implement Phase 1 and 2, complete with timelines and approaches. The final element for Phase 1 is Rules and Conduct in Conservation Areas, which involves consolidating several regulations into one regulation for all conservation authorities around public use, prohibited activities, and permitted activities. Phase 2 brought about additional information requirements, including maintaining a governance webpage available to the public with Board member information, administrative by-laws, municipal funding agreements, annual auditor's report, as well as Board meeting schedule, agendas and minutes. Other requirements include a fee classes policy, determination of amounts owed by specific municipalities, as well as changes to the budgetary process.

To view this presentation, please click this link: [Overview of Bill 229 Presentation](#)

Moved by: D. Le Roy

Seconded by: S. Bell

BOD-040-23 **Resolved That** the presentation by CAO Rob Baldwin regarding changes to the Conservation Authorities Act resulting from Bill 229 be received for information.

**Carried**

Included in the agenda was Staff Report No. 12-23-BOD regarding changes to the Conservation Authorities Act resulting from Bill 229.

Moved by: D. Le Roy

Seconded by: S. Bell

BOD-041-23 **Resolved That** Staff Report No. 12-23-BOD regarding a summary and overview of Bill 229 be received for information. **Carried**

## VII. Hearings

There were no Hearings at this meeting.

## VIII. Deputations

There were no Deputations at this meeting.

## IX. Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

No items were identified under items requiring separate discussion.

## X. Adoption of Items not Requiring Separate Discussion

Items No. 1 - 5 were identified under items not requiring separate discussion.

Moved by: R. Greenlaw

Seconded by: C. Riepma

BOD-042-23 **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-043-23 **Resolved That** no Correspondence Items be received. **Carried**

### 2. Monitoring Report – Planning and Development Applications for the period January 1 through December 31, 2022

BOD-044-23 **Resolved That** Staff Report No. 13-23-BOD regarding monitoring of planning and development applications for the period January 1 through December 31, 2022 be received for information. **Carried**

### **3. Conservation Authorities Act Transition – Quarterly Progress Report No. 4 - March 2023**

BOD-045-23 **Resolved That** Staff Report No. 14-23-BOD regarding the Conservation Authority Transition Quarterly Progress Report No. 4 be received; and

**Further that** the March 2023 Conservation Authority Transition Quarterly Progress No. 4 be approved for submission to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.

**Carried**

### **4. Chair and Vice Chair Exception Request under Section 17(1.3) of the Conservation Authorities Act**

BOD-046-23 **Resolved That** Staff Report No. 15-23-BOD regarding the requirement for an exception request for the current Chair and Vice Chair of the Board of Directors for 2023 be received; and

**Further That** the Board of Directors Request the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry to grant an exception under Section 17(1.3) of the Conservation Authorities Act for Chair Wayne Emmerson and Vice-Chair Peter Ferragine to continue in their Board roles for 2023. **Carried**

### **5. 2023 Conservation Awards Program and Ceremony**

BOD-047-23 **Resolved That** Staff Report No. 16-23-BOD regarding the 2023 Conservation Awards Program and Ceremony be received for information. **Carried**

## **XI. Consideration of Items Requiring Separate Discussion**

No items required separate discussion.

## **XII. Closed Session**

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

Moved by: F. Drodge

Seconded by: C. Pettingill

BOD-048-23 **Resolved That** the Board move to Closed Session to deal with a confidential legal matter; and

**Further that** the Chief Administrative Officer, members of the Executive Leadership Team and the Director, Development Services remain in the meeting for the discussion. **Carried**

The Board rose from Closed Session to report findings.

Moved by: B. Garrod

Seconded by: M. Thompson

BOD-049-23 **Resolved That** the Board rise from Closed Session and report findings.

**Carried**

**a) Confidential Legal Matter**

Moved by: M. Quirk

Seconded by: D. Le Roy

BOD-050-23 **Resolved That** Confidential Staff Report No. 17-23-BOD regarding a confidential legal matter be received for information. **Carried**

**XIII. Other Business**

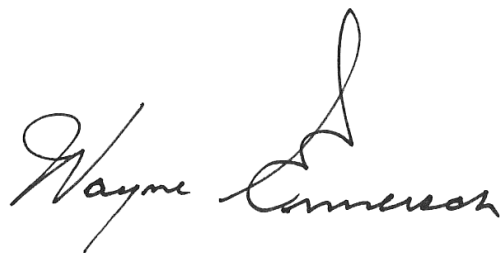
- a) Chair Emmerson noted that the next meeting will be held on Friday, April 28, 2023. There will also be a Source Protection Authority meeting that day beginning at 9:00a, with the Board meeting following at approximately 10:00a. Both meetings will be held in person at the Newmarket Administrative Offices.

**XIV. Adjournment**

Moved by: E. Yeo

Seconded by: P. Ferragine

BOD-051-23 **Resolved That** the meeting be adjourned at 11:10 a.m. **Carried**



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Regional Chairman Wayne Emmerson  
Chair



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Rob Baldwin  
Chief Administrative Officer