

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

No. BOD-04-20 - Friday, April 3, 2020

Virtual Meeting

MINUTES

LSRCA Board Members Present:

Regional Chairman W. Emmerson, Chair

Councillor P. Ferragine, Vice Chair

Councillor K. Aylwin Mayor D. Barton

Mayor D. Bath-Hadden

Mayor B. Drew Councillor A. Eek

Councillor K. Ferdinands Councillor W. Gaertner Councillor R. Greenlaw Mayor V. Hackson

Councillor S. Harrison-McIntyre

Mayor M. Quirk Councillor C. Riepma Regional Councillor T. Vegh Councillor A. Waters

Regrets:

Councillor E. Yeo Township of Ramara

LSRCA Staff Present:

M. Walters, Chief Administrative Officer

R. Baldwin, GM Planning & Development

M. Critch, GM, Corporate and Financial Services

B. Kemp, GM, Conservation Lands

B. Longstaff, GM, Integrated Watershed Management

K. Christensen, Manager Human Resources

C. Taylor, Executive Director, LSCF
K. Yemm, Manager, Communications
T. Barnett, Coordinator, BOD/CAO
M. Bessey, Director, Planning

N. Hamley, Manager, Education

S. Jagminas, Senior Communications Advisor

S. McKinnon, Manager Budget and Business Analysis

G. Peat, Manager, Director, Information Services & Technology

M. Rosato, Communications SpecialistC. Sharp, Restoration Program Coordinator

P. Thase Director, Engineering

K. Toffan, Manager, Finance

I. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None noted for this meeting.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

BOD-037-20 **RESOLVED THAT the content of the Agenda for the April 3, 2020 meeting of the LSRCA**

Board of Directors be approved as amended to include Staff Reports No. 18-20-BOD and

19-20-BOD. CARRIED

III. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

a) Board of Directors' Meeting – February 28, 2020

Moved by: M. Quirk Seconded by: P. Ferragine

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BOD-038-20 **RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting No. BOD-02-20 held on Friday, February 28, 2020 be approved as circulated.** CARRIED

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

a) CAO Walters noted that LSRCA has been undertaking a flood relief study in the area of Alcona in the Town of Innisfil to reduce flooding. With the Environmental Assessment (Class EA) now complete, one enhanced drain and one new drain, and the expansion of an existing wetland will help to reduce the flooding. Next steps include discussions with the Town of Innisfil on final design and getting the structure built. Councillor Waters noted he is pleased with the solution to the flooding problem in this area.

V. PRESENTATIONS

a) LSRCA Fourth Quarter 2019 Financial Update and 2020 Proposed Budget

General Manager, Corporate and Financial Services/CFO, Mark Critch, provided an overview of LSRCA's Fourth Quarter 2019 Financial Report and the 2020 Budget. He thanked staff members Susan McKinnon and Katherine Toffan for a great job and their support throughout the year, as well as the Communications Team, especially Katarina Zeppieri for her support on the Budget Document.

GM Critch outlined the highlights for 2019, which include a small operational surplus, a temporary reserve draw required for offsetting programs, as well as a required draw from reserves to cover the \$64K reduction from MNRF transfer payment. There were some timing differences on some capital projects that were anticipated to be completed in 2019 but moved into 2020. Interest of 2.5% was achieved on investments. He reviewed the procurement summary, the summary of offsetting funds, major projects for 2019, as well as reserve funds.

Moving on to 2020, he advised that the 2019 audited financial statements will require approval at the next meeting. The annual operating priorities (AOPs) for 2020 have been developed, along with the 2020 Proposed Budget set for approval today.

To view this presentation, please click this link: LSRCA 2019 Financial Results and 2020 Proposed Budget

Moved by: K. Ferdinands Seconded by: P. Ferragine

BOD-039-20 RESOLVED THAT the presentation by General Manager, Corporate and Financial Services/CFO, Mark Critch, regarding LSRCA's Fourth Quarter 2019 Financial Report and 2020 Proposed Budget be received for information. CARRIED

The Board received Staff Report No. 12-20-BOD regarding the Fourth Quarter 2019 Financial Report.

Moved by: K. Aylwin Seconded by: A. Eek

BOD-040-20 RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 12-20-BOD regarding LSRCA's Fourth Quarter Unaudited Financial Report for the period ending December 31, 2019 be received for information. CARRIED

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The Board received Staff Report No. 13-20-BOD and approved the 2020 Budget by weighted vote.

Moved by: V. Hackson Seconded by: C. Riepma

BOD-041-20 RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 13-20-BOD regarding LSRCA's 2020 Proposed Capital and Operating Budget be received; and

FURTHER THAT the 2020 Proposed Capital and Operating Budget and all projects therein be adopted; and

FURTHER THAT LSRCA 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 LSRCA 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

Representative	Partner Municipality	YEA	NAY	CVA
Councillor Keenan Aylwin	City of Barrie	Х		8.55%
Mayor Dave Barton	Durham Region (Uxbridge)	Х		1.94%
Mayor Debbie Bath-Hadden	Durham Region (Brock)	Х		1.94%
Mayor Bobbie Drew	Durham Region (Scugog)	Х		1.94%
Councillor Avia Eek	York Region (King)	Х		9.25%
Regional Chairman Wayne Emmerson (Chair)	York Region (at Large)	Х		9.25%
Councillor Ken Ferdinands	York Region (Whitchurch- Stouffville)	Х		9.25%
Councillor Peter Ferragine (Vice Chair)	Town of Bradford W. Gwillimbury	Х		5.14%
Councillor Wendy Gaertner	York Region (Aurora)	Х		9.25%
Councillor Randy Greenlaw	Township of Oro-Medonte	Х		1.00%
Mayor Virginia Hackson	York Region (East Gwillimbury)	Х		9.25%
Councillor Shira Harrison-McIntyre	Town of New Tecumseth	Х		0.49%
Mayor Margaret Quirk	York Region (Georgina)	X		9.25%
Councillor Clare Riepma	City of Barrie	X		8.55%
Regional Councillor Tom Vegh	York Region (Newmarket)	X		9.25%
Councillor Alex Waters	Town of Innisfil	Х		4.38%
Councillor Emmett Yeo	City of Kawartha Lakes	absent		0.37%
No representative appointed	Township of Ramara	absent		0.95%
	Total			100.00%

VI. HEARINGS

There were no hearings at this meeting.

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VII. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations at this meeting.

VIII. DETERMINATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Item No. 1a, 3, 5 and 6 were identified under items requiring separate discussion.

IX. ADOPTION OF ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Items No. 1b, 1c, 2, 4, and 7 were identified as items not requiring separate discussion.

Moved by: S. Harrison-McIntyre Seconded by: A. Waters

BOD-042-20 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-043-20 RESOLVED THAT correspondence listed in the agenda as Items 1b) and 1c) be received for information. CARRIED

2. <u>LSRCA Operational Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic</u>

- BOD-044-20 **RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 14-20-BOD regarding changes in LSRCA's operations in response to the COVID-19 pandemic be received for information.** CARRIED
- 4. Summary of Recently Secured Funding Agreements supporting the Integrated Watershed Management Division
- BOD-045-20 **RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 16-20-BOD regarding new funding agreements** supporting the Integrated Watershed Management Division be received for information. CARRIED
- 7. Goodyear Farms Best Management Practices Construction Project to address Agricultural Surface
 Runoff
- BOD-046-20 RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 19-20-BOD regarding a restoration project to address agricultural surface runoff from Goodyear Farms in the Township of Brock be received; and

FURTHER THAT funding through LSRCA's restoration grant program for Phase 2 at a cost of 50% to an upset limit of \$152,500 excluding taxes be approved. CARRIED

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X. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

1. Correspondence

Councillor Eek addressed the correspondence from Lake Simcoe Watch, noting that while the discussion paper notes high levels of phosphorus leaving the Holland Marsh, it is missing the fact that the Holland March basin is the recipient of a 65,000-acre watershed. She also noted many of the recommendations in the discussion paper are already being followed and encouraged by Lake Simcoe Conservation Authority and the farming community. CAO Walters noted that LSRCA has no control over the group, Lake Simcoe Watch, and they continually take LSRCA lake data and misinterpret it.

On a separate note, Councillor Waters noted that there was an additional piece of correspondence from the Town of Innisfil Council in support of conservation authorities and asked that it please be included in the next agenda.

Moved by: A. Eek Seconded by: K. Ferdinands

BOD-047 -20 RESOLVED THAT correspondence listed in the agenda as Items 1a) be received for information. CARRIED

3. Pefferlaw Dam

Mayor Quirk referenced a conversation earlier in the week with LSRCA and Town of Georgina staff and was inquiring about communication out to residents around the Pefferlaw Dam. CAO Walters noted that LSRCA Communications and GIS staff are working with the Town of Georgina staff on communication. Director, Corporate Communications, Kristen Yemm, confirmed that the communications plan is on schedule.

Councillor Eek asked if there is any liability to LSRCA by not putting the stop logs in. CAO Walters noted that the structure is unsafe, hence the recommendation to not put the stop logs in. Staff have looked at what would need to be done to repair it.

Councillor Waters noted that Ducks Unlimited assessed all of their dams across the country about 10 years ago, and it may be worthwhile for LSRCA to seek out their assessment and mitigation tools used.

Moved by: M. Quirk Seconded by: A. Waters

BOD-048-20 RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 15-20-BOD regarding Pefferlaw Dam Ownership, Operational and Structural Status be received; and

FURTHER THAT the following recommendations be approved:

- 1. The dam stop logs will not be installed in 2020 due to structural concerns and staff safety issues;
- 2. Staff will communicate the status of dam operations with the general public and Town of Georgina;
- 3. Staff continue to pursue and establish clear ownership of the dam structure and associated properties in consultation with Town of Georgina and Ministry of Natural

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Resources and Forestry and/or the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks;

- 4. Staff engage in consultation with Town of Georgina staff, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and/or the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks and community to discuss long-term options for the Pefferlaw Dam; and
- 5. Staff will bring updates to the Board of Directors as required. CARRIED

5. 2020 Conservation Awards Program

Chair Emmerson noted that he enjoyed the 2019 Conservation Awards ceremony. He noted, however, that a number of award recipients were unable to attend, and he wondered if there might be a better date to hold this event for 2020. He also inquired about how COVID-19 may affect the event for 2020. A discussion was held on the conservation awards evening. Staff was directed to consult with the internal awards committee and bring an update back to the Board at the April 24th meeting.

Moved by: D. Barton Seconded by: C. Riepma

BOD-049-20 RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 17-20-BOD regarding the 2020 Conservation Awards program be received; and

FURTHER THAT the viability of hosting a Conservation Awards evening be deferred to the April 24, 2020 meeting. CARRIED

6. Closure of LSRCA's Conservation Areas – Response to COVID-19 Pandemic

Chair Emmerson addressed the closure of LSRCA Conservation Areas noting there are many issues arising with the parks and trails remaining opening. Several members voiced their concerns on whether or not to keep the conservation areas open. After some discussion, the Board unanimously supported staff's recommendation to keep LSRCA's conservation areas closed for the time being.

Moved by: D. Bath-Hadden Seconded by: M. Quirk

BOD-050-20 RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 18-20-BOD regarding the closure of LSRCA's Conservation Areas in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic be received; and

FURTHER THAT the recommendations provided in the report be supported. CARRIED

XI. CLOSED SESSION

There were no Closed Session items for this meeting.

XII. OTHER BUSINESS

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XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: W. Gaertner Seconded by: R. Greenlaw

BOD-051-20 RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned @ 11.03 a.m. CARRIED

Regional Chairman W. Emmerson

Chair

Michael Walters

Chief Administrative Officer