

Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority

Board of Directors' Meeting

Board of Directors' Meeting No. BOD-09-22

Friday, November 25, 2022

Held virtually via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present

Regional Chairman W. Emmerson (Chair), Councillor, P. Ferragine (Vice Chair), Mayor D. Barton, Mayor B. Drew, Councillor A. Eek, Councillor W. Gaertner, Councillor R. Greenlaw, Mayor V. Hackson, Councillor S. Harrison-McIntyre, Councillor C. Pettingill, Mayor M. Quirk, Councillor C. Riepma, Deputy Mayor T. Vegh, Councillor A. Waters

Board Members Absent

Councillor K. Aylwin, Councillor K. Ferdinands, Deputy Mayor J. Gough, Councillor E. Yeo

Staff Present

D. Andrews, R. Baldwin, T. Barnett, K. Cheney, M. Critch, A. Cullen, P. Davies, J. Doyley, K. Goodale, D. Goodyear, E. Green, N. Hamley, C. Hawson, G. MacMillan, S. McKinnon, N. O'Dell, K. Toffan, K. Yemm, K. Zeppieri

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: V Hackson

Seconded by: T. Vegh

BOD-113-22 **Resolved That** the content of the Agenda for the November 25, 2022 meeting of the Board of Directors be approved as presented. **Carried**

IV. Adoption of Minutes

a) Board of Directors' Meeting

Moved by: A. Waters

Seconded by: A. Eek

BOD-114-22 **Resolved That** the minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting, No. BOD-07-22, held on Friday, September 23, 2022 be approved as circulated. **Carried**

b) Conservation Ontario Council

Moved by: A. Waters

Seconded by: A. Eek

BOD-115-22 **Resolved That** the minutes of Conservation Ontario's Council Meeting held on Monday, September 26, 2022 be received for information. **Carried**

V. Announcements

There were no Announcements for this meeting.

VI. Presentations

a) Third Quarter 2022 Financial Report and Year-End Forecast

General Manager, Corporate and Financial Services/CFO, Mark Critch, provided a presentation on the Conservation Authority's Third Quarter 2022 Financial Report and Year-end Forecast, noting a minor operational deficit at Q3 of \$(13K), with a surplus position being projected by year-end. He went on to note that the 2022 annual operating priorities are progressing well, and the reserve activity is going to be in line with budget at year-end. Highlights for Q3 include a deficit for Greenspace Services related to property taxes in the Town of Georgina, which is being discussed, and a surplus in Planning and Development due to variances in open positions, new fees and year-to-date applications. Progress on capital investments for 2022 is going well, almost all projects complete, with some being completed by year-end, and some continuing into 2023 as expected.

Looking at the year-end forecast, he noted that any uncertainty around the impacts of Bill 23 is not factored in as it is unknown at this time, but he also noted no impacts on the year-end are anticipated with only a few weeks left to the end of the year. Volume of permit and development applications versus assumptions continues to be monitored. Other trends being monitored include interest rates on cash invested, legal fees and education revenue. An operational surplus of approximately \$35K is projected for year-end. He noted that total reserve balances are in a good position and growing.

To view this presentation, please click this link: [Third Quarter 2022 Financial Report Presentation](#)

Moved by: P. Ferragine

Seconded by: D. Barton

BOD-116-22 **Resolved That** the presentation by General Manager, Corporate and Financial Services/CFO, Mark Critch, regarding the Conservation Authority's Third Quarter 2022 Financial Report and Year-end Forecast be received for information.

Carried

Included in the agenda was Staff Report No. 41-22-BOD regarding the Conservation Authority's Third Quarter 2022 Financial Report and Year-end Forecast.

Moved by: P. Ferragine

Seconded by: D. Barton

BOD-117-22 **Resolved That** Staff Report No. 41-22-BOD regarding the Conservation Authority's Third Quarter 2022 Financial Report and Year-end Forecast 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

Item No. 1a was identified under items requiring separate discussion.

X. Adoption of Items not Requiring Separate Discussion

Items No. 1b, 2, and 3 were identified under items not requiring separate discussion.

Moved by: C. Pettingill

Seconded by: B. Drew

BOD-118-22 **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 (1b)

BOD-119-22 **Resolved That** Correspondence Item b) be received for information.
Carried

2. Computer Security Network Update

BOD-120-22 **Resolved That** Staff Report No. 42-22-BOD regarding the Conservation Authority computer network security update be received for information. **Carried**

3. Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario – Tourism Relief Fund

BOD-121-22 **Resolved That** Staff Report No. 43-22-BOD regarding funding support from the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario's Tourism Relief Fund towards the Beaver River Wetland Trail Improvements Project be received; and **Further That** the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority be authorized to enter into the associated Tourism Relief Fund Contribution Agreement with the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario. **Carried**

XI. Consideration of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

1. Correspondence (1a)

Councillor Pettingill asked for an update regarding the letter from Minister Piccini regarding the Upper York Sewage Solution. CAO Baldwin noted that after approximately 10 years, the Province has made the decision which will not allow York Region to proceed with the Upper York Sewage facility, and instead will direct the increased need for a waste water facility down Yonge Street down to the Duffin Creek facility in Durham Region, discharging to Lake Ontario. He noted that there will be much more information to come as this plan unfolds. Chair Emmerson noted that the Duffin Creek facility is a state-of-the-art plant, and as CAO Baldwin noted, the details are not all known at this point.

Moved by: T. Vegh

Seconded by: V. Hackson

BOD-122-22 **Resolved That** Correspondence Item a) be received for information.
Carried

XII. Closed Session

There were no Closed Session items for this meeting.

XIII. Other Business

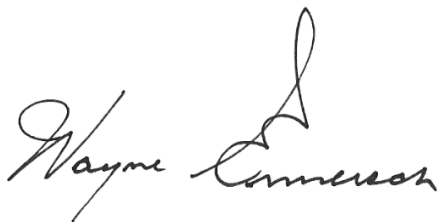
- a) Mayor Quirk asked for a comment on the proposed aerodrome in Pefferlaw that the Federal government has now approved. CAO Baldwin noted that he had recently heard of this potential approval; however, he has not yet received anything official. From the Conservation Authority's perspective, he noted that any activity involving airports or airport safety, etc. through the *Aeronautics Act* under Transport Canada is exempt from the Conservation Authority's regulation. He also noted that in an unrelated case in the past, a voluntary agreement was entered into with an airport owner on how to work together. Similar to York Region or the Town of Georgina, the Conservation Authority has a very limited role. Mayor Quirk noted that when staff at the Town of Georgina contacted the Federal government for information, they were advised that the report is determined to be compliant with applicable requirements. Chair Emmerson asked that the legal opinion previously sought by the Conservation Authority on a different, similar property be shared with to the Board in closed session at the December meeting.
- b) Chair Emmerson noted the next Board of Directors' meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Friday, December 16, 2022. This meeting will be held in person at the Conservation Authority's Administrative offices located at 120 Bayview Parkway, Newmarket. Looking to 2023, Chair Emmerson also mentioned that the Conservation Authority will hold its Annual General meeting on Friday, January 27th at Newmarket's Old Town Hall.

XIV. Adjournment

Moved by: R. Greenlaw

Seconded by: B. Drew

BOD-123-22 **Resolved That** the meeting be adjourned at 10:15 a.m. **Carried**



Regional Chairman Wayne Emmerson
Chair



Rob Baldwin
Chief Administrative Officer