



**LAKE SIMCOE REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

**MEETING NO. BOD-11-07**

**Friday, November 23, 2007 - 9:00 a.m**

**Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority  
Newmarket, ON**

**MINUTES**

**Board Members Present:**

V. Hackson, Chair  
Councillor B. Drew, Vice-Chair  
Councillor S. Agnew  
Mr. E. Bull  
Councillor G. Campbell  
Councillor K. Ferdinands  
Regional Councillor J. Grant  
Mayor R. Grossi  
Regional Councillor H. Herrema  
Councillor B. Huson  
Councillor J. McCallum  
Councillor J. O'Donnell  
Regional Councillor J. Taylor  
Deputy Mayor G. Wauchope  
Mayor J. Young

**Regrets:**

Councillor E. MacEachern  
Councillor A. Nuttall  
Councillor J. Rupke  
Mayor R. Stevens

**Staff Present:**

D. Gayle Wood, C.A.O./Secretary-Treasurer  
B. Kemp, Director, Conservation Lands  
M. Valcic, Director, Corporate Services  
M. Walters, Director, Watershed Management  
R. Baldwin, Manager, Watershed Science  
P. Davies, Manager, Watershed Stewardship  
T. Hogenbirk, Manager, Engineering & Technical Svcs.  
J. Lee, Manager, Finance  
K. Neale, Manager, Corporate Communications  
B. Thompson, Conservation Lands Planner  
D. Eldon, Community Relations Specialist  
G. Casey, Coordinator, Board/CAO, Projects & Services

**Others:**

A. Byrne, Grant Thornton  
A. Sharma, LSRCA  
K. MacKenzie, LSCF

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**I / DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None indicated for the record of this meeting.

**II / APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by: J. Grant

Seconded by: H. Herrema

**BOD-137-07 RESOLVED THAT the content of the Agenda be approved as amended to include the Tabled Items and Other Business agenda.**

**CARRIED**

**III / ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**(a) Board of Directors**

Moved by: J. Taylor

Seconded by: E. Bull

**BOD-138-07 RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Board of Directors Meeting No. 10-07-BOD, October 26, 2007, be adopted as printed and circulated.**







(e) Lake Simcoe Environmental Management Strategy  
Report on A New Governance Model for Lake Simcoe

The CAO reviewed Staff Report No. 77-07-BOD regarding the Lake Simcoe Environmental Management Strategy and the report on a new governance model for Lake Simcoe. The CAO also provided a presentation focussing on the accomplishments of the current LSEMS partnership and highlighting the recommendations of the Steering Committee.

Councillor Bobbie Drew expressed support of the recommendations included in the report of the LSEMS Steering Committee, in particular the recommendation to have the Authority take on the role of Secretariate for the new partnership, advising that municipalities do not have the ability to fund two separate entities.

Councillor McCallum supports the comments of Councillor Drew and further commended the Steering Committee for their report. Councillor McCallum commented that sustainable funding is very important and as the municipalities have been the main funding partner of LSEMS, funding from other partners is needed. Councillor McCallum indicated support for a partnership under a Memorandum of Understanding instead of an Act.

Councillor Agnew supports the comments of Councillor Drew also advising that municipalities can not financially support two entities. Councillor Agnew reiterated that the Authority has been performing the duties of Secretariat for the past 17 years and they should continue to do so. Councillor Agnew expressed his full support of an inclusive model.

Mayor Grossi expressed concerns with the functionality of the partnership as recommended by the Steering Committee and requested some clarification on how this model will work.

The CAO responded that the model being recommended is not much different than the current LSEMS model which has been working quite effectively for the past 17 years. The major and most important change is the inclusiveness of the industry and public stakeholders. The CAO explained that having everyone at the table will address the current issue of mis-communication.

Moved by: J. Young

Seconded by: G. Wauchope

**BOD-142-07 RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 77-07-BOD regarding the Report of the LSEMS Steering Committee - Toward A New Governance Model for Lake Simcoe be approved; and THAT the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority endorses the recommendations of the LSEMS Steering Committee Report; and**





**6. Brisbane Declaration - Letter of Support**

**RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 72-07-BOD to support the Brisbane Declaration be received; and  
FURTHER THAT the Board of Directors direct staff to advise the conference organizers and delegates of the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority's support of the Brisbane Declaration.**

**7. Peat Operation - Enforcement of Ont. Reg. 179/06**

**RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 73-07-BOD regarding the Authority's Enforcement of Ontario Regulation 179/06 as it pertains to Peat Extraction Operations in the Lake Simcoe Watershed be received; and  
FURTHER THAT the Board of Directors approve the continued enforcement of Ontario Regulation 179/06 as it applies to Peat Extraction Operations.**

**8. Status of Authority Enforcement Files**

**RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 74-07-BOD regarding the status of enforcement files be received for information; and  
FURTHER THAT staff receive approval from the Board of Directors to continue to enforce Regulation 179/06 throughout the Lake Simcoe watershed using the enforcement procedure outlined in this report.**

**9. Federal Funding - Lake Simcoe**

**RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 75-07-BOD be received; and  
FURTHER THAT staff continue to update the Board of Directors as additional information becomes available on the federal funding for Lake Simcoe.**

**10. Client Service Delivery - Update**

**THAT Staff Report No. 76-07-BOD be received; and  
FURTHER THAT the Action Items contained within this Report be approved.**

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

**2. Correspondence**

(a) & (e) Resolution - Municipality of Brockton

Councillor John O'Donnell requested clarification regarding the resolution circulated by the municipality of Brockton.



The CAO reviewed the resolution advising that the portion of the resolution that is specifically problematic is the comment around seeking support to have municipalities withdraw funding support from conservation authorities if unable to provide the required services in a timely manner.

The CAO advised that this part of the resolution is particularly problematic and reminded the Board that some municipalities currently have a Memorandum of Understanding with the CA to deliver planning related activities associated with both natural hazard and natural heritage comments. Further, should the municipalities not utilize the Authority for these services they will have to perform the work themselves or contract it out which would be more costly.

The CAO respectfully requested that those municipalities who have not yet dealt with this resolution to please defer it to the Conservation Authority for comment and those who have dealt with and supported the resolution speak with the CAO to determine the next steps.

The CAO reminded the Board that staff have developed a Client Service Delivery Policy which has been endorsed by the Board.

The LSRCA will be providing information regarding the impact of this resolution to all municipalities addressing the implications of this resolution.

Moved by: J. Taylor

Seconded by: B. Drew

**BOD-144-07 RESOLVED that the correspondence listed in the November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2007 agenda, as item 2(a) and (e) of the Tabled Items and Other Business Agenda, regarding the Brockton Resolution be received for information; and  
FURTHER THAT staff prepare a briefing note for watershed municipalities in this regard.**

CARRIED

**5. Durham Region - Accountability Framework**

Regional Councillor Herrema requested an amendment to the recommendation contained in Staff Report No. 71-07-BOD regarding the Region of Durham Accountability Framework.

Moved by: H. Herrema

Seconded by: J. Grant

**BOD-145-07 RESOLVED THAT the Authority's Board of Directors advise the Regional Municipality of Durham that:**



- 1) **Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA) will continue to ensure that whenever the Region of Durham participates financially in capital projects and it is practical to do so, the Region will be visually recognized in signage, media and printed materials;**
- 2) **In recognition of the Region of Durham's request for additional financial accountability, LSRCA will work with the LSRCA auditors to create an additional schedule to the LSRCA financial statements that will identify the use and commitment of capital funds from the Region of Durham;**
- 3) **LSRCA, in cooperation with the other conservation authorities whose jurisdiction includes Durham Region, will submit to Durham Region Council at least annually a report on accomplishments of LSRCA in terms of the capital projects funded by Durham setting out budgeted expenditures, projected actuals and narrative, and visual descriptions of the work being undertaken;**
- 4) **LSRCA, in cooperation with the other conservation authorities in Durham Region, will continue to prepare and submit to the Region multi-year budgets and strategic plans detailing the level of conservation authority investment required by the Region to deal effectively with environmental issues such as climate change, watershed management, greenspace protection and natural heritage regeneration; and**
- 5) **LSRCA staff be directed to continue to work with Durham Region staff to ensure an effective accountability framework and they continue to dialogue.**

CARRIED

## **XI OTHER BUSINESS**

### **(a) Simcoe County Growth Plan**

Councillor Agnew put forward a resolution for the consideration and approval of the Authority's Board as it relates to the current growth management process being undertaken in Simcoe County.

The CAO advised that the Authority's previous Board passed a resolution as it relates to the Authority's position regarding Simcoe County's Growth Management Plan, and in discussions with Councillor Agnew it was felt that it is important for this Board to do the same.

The Authority wants to be viewed as a partner in the development process of the Growth Management Plan given the work done on Assimilative Capacity and the impact the growth strategy will have on the Lake Simcoe watershed.



Moved by: J. Young

Seconded by: B. Huson

**BOD-146-07 WHEREAS Simcoe County is undertaking the preparation of a Growth Management Plan by June 2008; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority's (LSRCA) Board of Directors urges Simcoe County to:**

- **Ensure that the current growth management process gives full and due consideration to the impacts of different growth scenarios on natural areas, water resources, and the economic benefits that currently accrue from those resources;**
- **Propose growth levels that are consistent with recommendations of the Assimilative Capacity Study for the watersheds;**
- **Consider the technical work currently available through the Source Water Protection exercise; and**

**FURTHER THAT the LSRCA, in cooperation with the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority and other partner ministries, agencies and associations actively work with the Simcoe County Growth Management Committee to ensure environmentally sound growth within Simcoe County.**

CARRIED

(b) Low Water Levels

Councillor McCallum expressed concern with the low water levels of the Great Lakes and the lower than normal level of Lake Simcoe inquiring if this is related to the Trent Severn Waterways.

The Director, Watershed Management advised that the Trent Severn Waterway Commission is the agency responsible for managing the water levels of all waters flowing into Lake Simcoe. The levels have fluctuated over the last two years and they are trying to balance this now. The Director further advised that the northern lakes (in cottage country) are under stress and some water is being held back for that reason. Also, evaporation was at a higher level this year due to the increased humidity.

Regional Councillor John Grant recommended staff monitor the Talbot River as it contains the only walleye sanctuary in Lake Simcoe.

The Director assured the Board that staff are aware of the concerns and have been and will continue to monitor the situation.

**XII CLOSED SESSION**

No Closed Session items on the agenda.



**XII ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m. on a motion by R. Grossi.

*original signed by:*

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Councillor Virginia Hackson  
Chair

*original signed by:*

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D. Gayle Wood, CMM III  
Chief Administrative Officer