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(b) Conservation Ontario

Moved by: J. Rupke Seconded by: S. Agnew

BOD-063-08: **RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Conservation Ontario Council meeting held on April 28th, 2008, be received.**

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IV **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councillor Hackson extended thanks to Councillor Nuttall and the City of Barrie for providing the meeting venue for this meeting.

(a) Ducks Unlimited Fundraising Event

Councillor Agnew advised that Ducks Unlimited are hosting a Ladies Only evening at Horseshoe Resort on June 19 and invited anyone interested to see him for further information.

(b) Lake Simcoe Stakeholder Advisory Committee

Chair Hackson announced that CAO, Gayle Wood, was appointed by the province to co-chair the Lake Simcoe Stakeholder Advisory Committee. The purpose of this Committee will be to review the proposed Lake Simcoe Act.

(c) Condolences

Chair Hackson expressed condolences to the family and friends of Councillor Evelina MacEachern on the recent passing of her sister, Lucy Russo.

Chair Hackson extended condolence to the family and friends of the late Councillor Harold Lodwick. Councillor Lodwick was a member of the Authority's Board from 1998-2003.

(d) Executive Committee – Conservation Ontario

The CAO announced the appointment of Chair Hackson to the Executive Board of Conservation Ontario in the position of Treasurer and Chair of the Budget and Audit Committee.

V **HEARINGS**

There were no Hearings scheduled for this meeting

VI **DELEGATIONS**

(a) **Pefferlaw Peat**
Lot 7, Concession 11
Township of Brock

The Director, Watershed Management presented Staff Report No. 27-08-BOD regarding operations at Bloommaker Soils Inc., in the Township of Brock. The Director advised that an Environmental Impact Statement(EIS) is required in order to proceed further with this permit application.



The Director identified the following issues related to this application:

- the area is an important natural heritage feature (wetland);
- the applicant has received a site plan approval from the municipality;
- the applicant want to continue harvesting within the designated area.

The Board was advised by the Director that under the current regulation staff cannot support this application as the Policy is clear with respect to wetlands

The Director introduced the applicant Mr. Prust and his legal counsel, Ms. Mesquita, who were present at the meeting to provide a presentation requesting forgiveness of the requirement to complete an EIS and to request approval to complete the peat extraction in the area identified in Figure 1 of the Staff Report.

Ms. Jennifer Mesquita, Gowling Lafleur Henderson LLP provided a presentation on behalf of the applicant.

The CAO advised the Board of Directors that it is important to consider that peat operations and the new regulation is unique to Ontario and the LSRCA is one of the few Conservation Authorities where the new regulation has had a dramatic impact on peat operations.

The Ministry of Natural Resources(MNR) often deal with the grandfathering of these applications however this was not done in this instance. MNR Staff have acknowledged that this area was not anticipated with the new regulation. Authority staff will pursue a meeting with MNR in order to obtain their comments regarding grandfathering.

The CAO further commented that the Board needs to consider both the regulation as well as the other factor as outlined in the Staff Report such as the socio-economic factors.

Councillor John Grant provided the Board with a copy of the approved Site Plan for this operation which was done in 2002. Councillor Grant further advised that should the harvesting season for this peat operation be lost in 2008, the viability of the company will be in serious trouble and may never recover. The operation employs approximately 20 people several of whom are currently laid off pending the results of this delegation.

The Board thanked Authority staff for doing their due diligence in this matter. However, given that the applicant has voluntarily entered into the Site Plan agreement and they have acted very responsibly, the Board approved the application to complete the peat extraction work in Figure 1 of the Staff Report (area "B" of the applicants presentation) and further advised that the completion of the Environmental Impact Study would not be required.

Moved by: J. Grant

Seconded by: J. McCallum

BOD-064-08: RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 27-08-BOD regarding the permit application for peat extraction at Bloommaker Soils Inc. & Pefferlaw Peat Products in the Township of Brock and the presentation provided by Ms. Jennifer Mesquita of Gowling Lafleur Henderson LLP be received; and



BOD-066-08 **RESOLVED THAT** the presentation from Mr. Murray Brown regarding requests for information from the Authority be received; and **THAT** future requests from Mr. and/or Mrs. Brown be submitted in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.
FURTHER THAT staff inquire with Marshall, Macklin, Monaghan regarding costs for reviewing and providing comments on the mapping for the area in question and provide such costs to Mr. and Mrs. Brown for their consideration before proceeding.

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VIII DETERMINATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Items 4 was identified for separate discussion.

IX ADOPTION OF ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Moved by: E. Bull Seconded by: J. Young

BOD-067-08 **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.

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4. Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation 179/06

BOD-068-08 **RESOLVED THAT** applications under Section 28 of the Conservation Authorities Act and Ontario Regulation 179/06 be received for information.

2. Correspondence

BOD-069-08 **RESOLVED THAT** the correspondence listed in the May 23rd, 2008, Agenda as items 2 a, b as well as the correspondence listed in the Tabled Items and Other Business Agenda be received for information.

3. Monthly Communications Update

BOD-070-08 **RESOLVED THAT** the Monthly Communications Update, for the period April 1 to 30th, 2008, be received for information.

5. LSCUF - Purchasing, Tendering & Consulting Services Authorization

BOD-071-08 **RESOLVED THAT** Staff Report No. 28-08-BOD regarding Provision of Purchasing, Tendering and Consulting Services Authorization to the Chief Administrative Officer/Secretary-Treasurer and the Authority's Chair or Vice-Chair for projects funded by Lake Simcoe Clean-Up Fund (LSCUF) be received; and



FURTHER THAT the Chief Administrative Officer/Secretary Treasurer and the Authority's Chair or Vice Chair be authorized to approve Purchasing, Tendering and Consulting Services for projects funded by the Lake Simcoe Clean-Up Fund (LSCUF).

6. **International Association of Great Lakes Research**
BOD-072-08 **RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 30-08-BOD regarding Presentations at the International Association of Great Lakes Research and upcoming publication of paper in the *Journal of Great Lakes Research* be received for information.**
7. **Appointment: Enforcement Officer**
BOD-073-08 **RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 31-08-BOD regarding the appointment of Mr. Jason Ross to the position of Enforcement Officer with the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority under Section 28(1)(d)(e) and Section 29 of the *Conservation Authorities Act*, be approved.**

X CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

4. **Provincial Discussion Paper - Update**
The CAO advised that the Board's comments related to the provincial discussion paper regarding Lake Simcoe were submitted.

The CAO reviewed the composition of the Science Advisory Committee which is comprised of individuals with a PhD designation. The CAO added that the concern has been shared at the staff level that legitimate scientists do not have to have a PhD in order to understand science.

In addition, the CAO advised that while a representative from the LSRCA is not on the Science Advisory Committee, the Authority continues to provide scientific data and mapping for their use.

The CAO reviewed the composition of the Lake Simcoe Stakeholders Advisory Committee which met for the first time on May 21st, and advised that she will be co-chairing this Committee with Mr. Bruce Macgregor, CAO, York Region. The Committee consists of 21 members, with representation from the watershed municipalities, development sector, tourism sector, agricultural sector, anglers and hunters and environmental sector.

Moved by: G. Wauchope Seconded by: J. McCallum

- BOD-074-08 **RESOLVED THAT the verbal update provided by the CAO regarding the Provincial Discussion Paper - Protecting Lake Simcoe, be received.**
CARRIED



XI **OTHER BUSINESS**

(b) Open House - Sheppard's Bush

The Director, Conservation Lands reminded the Board that a Management Plan Workshop will be held at Sheppard's Bush on Sunday, May 25th, and encouraged everyone to attend. This will include a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Sheppard's Bush house which is now occupied by Windfall Ecology and Save The Oak Ridges Moraine (STORM).

XII **CLOSED SESSION**

Moved by: E. Bull

Seconded by: B. Huson

BOD-075-08 **RESOLVED THAT the Authority's Board of Directors move to "Closed Session" to discuss confidential land matters.**

Moved by: G. Wauchope

Seconded by: B. Drew

BOD-059-08 **RESOLVED THAT the Authority's Board of Directors rise from "Closed Session" and report their progress.**

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(a) Land Securement

The Director, Conservation Lands provided a presentation in relation to Confidential Staff Report No. 29-08-BOD regarding land securement initiatives.

Regional Councillor John Grant thanked the Director and his staff for doing a great job in protecting the Beaver River wetlands.

Moved by: K. Ferdinands

Seconded by: J. Grant

BOD-060-08 **RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 29-08-BOD regarding land securement matters be received; and FURTHER THAT the recommendations contained within this report be approved.**

CARRIED

XII **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m. on a motion by J. Rupke.

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Councillor Virginia Hackson
Chair

D. Gayle Wood, CMM III
Chief Administrative Officer