

Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority

Board of Directors' Meeting

Board of Directors' Meeting No. BOD-10-22

Friday, December 16, 2022

Hybrid meeting held in-person and virtually via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present

Regional Chairman W. Emmerson (Chair), B. Drew, Councillor A. Eek, K. Ferdinands, Councillor W. Gaertner, Mayor R. Greenlaw, Councillor S. Harrison-McIntyre, Councillor C. Pettingill, Mayor M. Quirk, Councillor C. Riepma, Deputy Mayor T. Vegh, Councillor A. Waters, Councillor E. Yeo

Board Members Absent

Councillor P. Ferragine (Vice Chair), Councillor K. Aylwin, Mayor D. Barton, Deputy Mayor J. Gough, Mayor V. Hackson

Staff Present

R. Baldwin, T. Barnett, A. Brown, K. Cheney, M. Critch, A. Cullen, P. Davies, J. Doyley, K. Goodale, D. Goodyear, C. Hawson, K. Kennedy, G. MacMillan, S. McKinnon, D. Ruggle, C. Sharp, C. Taylor, K. Yemm

Guests Present

M. Giest, R. Gilliland, T. Mrakas, M. Thompson

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: C. Pettingill

Seconded by: S. Harrison-McIntyre

BOD-124-22 **Resolved That** the content of the Agenda for the December 16, 2022 meeting of the Board of Directors be approved as presented. **Carried**

IV. Adoption of Minutes

a) Special Meeting of the Board of Directors

Moved by: K. Ferdinands

Seconded by: B. Drew

BOD-125-22 **Resolved That** the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors, No. BOD-08-22, held on Friday, November 18, 2022 be approved as circulated. **Carried**

b) Board of Directors' Meeting

Moved by: K. Ferdinands

Seconded by: B. Drew

BOD-126-22 **Resolved That** the minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting, No. BOD-09-22, held on Friday, November 25, 2022 be approved as circulated. **Carried**

V. Announcements

General Manager, Development, Engineering and Restoration, Glenn MacMillan, advised that staff held a webinar on the Conservation Authority's Engineering processes on November 30th. This was one of a number of webinars staff are hosting to inform and assist staff from member municipalities regarding technical submissions with a goal towards making submission and reviews run smoothly. He noted the webinar was well attended by approximately 180 participants from member municipalities. Other webinars have been or will be held on Hydrogeology, Ecology, Stormwater Management, and more.

VI. Presentations

a) Bill 23 Update

Chief Administrative Officer, Rob Baldwin, provided an update on the enactment dates surrounding Bill 23, including those already in effect, such as the change in Minister now that Conservation Authorities are now back under the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry; minor changes around issuance of permits where a Minister's Zoning Order has been issued referred to as the "community infrastructure and housing accelerator", which means an accelerator type of permit follows the same rules as a Minister's Zoning Order permit.

Other updates for January 1, 2023 include a process change for the disposition of land, simplifying the process for conservation authorities to dispose of lands acquired under Section 39 and a freeze on Planning and Development fees.

More changes planned for 2023 include a prohibition on municipal and other programs and services related to reviewing and commenting on prescribed acts; the Minister's power to impose terms and conditions on a project of authority; and exceptions related to Planning Act for certain development activities and areas of municipalities.

To view this presentation, please click this link: [Bill 23 Update](#)

Moved by: K. Ferdinands

Seconded by: R. Greenlaw

BOD-127-22 **Resolved That** the presentation by Chief Administrative Officer, Rob Baldwin, regarding an update on Bill 23 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. 3 was identified under items requiring separate discussion.

X. Adoption of Items not Requiring Separate Discussion

Items No. 1, 2, and 4 were identified under items not requiring separate discussion.

Moved by: T. Vegh

Seconded by: A. Waters

BOD-128-22 **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

BOD-129-22 **Resolved That** no items of Correspondence be received. **Carried**

2. Conservation Authorities Act Quarterly Transition Report No. 3

BOD-130-22 **Resolved That** Staff Report No. 44-22-BOD regarding the Conservation Authority Transition Quarterly Progress Report No. 3 be received; and

Further that the December 2022 Conservation Authority Transition Quarterly Progress No. 3 be approved for submission to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.

Carried

4. Planning and Development Fees Update

BOD-131-22 **Resolved That** Staff Report No. 46-22-BOD regarding the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Planning and Development Fees Update be received; and

Further that the proposed 2% increase to the current Planning and Development Fees as recommended for cost-of-living increase outlined in the Plan Review and Permitting Fee Review Report prepared by Watson & Associates be approved effective December 30, 2022. **Carried**

XI. Consideration of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

3. Lake Simcoe Preserve Update

Mayor Quirk asked about next steps for the Lake Simcoe Preserve, community involvement, etc., as well as if staff will be reaching out to the Federal Minister regarding the Fresh Water Action Plan to see if there are any opportunities for funding. She also noted that there has been some talk in the of a national or federal park along Lake Simcoe and wondered if this may be an opportunity for the Lake Simcoe Preserve property.

CAO Baldwin first sent thanks to staff at the Town of Georgina for their assistance with tax relief for the property in keeping with its new Provincial zoning change. He went on to note that next steps in the new year include establishing a management group, which would typically include members of the public and a representative from the Town of Georgina Council. He advised that some funding has been received which assisted in provided fencing for the property, and that all funding sources are being explored. On the idea of a national or federal park, CAO Baldwin advised that this will be explored if the opportunity exists.

Moved by: M. Quirk

Seconded by: E. Yeo

BOD-132-22 **Resolved That** Staff Report No. 45-22-BOD regarding an update on actions completed at the Lake Simcoe Conservation Preserve be received for information.

Carried

XII. Closed Session

The Board moved to Closed Session to deal with confidential human resources and legal matters.

Moved by: C. Riepma

Seconded by: R. Greenlaw

BOD-133-22 **Resolved That** the Board move to Closed Session to deal with confidential human resources and legal matters; and

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

The Board rose from Closed Session to report findings.

Moved by: T. Vegh

Seconded by: E. Yeo

BOD-134-22 **Resolved That** the Board rise from Closed Session and report findings. **Carried**

a) Confidential Human Resources Matter

Moved by: K. Ferdinands

Seconded by: B. Drew

BOD-135-22 **Resolved That** Confidential Staff Report No. 47-22-BOD regarding a confidential human resources matter be approved. **Carried**

b) Confidential Legal Matter

Moved by: K. Ferdinands

Seconded by: B. Drew

BOD-136-22 Resolved That Confidential Staff Report No. 48-22-BOD regarding a confidential legal matter be received for information. **Carried**

XIII. Other Business

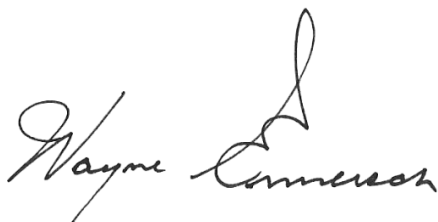
- a) Chair Emmerson noted the Conservation Authority's Annual General Meeting will be held in person at Newmarket's Old Town Hall on Friday, January 27, 2023.
- b) Chair Emmerson noted that the Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation will hold its 2023 fundraising golf tournament on Monday, August 21, 2023 at Oakdale Golf Course. Anyone interested in attending may contact Cheryl Taylor @ c.taylor@lsrca.on.ca.

XIV. Adjournment

Moved by: C. Riepma

Seconded by: A. Eek

BOD-137-22 Resolved That the meeting be adjourned at 11:07 a.m. **Carried**



Regional Chairman Wayne Emmerson
Chair



Rob Baldwin
Chief Administrative Officer