

# Board or Directors' Meeting

Board of Directors' Meeting No. BOD-14-20

Friday, December 18, 2020

Held virtually via Zoom

## Meeting Minutes

### LSRCA Board Members Present

Regional Chairman W. Emmerson (Chair), Councillor P. Ferragine Councillor (Vice Chair), Councillor K. Aylwin, Mayor D. Barton, 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, Councillor E. Yeo

### LSRCA Board Members Absent

Township of Brock, Township of Ramara

### LSRCA Staff Present

R. Baldwin, T. Barnett, M. Bessey, A. Brown, K. Christensen, M. Critch, P. Davies, S. Jagminas, B. Kemp, K. Kennedy, N. Knight, B. Longstaff, N. O'Dell, G. Peat, K. Read, C. Sharp, C. Taylor, M. Walters, K. Yemm, K. Zeppieri

### Guests in Attendance

S. Christensen, R. Cronsberry, L. Dale, G. Dawe, D. Harding, A. Jensen, D. Reddon, T. Smith, K. Wolfe

## I. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest or Conflict of Interest

None noted for this meeting.

## II. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: K. Aylwin

Seconded by: C. Riepma

BOD-148-20 **Resolved That** the content of the Agenda for the December 18, 2020 meeting of the LSRCA Board of Directors be approved as amended to include Correspondence Items 1c) and 1d) and Staff Report No. 51-20-BOD. **Carried**

### III. Adoption of Minutes

#### a) Board of Directors

Moved by: K. Ferdinands

Seconded by: R. Greenlaw

BOD-149-20 **Resolved That** the minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting No. BOD-13-20 held on Friday, November 27, 2020 be approved as circulated. **Carried**

#### b) Conservation Ontario Council

Moved by: K. Ferdinands

Seconded by: R. Greenlaw

BOD-150-20 **Resolved That** the minutes of Conservation Ontario Council's Annual General Meeting held on Monday, September 28, 2020 be received for information. **Carried**

### IV. Announcements

- a) Chair Emmerson noted that after 36 years, this is the final meeting for the Authority's CAO, Mike Walters, as he is set to retire on December 31<sup>st</sup>. Chair Emmerson thanked Mike for his commitment to the Lake Simcoe watershed and wished him and his wife well as they begin retirement life together.
- b) Former Board Chair, Geoff Dawe, congratulated Mike Walters on his retirement, thanked him for his dedication to Lake Simcoe and wished him well. He also congratulated the Authority's next CAO Rob Baldwin.
- c) General Manager, Planning and Development and Restoration Services, Rob Baldwin, was pleased to announce that Glenn MacMillan has been hired to replaced him as he moves to the position of CAO. Glenn will start on January 18<sup>th</sup>.
- d) Chair Emmerson welcomed Regional Councillor Ted Smith, from the Township of Brock, who was observing the meeting on behalf of Mayor Bath-Hadden.

### V. Presentations

#### a) Asset Management Plan Update

General Manager, Corporate and Financial Services, Mark Critch, provided an update on the Authority's asset management plan, noting that this information is not final, but rather a preliminary look at the financial information at this time. This preliminary information shows an infrastructure gap of \$29.4M over a 25 year period; however, this does not mean additional asks of our municipal funding partners. Staff will be reviewing mitigation strategies and

exploring all funding options. Of note, bridges, dams, trails and other natural assets are not included in the preliminary report but will be incorporated at a later time.

Progress made on asset management planning includes a roadmap forward and the plan. Staff sought external funding for some expert assistance in the process. Condition assessment reports have been completed on the Authority's three major landholdings: Mabel Davis, Scanlon Creek and Sheppard's Bush, and equipment and minor assets (non-building assets), a high-level funding analysis has been conducted. The next phase is looking at options to address the gap and recommend a financial strategy for the next number of years.

To view this presentation, please click this link: [Asset Management Plan Update](#)

Moved by: T. Vegh

Seconded by: K. Ferdinands

BOD-151-20 **Resolved That** the presentation by General Manager, Corporate and Financial Services/CFO, Mark Critch, regarding the Authority's Asset Management Plan be received for information. **Carried**

Staff Report No. 47-20-BOD regarding the Authority's Asset Management Plan was included in the agenda.

Moved by: T. Vegh

Seconded by: K. Ferdinands

BOD-152-20 **Resolved That** Staff Report No. 47-20-BOD regarding an update on the Asset Management plan be received for information; and

**Further that** Staff be directed to continue to review all options to mitigate the preliminary infrastructure gap identified in this report; and

**Further that** Staff bring back an updated financial strategy for Board of Director approval in Q1/Q2 of 2021. **Carried**

## V. Hearings

There were no hearings at this meeting.

## VI. Deputations

The Authority received a request for deputation by Ms. Karen Wolfe regarding Item 3, Staff Report No. 49-20-BOD, the Pefferlaw Dam.

Moved by: V. Hackson

Seconded by: M. Quirk

BOD-153-20 **Resolved That** the request for deputation by Ms. Karen Wolfe regarding Item 3, Staff Report No. 49-20-BOD, the Pefferlaw Dam, be approved. **Carried**

Ms. Karen Wolfe addressed the Board regarding the recommendations contained in Staff Report No. 49-20-BOD regarding the Pefferlaw Dam. She made a request to the Board to defer any decisions about the dam until the Province has confirmed ownership.

Moved by: M. Quirk

Seconded by: A. Eek

BOD-154-20 **Resolved That** the deputation by Ms. Karen Wolfe regarding Staff Report No. 49-20-BOD, the Pefferlaw Dam, be received for information. **Carried**

## VII. Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

Items No. 3 and 4 were identified as items requiring separate discussion.

## VIII. Adoption of Items not Requiring Separate Discussion

Items No. 1 (a-d), 2 and 5 were identified under items not requiring separate discussion.

Moved by: D. Barton

Seconded by: A. Waters

BOD-155-20 **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 (Item a-d)

BOD-156-20 **Resolved That** correspondence listed in the agenda as Items 1a), b), c) and d) be received for information. **Carried**

## 2. Amendment to the Administrative By-Laws

BOD-157-20 **Resolved That** Staff Report No. 48-20-BOD regarding amending the Authority's Administrative By-Laws to ensure business continuity be received; and

**Further That** the amendments to Administrative By-Laws be approved and updated By-Laws be made available on the Authority's website. **Carried**

## 5. Scanlon Creek Operations Centre

BOD-158-20 **Resolved That** Staff Report No. 51-20-BOD regarding an update on the Scanlon Creek Operations Centre Renovation Project be received; and

**Further that** the Final Project Cost Summary be received and endorsed; and

**Further that** increases to the project Purchase Orders in the amounts of \$105,595 for WS Morgan and \$30,000 for Brock McIlroy be approved. **Carried**

# IX. Consideration of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

## 3. Pefferlaw Dam Update

Mayor Quirk introduced an amended motion for consideration, noting she is concerned about the effective dates contained in the recommendations in Staff Report No. 49-20-BOD. She feels the Town of Georgina would require more time to effect the recommended changes. A discussion ensued, and the following amended motion was adopted.

Moved by: M. Quirk

Seconded by: D. Barton

BOD-159-20 **Resolved That** Staff Report No. 49-20-BOD regarding an update on the Pefferlaw Dam be received; and

**Further that** the following recommendations be approved and implemented as required:

1. That the Authority discontinue operation of the dam effective December 1, 2021;
2. That the Authority begin discussions with the Town of Georgina to transfer the two parcels of land collectively known as the Pefferlaw Dam Conservation Area (Attachment 1) and to finalize this land transfer by December 31, 2021. The legal descriptions of these parcels are as follows: PIN 03539-0059 (LT): PT LOT 23 CONCESSION 5 GEORGINA PT 1 65R4695 PIN 03539-0060 (LT): PT LOT 23 CONCESSION 5 GEORGINA PT 2 65R3240.
3. That Authority staff work with the Town of Georgina in 2021 as a transition period for the operation of the dam, including developing funding opportunities with the

Town of Georgina for LSRCA staff and Town staff to install the stop logs together in the spring of 2021, providing the Town of Georgina with all equipment required for the operation of the dam and provide training as required, and discussions on funding opportunities for other costs including any insurance and legal costs related to the dam.

4. That Authority staff assist the Town of Georgina to move forward with preparing documents for submission to the Province affirming the Town of Georgina as having ownership and/or jurisdiction over the river and mill pond (subject to any possible crown interest in “navigable waters” and under original crown patent); and
5. That the Authority work directly with the Town of Georgina to support any future community engagement/consultation they may wish to pursue and assist with potential funding opportunities with other levels of government. **Carried**

#### 4. **Bill 229, Schedule 6 Conservation Authorities Act**

CAO Walters thanked all our municipal partners and all the other groups who have supported conservation authorities through the proposed changes introduced by the Province. He reviewed the changes to Schedule 6 of Bill 229, which were granted Royal Assent on December 8<sup>th</sup>. He noted that while there were some concessions regarding governance and enforcement, the other amendments still stand to raise several unprecedented challenges related to planning and permitting. New sections tabled during standing committee regarding MZO significantly diminish our ability to protect Ontario’s environment and ensure people and property are safe from natural hazards. Additionally, the consequences associated with permit appeals will ultimately create more red tape, delays, disruption, and costs which would need to be borne by the taxpayer. He advised that a conservation authorities’ working group is being formed by the Minister’s office to, among other things, provide input on effectively implementing changes to the Conservation Authorities Act, and he is hopeful this Authority’s new CAO, Rob Baldwin, will be invited to participate on it.

Moved by: A. Eek

Seconded by: E. Yeo

BOD-160-20 **Resolved That** Staff Report No. 50-20-BOD regarding the changes introduced by the Province to the Conservation Authorities Act and the Planning Act in Bill 229 be received; and

**Further that** the CAO be directed to send a letter to the Province of Ontario on behalf of the full Board of Directors requesting that:

- a) The Province collaborative with the Conservation Authorities to develop a transition plan, new guidance materials, and drafting of the regulations; and

b) that the Province embrace their long-standing partnership with the conservation authorities and provide them with the tools and financial resources they need to effectively implement their watershed management role. **Carried**

## **X. Closed Session**

There were no Closed Session items for this meeting.

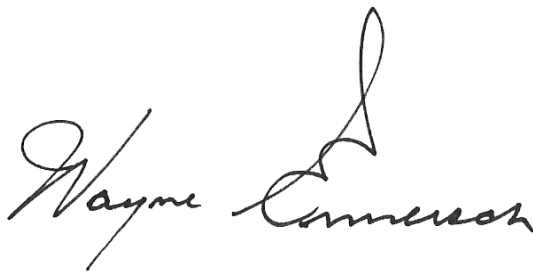
## **XI. Other Business**

## **XII. Adjournment**

Moved by: M. Quirk

Seconded by: V. Hackson

BOD-161-20 **Resolved That** the meeting be adjourned at 10:51 a.m. **Carried**



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Regional Chairman Wayne Emmerson, Chair



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Rob Baldwin for  
Mike Walters, Chief Administrative Officer