

Board of Directors' Meeting

Board of Directors' Meeting No. BOD-02-21

Friday, February 26, 2021

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, J. Doyley, B. Ginn, E. Green, N. Hamley, C. Hawson, B. Kemp, K. Kennedy, N. Knight, D. Lembcke, B. Longstaff, G. MacMillan, N. O'Dell, M. Rosato, D. Ruggle, C. Sharp, C. Taylor, K. Yemm, K. Zeppieri

Guests in Attendance

Councillor C. Pettingill, Township of Brock

I. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest or Conflict of Interest

None noted for this meeting.

II. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: A. Eek

Seconded by: T. Vegh

BOD-016-21 **Resolved That** the content of the Agenda for the February 26, 2021 meeting of the LSRCA Board of Directors be approved as presented. **Carried**

III. Adoption of Minutes

a) Board of Directors

Moved by: B. Drew

Seconded by: S. Harrison-McIntyre

BOD-017-21 **Resolved That** the minutes of the Board of Directors 70th Annual General Meeting, No. BOD-01-21, held on Friday, January 22, 2021 be approved as circulated.

Carried

b) Conservation Ontario Council

Moved by: B. Drew

Seconded by: S. Harrison-McIntyre

BOD-018-21 **Resolved That** the minutes of Conservation Ontario's Council Meeting held on Monday, December 14, 2020 be received for information. **Carried**

IV. Announcements

- a) Chair Emmerson took a moment to remember Mayor Debbie Bath-Hadden, who lost her battle with cancer at the end of January. Mayor Bath-Hadden was very supportive of the work of the Authority and a valued member of the Board of Directors for a number of years.
- b) Chair Emmerson welcomed guest Councillor Cria Pettingill from the Township of Brock, who has been appointed to the Board by the Township and is awaiting confirmation in March by the Regional Municipality of Durham.

V. Presentations

a) Corporate Communications

Director, Corporate Communications and Engagement, Kristen Yemm, provided an overview of the Authority's Corporate Communications, advising that getting the right message to the right people at the right time is a critical function of communications. A variety of communications methods are used to influence others and to demonstrate how we translate the funds we receive into effective programs and services that deliver on our mandate to improve the health of the watershed and Lake Simcoe.

Ms. Yemm reviewed some of the significant annual documents the Authority publishes, including: the Budget at a Glance book, a high-level overview of proposed annual budget sent out to each of our municipal partners; the Annual Budget book typically provided to Board members at the March meeting and sent to funding partners with levy letters; and the Budget Companion document, developed in 2019 and now a highly anticipated document outlining our mission and vision for the watershed, as well as service area responsibilities, revenue sources and expenditures, previous year's accomplishments and a look into the future; and annual Audited Financial Statements, which are posted on our website and accessible to the public.

She went on to note our Annual Reports that have been published for decades are now being replaced with our Year-in-Review Infographic, which takes some of our most significant accomplishments and translates them into performance metrics making it easier to see the impacts of our work as well as the changes over time. This infographic provides a variety of statistics that can be easily shared over social media.

The Authority's foremost communications tool, our website www.LSRCA.on.ca, provides a wealth of quality information, is continually updated, and is compliant with the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act*. The Authority also has a number of publications, such as Conservation Matters, a quarterly newsletter published in Lake Simcoe Living magazine; and Lake Simcoe Buzz, a quarterly newsletter for watershed residents. The Authority's publications can be found through the following link, where sign up information can also be found: <https://www.lsrca.on.ca/about-us/publications>.

To view this presentation, please click this link: [Corporate Communications Overview](#)

Moved by: W. Gaertner

Seconded by: R. Greenlaw

BOD-019-21 **Resolved That** the presentation by Director, Corporate Communications & Engagement, Kristen Yemm, regarding an overview of the Authority's annual corporate publications and supplementary products and tools be received for information.

Carried

Staff Report No. 02-21-BOD regarding the Authority's Corporate Communications was included in the agenda.

Moved by: W. Gaertner

Seconded by: R. Greenlaw

BOD-020-21 **Resolved That** Staff Report No. 02-21-BOD regarding Corporate Communications at Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority be received for information. **Carried**

b) Investigating a Land-lake Phosphorus Disconnect in Lake Simcoe

Limnologist, Dr. Brian Ginn, provided a presentation on his research into investigating the decoupling between phosphorus loading and within-lake environmental conditions. Dr Ginn reviewed that one overarching goal of the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan is the restoration and protection of coldwater fish habitat, which requires an end-of-summer deep water dissolved oxygen concentration of 7 mg/L, which is linked to the phosphorus loading target of 44 tonnes per year. However, in recent years, environmental conditions in Lake Simcoe do not reflect

changes in phosphorus loading, particularly in 2013 and 2017 where high phosphorus loads did not seem to alter ecologically good conditions in the lake.

After reviewing the science, LSRCA and provincial partners are investigating several areas in an effort to understand this decoupling and how predictive models for the lake can be improved. One area is climate change, where winter rain and intense summer storms may be changing how phosphorus is delivered to the lake, how it is used, and if it flushed through the lake faster than in the past. A second area is changes in phosphorus use within the lake due to changes in the phosphorus cycle resulting from invasive species. The third area is further changes in phosphorus use related to a change in the type of algae found in the lake, and how filtration by invasive mussels may change phosphorus availability. These areas are currently the topic of a funding proposal with Ministry of Environment, Conservation, and Parks for research in the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

To view this presentation, please click this link: [Land-lake Phosphorus Disconnect in Lake Simcoe](#)

Moved by: A. Waters

Seconded by: E. Yeo

BOD-021-21 **Resolved That** the presentation by Limnologist, Dr. Brian Ginn, regarding the investigation of the land-lake phosphorus decoupling in Lake Simcoe be received for information. **Carried**

Staff Report No. 03-21-BOD regarding the investigation into the possible causes of the land-lake phosphorus decoupling in Lake Simcoe was included in the agenda.

Moved by: A. Waters

Seconded by: E. Yeo

BOD-022-21 **Resolved That** Staff Report No. 03-21-BOD regarding the investigation of the land-lake phosphorus decoupling in Lake Simcoe be received for information. **Carried**

V. Hearings

There were no hearings at this meeting.

VI. Deputations

There were no deputations at this meeting.

VII. Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

No items were identified as items requiring separate discussion.

VIII. Adoption of Items not Requiring Separate Discussion

All items were identified under items not requiring separate discussion.

Moved by: P. Ferragine

Seconded by: D. Barton

BOD-023-21 **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

There were no correspondence items for this meeting.

2. Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act: Annual Statistical Report

BOD-024-21 **Resolved That** Staff Report No. 04-21-BOD regarding the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act – 2020 Annual Statistical Report be received for information. **Carried**

3. Monitoring Report – Planning and Development Applications for the Period January 1 through December 31, 2020

BOD-025-21 **Resolved That** Staff Report No. 05-21-BOD regarding monitoring of planning and development applications for the period January 1 through December 31, 2020 be received for information. **Carried**

4. Bill 229: Proclaimed Amendments to the Conservation Authorities Act

BOD-026-21 **Resolved That** Staff Report 06-21-BOD be received; and

Further that the Chief Administrative Officer review the Authority's existing Administrative By-Laws and prepare revised by-laws for consideration in accordance with any proclaimed amendments to Conservation Authorities Act as defined under Bill 229. **Carried**

5. Applications for Permission pursuant to Section 28.0.1 of the Conservation Authorities Act

BOD-027-21 **Resolved That** Staff Report No. 07-21-BOD regarding issuing permissions under Section 28.0.1 of the Conservation Authorities Act be received; and

Further that the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to enter into agreements and approve permissions for elements of development projects authorized by a Minister's Zoning Order that are minor in nature; and

Further that an amendment to the Authority's fee schedule to include an application fee of double the applicable existing permit fee for a permit under S.28.0.1 be approved effective immediately; and

Further that an amendment to the Authority's fees policy that all legal fees associated with the development and execution of any Agreement under Section 28.0.1 of the Conservation Authorities Act be paid in full by the proponent prior to the final execution of the Agreement be approved effective immediately. **Carried**

6. Kettleby Creek Restoration Project

BOD-028-21 **Resolved That** Staff Report No. 08-21-BOD regarding the issuance of a Purchase Order and Construction Contract to R&M Construction for a restoration project to remove a fish barrier and streambank restoration at Kettleby Creek in the Township of King at a cost of \$224,159.39 including taxes be received for information.

Carried

IX. Consideration of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

No items were identified under items requiring separate discussion.

X. Closed Session

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

Moved by: V. Hackson

Seconded by: M. Quirk

BOD-029-21 **Resolved That** the Board move to Closed Session to deal with confidential legal and land matters; and

Further that the Chief Administrative Officer, members of the Executive Management Team, the Director, Regulations, and the Coordinator BOD/CAO remain in the meeting for the discussion on Items a) and b); and

Further that the Chief Administrative Officer, members of the Executive Management Team, the Land Securement Officer, and the Coordinator BOD/CAO remain in the meeting for the discussion on Item c). **Carried**

The Board rose from Closed Session to report findings.

Moved by: S. Harrison-McIntyre

Seconded by: B. Drew

BOD-030-21 **Resolved That** the Board rise from Closed Session and report findings. **Carried**

a) Confidential Legal Matter

Moved by: A. Waters

Seconded by: E. Yeo

BOD-031-21 **Resolved That** Confidential Staff Report No. 09-21-BOD regarding a confidential legal matter be received for information. **Carried**

b) Confidential Legal Matter

Moved by: A. Waters

Seconded by: E. Yeo

BOD-032-21 **Resolved That** Confidential Staff Report No. 10-21-BOD regarding a confidential legal matter be received for information. **Carried**

c) Confidential Land Matter

Moved by: P. Ferragine

Seconded by: C. Riepma

BOD-033-21 **Resolved That** the presentation regarding a confidential land matter be received; and

Further that Confidential Staff Report No. 11-21-BOD regarding a confidential land matter be received; and

Further that the recommendations contained within the report be approved. **Carried**

XI. Other Business

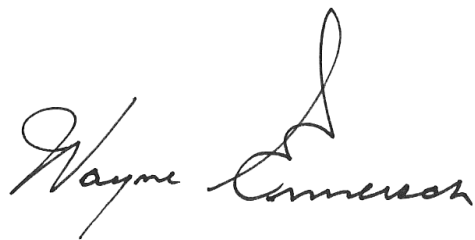
No other business was discussed.

XII. Adjournment

Moved by: W. Gaertner

Seconded by: K. Aylwin

BOD-034-21 **Resolved That** the meeting be adjourned at 11:15 a.m. **Carried**



Regional Chairman Wayne Emmerson
Chair



Rob Baldwin
Chief Administrative Officer