

# Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority

## Board of Directors' Meeting

Board of Directors' Meeting No. BOD-02-23

Friday, February 24, 2023

120 Bayview Parkway, Newmarket

### Meeting Minutes

#### Board Members Present

Regional Chairman W. Emmerson (Chair), Councillor S. Bell, Councillor F. Drodge, Councillor A. Eek, Regional Councillor B. Garrod, Mayor R. Greenlaw, Mayor V. Hackson, Councillor B. Hamilton, Councillor D. Le Roy, Councillor S. Harrison-McIntyre, Councillor C. Pettingill, Councillor M. Thompson, Deputy Mayor and Regional Councillor T. Vegh, Councillor E. Yeo

#### Board Members Absent

Councillor P. Ferragine (Vice Chair), Mayor I. Lovatt, Mayor M. Quirk, Councillor C. Riepma

#### Staff Present

R. Baldwin, T. Barnett, A. Brown, M. Critch, A. Cullen, P. Davies, B. Ginn, D. Goodyear, N. Hamley, K. Kennedy, D. Lembcke, G. MacMillan, P. Strong, C. Taylor, B. Thompson, K. Yemm

### 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: B. Hamilton

Seconded by: S. Bell

BOD-016-23 **Resolved That** the content of the Agenda for the February 24, 2023 meeting of the Board of Directors be approved as circulated. **Carried**

## IV. Adoption of Minutes

### a) Board of Directors' Meeting

Moved by: T. Vegh

Seconded by: M. Thompson

BOD-017-23 **Resolved That** the minutes of the Board of Directors 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting, No. BOD-01-23, held on Friday, January 27, 2023 be approved as circulated.

**Carried**

## V. Announcements

- a) CAO Baldwin paid tribute to former Board member and Newmarket Councillor Dave Kerwin who passed away in early February 2023. Mr. Kerwin was a Councillor in Newmarket for 39 years, a Conservation Authority Board member for 8 years, and a strong supporter of education and the new Nature Centre at Scanlon Creek Conservation Area. CAO Baldwin offered condolences to his family and friends.

## VI. Presentations

### a) The Health of Lake Simcoe

Limnologist, Dr. Brian Ginn, presented an update on the current environmental status and trends in Lake Simcoe, including climate change and ice cover, invasive mussels and plants, and nutrients. The presentation also included progress toward Lake Simcoe Protection Plan objectives and how the phosphorus decoupling scenario is restructuring our understanding of nutrient dynamics.

To view this presentation, please click this link: [The Health of Lake Simcoe Presentation](#)

Moved by: R. Greenlaw

Seconded by: E. Yeo

BOD-018-23 **Resolved That** the presentation by Limnologist, Dr. Brian Ginn, presented an update on the current environmental status and trends in Lake Simcoe be received for information. **Carried**

### b) Lake Simcoe Watershed Report Card 2023

Manager, Watershed Plans and Strategies, Bill Thompson, provided an overview of the Lake Simcoe Watershed Report Card 2023, noting that the report card provides a snapshot of the environmental conditions in the Lake Simcoe watershed. Indicators include surface water quality, forest conditions, groundwater quality, and lake ice cover. The report cards have been completed every five years since 2008, and the criteria for assigning grades to watersheds and

subwatersheds, as well as a template for reporting, is provided to all of Ontario's 36 conservation authorities by [Conservation Ontario](#) in an effort to have consistency in reporting across the province. Mr. Thompson also noted that the report card is set to be released on World Water Day, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, after which copies will be available on the Conservation Authority's website.

To view this presentation, please click this link: [Lake Simcoe Watershed Report Card 2023 Presentation](#)

Moved by: C. Pettingill

Seconded by: M. Thompson

BOD-019-23 **Resolved That** the presentation by Manager, Watershed Plans and Strategies, Bill Thompson, regarding the Lake Simcoe Watershed Report Card 2023 be received for information. **Carried**

Included in the agenda was Staff Report No. 02-23-BOD regarding the Lake Simcoe Watershed Report Card 2023.

Moved by: C. Pettingill

Seconded by: M. Thompson

BOD-020-23 **Resolved That** the Staff Report No. 02-23-BOD regarding the Lake Simcoe Watershed Report Card 2023 be received for information. **Carried**

**c) Bill 23, More Homes Build Faster Act – Mandatory Changes for the Conservation Authorities Role in Development Review**

CAO Rob Baldwin presented on the mandatory changes under Bill 23, More Homes Build Faster Act, 2022, that impact and change the role that Conservation Authorities play in the development review process. Specifically, three changes that took effect January 1, 2023 were a fee freeze for 2023; a requirement for additional information around potentially developable land owned by conservation authorities; and changes in the development plan review role. He noted that the Conservation Authority is protected by the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan in some areas; such as, Natural Hazards and Source Protection. There are, however, legislative restrictions under Ontario Reg. 596/22 in areas such as the *Planning Act*, the *Drainage Act*, the *Ontario Water Resources Act*, the *Environmental Assessment Act*, the *Condominium Act*, the *Aggregate Act*, and the *Endangered Species Act*. As no guidance was provided by the Province on transition, Conservation Authority staff have meet with the member municipalities and the development community on a transition plan, as well as updating planning memorandums of understanding.

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

Moved by: F. Drodge

Seconded by: B. Garrod

BOD-021-23 **Resolved That** the presentation by CAO Rob Baldwin regarding Bill 23, More Homes Build Faster Act, 2022 – Mandatory Changes to Conservation Authorities' Role in Development Review be received for information. **Carried**

Included in the agenda was Staff Report No. 03-23-BOD regarding Bill 23, More Homes Build Faster Act, 2022 – Mandatory Changes to Conservation Authorities' Role in Development Review.

Moved by: F. Drodge

Seconded by: B. Garrod

BOD-022-23 **Resolved That** Staff Report No. 03-23-BOD regarding Bill 23, *More Homes Build Faster Act, 2022* – Mandatory Changes to Conservation Authorities' Role in Development Review be received; and

**Further that** Staff be directed to provide mid-year and end-of-year assessments associated with the mandatory changes. **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

No items were identified under items requiring separate discussion.

## X. Adoption of Items not Requiring Separate Discussion

Items No. 1, 2, 3 and 4 were identified under items not requiring separate discussion.

Moved by: S. Harrison-McIntyre

Seconded by: B. Hamilton

BOD-023-23 **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-024-23 **Resolved That** Correspondence Items a) to f) be received for information.  
**Carried**

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

BOD-025-23 **Resolved That** Staff Report No. 04-23-BOD regarding the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act 2022 Annual Statistical Report be received for information. **Carried**

### 3. Durham Regional Forest Standing Timber Sale, DRF-2023-001

BOD-026-23 **Resolved That** Staff Report No. No. 05-23-BOD regarding the record of tenders for the Durham Regional Forest Tender DRF-2023-001 be received; and  
**Further That** Tender DRF-2023-001 be awarded to Gee's Lumber & Logging and Penguin Poles Ltd. **Carried**

### 4. Administrative Offices Flat Roofing Renewal, RFQ FAC-02-2002

BOD-027-23 **Resolved That** Staff Report No. 06-23-BOD regarding the record of bids for the Administrative Offices Flat Roofing Renewal Request for Quotation FAC-02-2022 be received; and

**Further that** awarding the contract for Request for Quotation FAC-02-2022 to Sinclair Industrial Roofing Inc. be approved. **Carried**

## XI. Consideration of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

No items required separate discussion.

## XII. Closed Session

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

Moved by: A. Eek

Seconded by: S. Bell

BOD-028-23 **Resolved That** the Board move to Closed Session to deal with confidential land, legal and human resources matters; and

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

**Further** that the Director, Lands and the Land Securement Officer remain in the meeting for the discussion on Item a). **Carried**

The Board rose from Closed Session to report findings.

Moved by: E. Yeo

Seconded by: R. Greenlaw

BOD-029-23 **Resolved That** the Board rise from Closed Session and report findings. **Carried**

**a) Confidential Land Matter**

Moved by: C. Pettingill

Seconded by: T. Vegh

BOD-030-23 **Resolved That** Confidential Staff Report No. 07-23-BOD regarding a confidential land matter be approved. **Carried**

**b) Confidential Legal Matter**

Moved by: C. Pettingill

Seconded by: T. Vegh

BOD-031-23 **Resolved That** Confidential Staff Report No. 08-23-BOD regarding a confidential legal matter be received for information. **Carried**

**c) Confidential Human Resources Matter**

Moved by: C. Pettingill

Seconded by: T. Vegh

BOD-032-23 **Resolved That** Confidential Staff Report No. 09-23-BOD regarding a confidential human resources matter be approved. **Carried**

**XIII. Other Business**

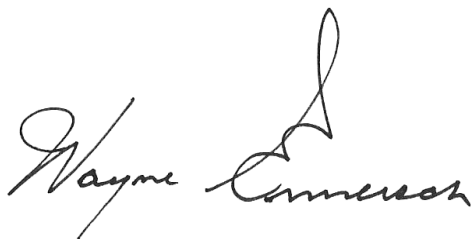
- a) Chair Emmerson noted the next Board of Directors' meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 24, 2023. This meeting will be in person at the Administrative Offices located at 120 Bayview Parkway in Newmarket.

#### **XIV. Adjournment**

Moved by: S. Bell

Seconded by: C. Pettingill

BOD-033-23 **Resolved That** the meeting be adjourned at 11:10 a.m. **Carried**



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Regional Chairman Wayne Emmerson  
Chair



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Rob Baldwin  
Chief Administrative Officer