

Board of Directors
Meeting No. BOD-13-20
Friday, November 27, 2020
9:00 a.m.

Agenda

Meeting Location:

To be held virtually by Zoom
Minutes and agendas are available at www.LSRCA.on.ca

Upcoming Events

Board of Directors' Meeting

Friday, December 18 at 9:00 a.m.
To be held virtually by Zoom

A full listing of events can be found at www.LSRCA.on.ca

Recommended: That the presentation by General Manager, Integrated Watershed Management, Ben Longstaff, and Freeman Associates Consultant, Tracy Patterson, regarding the Stormwater Optimization Study be received for information.

Included in the agenda is Staff Report No. 44-20-BOD regarding the Stormwater Optimization Study.

Recommended: That Staff Report No. 44-20-BOD regarding the update on the Equitable Responsibility for Transformational Design project be received for information.

b) Response to Changes to the Conservation Authorities Act and the Planning Act in Bill 229

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Chief Administrative Officer, Mike Walters, will provide an overview of the changes to the Conservation Authorities Act and the Planning Act as outlined in the Provincial Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 (Budget Measures), 2020. This presentation will be provided at the meeting and will be available on our website following the meeting.

Recommended: That the presentation by Chief Administrative Officer, Mike Walters, regarding an overview of the changes to the Conservation Authorities Act and the Planning Act as outlined in the Provincial Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 (Budget Measures), 2020 be received for information.

Included in the agenda is Staff Report No. 45-20-BOD regarding a response to Changes to the Conservation Authorities Act and the Planning Act in Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 (Budget Measures), 2020.

Recommended: That Staff Report No. 45-20-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 the following:

- a) That the Province repeal amending changes to the Conservation Authorities Act and the Planning Act set out in Bill 229,
- b) That the Province delay enactment of clauses affecting municipal concerns,

- c) That the Province provide a longer transition period up to December 2022 for non-mandatory programs to enable coordination of the conservation authority municipal budget processes,
- d) That the Province respect the current conservation authority/municipal relationships, and
- e) 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.

VI. Hearings

There are no Hearings scheduled for this meeting.

VII. Deputations

There are no Deputations scheduled for this meeting.

VIII. Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

There are no additional items for consideration.

IX. Adoption of Items Not Requiring Separate Discussion

X. Consideration of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

XI. Closed Session

The Board will move to Closed Session to deal with confidential land matters.

Recommended: That the Board move to Closed Session to deal with confidential land matters; 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.

The Board will rise from Closed Session and report findings.

Recommended: That the Board rise from Closed Session and report findings.

a) Confidential Land Matter

A presentation regarding a Confidential Land matter will be provided at the meeting. Confidential Staff Report No. 46-20-BOD will be provided to Board members prior to the meeting.

Recommended: That presentation regarding a Confidential Land Matter be received; and

Further that the recommendations contained within Confidential Staff Report No. 46-20-BOD regarding a confidential land matter be approved.

b) Confidential Land Matter

An update regarding a Confidential Land matter will be provided at the meeting.

Recommended: That the update regarding a confidential land matter be received for information.

c) Confidential Land Matter

An update regarding a Confidential Land matter will be provided at the meeting.

Recommended: That the update regarding a confidential land matter be received for information.

XII. Other Business

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the LSRCA Board of Directors will be held at @ 9:00 a.m. on Friday, December 18, 2020. This meeting will be held via Zoom, access details to be provided prior to the meeting.

XIII. Adjournment

Board or Directors' Meeting

Board of Directors' Meeting No. BOD-11-20

Friday, October 30, 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,

LSRCA Board Members Absent

Township of Ramara Councillor E. Yeo Mayor D. Bath-Hadden

LSRCA Staff Present

R. Baldwin, T. Barnett, M. Bessey, K. Biddie, A. Brown K. Christensen, C. Connell, M. Critch, P. Davies, J. Doyley, N. Hamley, S. Jagminas, B. Kemp, N. Knight B. Longstaff, S. MacKinnon, N. O'Dell, G. Peat, M. Rosato, C. Taylor, K. Toffan, M. Walters, K. Yemm, K. Zeppieri

Guests in Attendance

None

I. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest or Conflict of Interest

Mayor Quirk declared a conflict of interest with Item 1a) due to the fact that the Town of Georgina recently voted against the LSRCA permit issued on Maple Lake Estates.

II. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: V. Hackson

Seconded by: A. Eek

BOD-121-20 **Resolved That** the content of the Agenda for the October 30, 2020 meeting of the LSRCA Board of Directors be approved as presented. **Carried**

III. Adoption of Minutes

a) Board of Directors

Moved by: A. Waters

Seconded by: W. Gaertner

BOD-122-20 **Resolved That** the minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting No. BOD-10-20 held on Friday, September 25, 2020 be approved as circulated.

Carried

IV. Announcements

- a) Chair Emmerson offered condolences on behalf of the Board of Directors to Regional Councillor Vegh on the recent passing of his Mother.
- b) General Manager, Conservation Lands, Brian Kemp, thanked LSRCA's Education team for a successful fall Forest School amid the challenging times, noting many wonderful comments were received from parents of attending students.
- c) CAO Walters was pleased to advise that the process for LSRCA's next strategic plan is underway and is being led internally by our Communications team.

V. Presentations

a) Third Quarter Financial Summary and Forecast

General Manager, Corporate and Financial Services, Mark Critch, provided a presentation on the Authority's third quarter 2020 financial summary and forecast, noting that business operations have been significantly impacted by COVID-19; however, management has taken immediate and measured action to address the changes and minimize the financial impact. He noted the projected deficit being forecast for 2020 has increased but was pleased to advise that additional municipal funding is not anticipated. The financial condition of LSRCA continues to remain strong, and staff are keeping a close eye on reserves and deferred revenue for year end.

He explained some of the impacts on 2020 outcomes, notably the education program outcomes were delivered using different methods – online learning pages, outdoor learning opportunities with Boards; planning applications are down year-over-year as site plan applications are steady, but subdivision plan applications are down 50%; spring planting has been deferred to 2021, and fall planting is taking place now with 1,470 trees and shrubs planted. Progress has been made

on some capital projects through the year, some have been completed or are substantially complete.

Some key forecast assumptions for 2020 include that additional funding from municipal partners will not be required to cover projected operational deficit; deferred revenue will be utilized to finish priority annual operating work; most municipal funding partners are expected to pay their full funding notices for 2020; and draws from the rate stabilization will be utilized for the projected deficit at year end.

To view this presentation, please click this link: [2020 3rd Quarter Financial Update](#)

Moved by: A. Waters

Seconded by: K. Aylwin

BOD-123-20 **Resolved That** the presentation by General Manager, Corporate and Financial Services, Mark Critch, regarding the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority's third quarter 2020 financial summary and forecast be received for information. **Carried**

Staff Report No. 41-20-BOD regarding the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority's third quarter 2020 financial summary and forecast was included in the agenda.

Moved by: A. Waters

Seconded by: K. Aylwin

BOD-124-20 **Resolved That** Staff Report No. 41-20-BOD regarding LSRCA's Third Quarter Financial Report and Year-End Forecast for the period ending September 30, 2020 be received for information. **Carried**

b) Progress Update: Carbon Reduction Strategy

General Manager, Integrated Watershed Management, Ben Longstaff, and the Manager of Forestry and Greenspace Services, Phil Davies, provided an update on the progress made on implementation of the Authority's corporate carbon reduction strategy, designed to reduce our corporate carbon emissions from our day-to-day business. In 2018, staff established baseline emissions for the Authority operations using the year 2016 which totalled 69 tonnes. Staff identified several opportunities for significant reductions and as a result adopted an ambitious

carbon reduction target of 42 tonnes or 60% of the total emissions to be achieved by 2026. Vehicle fleet travel was identified as having the single greatest opportunity for reductions and efforts to retool our current fleet vehicles as well examining staff behaviour relative to vehicle use. Behavioural change initiatives were modelled around a rewards program, where the more behavioural changes staff made, the more rewards and potential prizes staff were eligible for. Next, steps were taken to green the Authority's mostly-leased fleet vehicles, and the entire passenger fleet now utilizes electric as well as hybrid electric vehicles. Six charging stations were installed to service the vehicles and allow staff and visitors opportunities to charge their vehicles when visiting our offices. The combined initiative has led to a reduction in carbon emissions of more than 21 tonnes in 2019. This means the Authority is well ahead of schedule having achieved more than 50% of its current target with still 6 more years to go to achieve the remaining balance.

To view this presentation, please click this link: [LSRCA Carbon Reduction Strategy Progress](#)

For more information on the Authority's corporate carbon reduction strategy, please contact Ben Longstaff at b.longstaff@lsrca.on.ca or Phil Davies at p.davies@lsrca.on.ca.

Moved by: S. Harrison-McIntyre

Seconded by: D. Barton

BOD-125-20 **Resolved That** the presentation by General Manager, Integrated Watershed Management, Ben Longstaff, and Manager, Forestry and Greenspace Services, Phil Davies, regarding the progress made on implementation of the corporate carbon reduction strategy be received for information. **Carried**

Staff Report No. 42-20-BOD regarding the progress made on implementing the corporate carbon reduction strategy was included in the agenda.

Moved by: S. Harrison-McIntyre

Seconded by: D. Barton

BOD-126-20 **Resolved That** Staff Report No. 42-20-BOD regarding the progress made on implementing the corporate carbon reduction strategy be received for information. **Carried**

VI. Hearings

There were no hearings at this meeting.

VII. Deputations

There were no deputations at this meeting.

VIII. Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

Item No. 2 was identified under items requiring separate discussion.

IX. Adoption of Items not Requiring Separate Discussion

Item No. 1a) was identified as items not requiring separate discussion.

Moved by: C. Riepma

Seconded by: T. Vegh

BOD-127-20 **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)

BOD-128-20 **Resolved That** correspondence listed in the agenda as Item 1a) be received for information. **Carried**

X. Consideration of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

2. LSRCA 2021 Budget Update

Chair Emmerson asked that staff provide additional information to the Board regarding budget increases being sought by neighbouring conservation authorities for a more fulsome picture of this Authority's 2021 budget.

Moved by: P. Ferragine

Seconded by: K. Ferdinands

BOD-129-20 **Resolved That** Staff Report No. 43-20-BOD regarding an update on LSRCA's 2021 Budget be received for information. **Carried**

XI. Closed Session

There were no Closed Session items for this meeting.

