

Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority

Board of Directors' Meeting

Board of Directors' Meeting No. BOD-07-23

Friday, July 28, 2023

120 Bayview Parkway, Newmarket

Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present

Regional Chairman W. Emmerson (Chair), Councillor P. Ferragine (Vice Chair), Councillor S. Bell, Councillor F. Drodge, Regional Councillor B. Garrod, Mayor R. Greenlaw, Mayor V. Hackson, Councillor D. Le Roy, Councillor C. Pettingill, Mayor M. Quirk, Councillor M. Thompson, Deputy Mayor and Regional Councillor T. Vegh, Councillor E. Yeo

Board Members Absent

Councillor A. Eek, Councillor B. Hamilton, Councillor S. Harrison-McIntyre, Mayor I. Lovatt, Councillor C. Riepma

Staff Present

R. Baldwin, T. Barnett, A. Brown, C. Byron, M. Critch, A. Cullen, P. Davies, D. Goodyear, E. Green, L. Grzywniak, K. Kennedy, S. O'Connor, D. Ruggle, C. Taylor, K. Toffan, 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: P. Ferragine

Seconded by: C. Pettingill

BOD-103-23 **Resolved That** the content of the Agenda for the July 28, 2023 meeting of the Board of Directors be approved as circulated. **Carried**

IV. Adoption of Minutes

a) Board of Directors' Meeting

Moved by: M. Quirk

Seconded by: R. Greenlaw

BOD-104-23 **Resolved That** the minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting, No. BOD-06-23, held on Friday, June 23, 2023 be approved as circulated. **Carried**

V. Announcements

There were no announcements for this meeting.

VI. Presentations

a) Second Quarter 2023 Financial Report and Year-End Forecast

General Manager, Corporate and Financial Services/CFO, Mark Critch, provided an overview of the Second Quarter 2023 Financial Report and Year-End Forecast. He reviewed the Executive Summary, noting an operational surplus on June 30th of \$285K, with 2023 Annual Priorities progressing well. He noted that a surplus is forecast for year-end with projects continuing to progress well and within budget, many set to be carried over into 2024. Reserve activity is expected to be in line with the budget. Staff are forecasting an overall year-end operational surplus position of \$570K, and he reviewed the main contributing drivers. Staff will continue to monitor key trends, which will inform the 2024 operational budget. The 2024 budget and reporting structure will be built in accordance with the new Conservation Authorities Act guidelines. To view this presentation, please click this link: [Second Quarter 2023 Financial Update and Forecast](#)

Moved by: F. Drodge

Seconded by: M. Thompson

BOD-105-23 **Resolved That** the presentation by General Manager, Corporate and Financial Services/CFO, Mark Critch, regarding the Second Quarter 2023 Financial Report be received for information. **Carried**

Included in the agenda was Staff Report No. 39-23-BOD regarding the Second Quarter 2023 Financial Report.

Moved by: F. Drodge

Seconded by: M. Thompson

BOD-106-23 **Resolved That** Staff Report No. 39-23-BOD regarding the Conservation Authority's Second Quarter 2023 Financial Report and Year-End Forecast be received for information. **Carried**

b) Lake Simcoe Conservation Preserve Overview and Update

Director, Conservation Lands, Phil Davies, provided an overview of the Conservation Authority's newest acquired property located in the Town of Georgina, temporarily called the Lake Simcoe Conservation Preserve. The property was transferred to the Conservation Authority in late March of 2022 and comprises 5 parcels of land, 360 hectares (890 acres), as well as an Environmental Protection designation by way of Minister's Zoning Order. He reviewed the completed management activities, including land survey and boundary marking, fencing and signage to close of the property, and ecological monitoring. He reviewed the agricultural leases and associated revenue, as well as the status of property taxes, noting that the Conservation Authority's filing for a reduction in 2022 property taxes had been denied. He referenced property studies that have been completed, which will inform next steps including short-term stewardship plans and monitoring. He then reviewed the timeline for a master plan, which is scheduled for completion December 2025. Please click this link to view the presentation: [Lake Simcoe Conservation Preserve](#)

Following the presentation, Board members directed staff to bring a resolution back to the September meeting seeking assistance from local watershed members of provincial parliament on the 2022 property tax relief issue.

Moved by: M. Quirk

Seconded by: S. Bell

BOD-107-23 **Resolved That** the presentation by Director, Conservation Lands, Phil Davies, regarding an overview of the Lake Simcoe Conservation Preserve be received for information. **Carried**

Included in the agenda was Staff Report No. 40-23-BOD regarding the Lake Simcoe Conservation Preserve.

Moved by: M. Quirk

Seconded by: S. Bell

BOD-108-23 **Resolved That** the Staff Report No. 40-23-BOD regarding the Lake Simcoe Conservation Preserve update and master planning process 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

No items were identified under items requiring separate discussion.

X. Adoption of Items not Requiring Separate Discussion

Items No. 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 were identified under items not requiring separate discussion.

Moved by: D. Le Roy

Seconded by: F. Drodge

BOD-109-23 **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-110-23 **Resolved That** no Correspondence Items be received. **Carried**

2. Monitoring Report – Planning and Development Applications January 1 to June 30, 2023

BOD-111-23 **Resolved That** Staff Report No. be received for information. **Carried**

3. Update to Retroactive Permit Fees

BOD-112-23 **Resolved That** Staff Report No. 42-23-BOD regarding implementing incentives for obtaining retroactive permits be received: and

Further That the approach for collecting retroactive permit fees be approved for implementation effective immediately. **Carried**

5. 2023 Annual Priorities Update for the Second Quarter

BOD-113-23 **Resolved That** Staff Report No. 44-23-BOD regarding the second quarter status of the Conservation Authority's 2023 Annual Priorities be received for information. **Carried**

6. Oak Wilt Fungal Tree Disease

BOD-114-23 **Resolved That** Staff Report No. 45-23-BOD regarding oak wilt fungal tree disease be received for information. **Carried**

XI. Consideration of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

Item No. 4 was identified under items requiring separate discussion.

4. Georgina Island Fixed Link Project Update

Chair Emerson noted the Fixed Link project is sure to have many environmental impacts and due to its Federal jurisdiction, the Conservation Authority's capacity is a commenting agency only. He noted that a state-of-the-art system for potable water has been installed on Georgina Islands for residential use.

Moved by: R. Greenlaw

Seconded by: C. Pettingill

BOD-115-23 **Resolved That** Staff Report No. 43-23-BOD regarding an update on the status of the Georgina Island Fixed Link project be received for information. **Carried**

XII. Closed Session

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

Moved by: E. Yeo

Seconded by: V. Hackson

BOD-116-23 **Resolved That** the Board move to Closed Session to deal with confidential legal and human resources matters; and

Further that the Chief Administrative Officer and members of the Executive Leadership Team remain in the meeting for the discussion on all items; and

Further that the Director, Development Services remain in the meeting for the discussion on Items a) and b);

Further that the consultant from Marianne Love Consulting remain in the meeting for the discussion on Item d). **Carried**

The Board rose from Closed Session to report findings.

Moved by: E. Yeo

Seconded by: D. Le Roy

BOD-117-23 **Resolved That** the Board rise from Closed Session and report findings. **Carried**

a) Confidential Legal Matter

Moved by: M. Thompson

Seconded by: S. Bell

BOD-118-23 **Resolved That** Confidential Staff Report No. 46-23-BOD regarding a confidential legal matter be received for information. **Carried**

b) Confidential Legal Matter

Moved by: M. Thompson

Seconded by: S. Bell

BOD-119-23 **Resolved That** Confidential Staff Report No. 47-23-BOD regarding a confidential legal matter be received for information. **Carried**

c) Confidential Human Resources Matter

Moved by: M. Thompson

Seconded by: S. Bell

BOD-120-23 **Resolved That** Confidential Staff Report No. 48-23-BOD regarding a confidential human resources matter be received; and

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

d) Confidential Human Resources Matter

Moved by: C. Pettingill

Seconded by: F. Drodge

BOD-121-23 **Resolved That** Confidential Staff Report No. 49-23-BOD regarding a confidential human resources matter be received; and

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

e) Confidential Human Resources Matter

Moved by: V. Hackson

Seconded by: M. Thompson

BOD-122-23 **Resolved That** a confidential human resources matter be received; and

Further that the Director, Human Resources be directed to implement the changes approved by the Board of Directors. **Carried**

XIII. Other Business

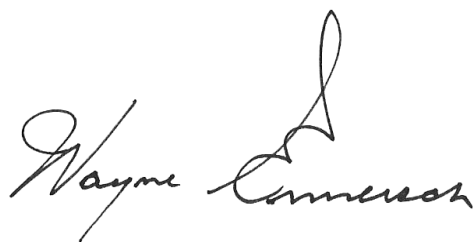
- a)** The next meeting has been changed from Friday, September 22, 2023 to Friday, September 29, 2023 This meeting will begin at 9:00a in person at the Newmarket Administrative Offices.

XIV. Adjournment

Moved by: R. Greenlaw

Seconded by: D. Le Roy

BOD-123-21 **Resolved That** the meeting be adjourned at 11:52 a.m. **Carried**



Regional Chairman Wayne Emmerson
Chair



Rob Baldwin
Chief Administrative Officer