

Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority

Board of Directors' Meeting

Board of Directors' Meeting No. BOD-10-23

Friday, December 15, 2023

120 Bayview Parkway, Newmarket

Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present

Regional Chairman W. Emmerson (Chair), Councillor S. Bell, Regional Councillor B. Garrod, Mayor R. Greenlaw, Councillor S. Harrison-McIntyre, Councillor D. Le Roy, Mayor I. Lovatt, Councillor C. Pettingill, Mayor M. Quirk, Councillor C. Riepma, Councillor M. Thompson, Deputy Mayor and Regional Councillor T. Vegh

Board Members Absent

Councillor P. Ferragine (Vice Chair), Councillor A. Courser, Councillor F. Drodge, Councillor A. Eek, Mayor V. Hackson, Councillor E. Yeo

Staff Present

R. Baldwin, T. Barnett, A. Brown, K. Cheney, S. Connor, M. Critch, P. Davies, D. Goodyear, D. Lembcke, G. MacMillan, B. Thompson, K. Turriff, K. Yemm

Guests in Attendance

M. Jacobs, L. Simpson

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: C. Riepma

Seconded by: R. Greenlaw

BOD-153-23 **Resolved That** the content of the Agenda for the December 15, 2023 meeting of the Board of Directors be approved as circulated. **Carried**

IV. Adoption of Minutes

a) Board of Directors' Meeting

Moved by: C. Pettingill

Seconded by: M. Quirk

BOD-154-23 **Resolved That** the minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting, No. BOD-09-23, held on Friday, November 24, 2023 be approved as circulated. **Carried**

V. Announcements

- a) General Manager, Integrated Watershed Management, Don Goodyear was pleased to advise that on November 30th, two staff members, Julia Marko and Emma Dias, hosted a well-received workshop for municipal planning staff on Bill 23 impacts to natural heritage review. The workshop was well attended with about 50 people representing 14 watershed municipalities.
- b) CAO Rob Baldwin thanked the Communications team for the successful migration and launch of the Conservation Authority's new website, noting this unexpected change in website host necessitated the migration of all website material to a new host.
- c) CAO Rob Baldwin advised that he, Chair Emmerson and Chief of Staff, Trish Barnett, had a very productive virtual meeting with Minister Khanjin recently, where items such as salt and source protection were discussed.
- d) CAO Rob Baldwin advised that two letters were recently received from the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry; namely, one granting an extension to March 31, 2024 for the cost apportioning agreements with participating municipalities; and the other notifying of an extension of the Minister's direction on the Planning, Development and Permitting fees freeze to the end of 2024.

VI. Presentations

There were no Presentations at this meeting.

VII. Hearings

There were no Hearings at this meeting.

VIII. Deputations

Mr. Michael Jacobs, Fixed Link Project Manager and Georgina Island Fixed Link Secretariat, made a deputation regarding the Georgina Island Fixed Link project. He shared the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation Council Resolution of February 2021; namely, their intent to build a Fixed Link that will connect Georgina Island to the mainland; their desire to complete

the Impact Assessment by December 31, 2024; and their intent to have the Fixed Link operational by December 31, 2026. He reviewed the project timelines, as well as the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada process and comments received. From comments received, the Georgina Island First Nation have invested in an improved project understanding. He reviewed some of these investments and learnings. He overviewed other work in progress, such as a seven generations financial assessment, nation to nation negotiations and additional research to support engagement requests.

Based on their learnings, Georgina Island Fixed Link has better defined its development assumption, and he shared a map of the path to connect. He then outlined the upcoming engagement plans. In closing Mr. Jacobs noted that Georgina Island First Nation have invested time and money to understand the project and its impacts on the community and the natural world.

To view this presentation, please follow this link: [Georgina Island Fixed Link Project Update](#)

Moved by: M. Quirk

Seconded by: I. Lovatt

BOD-155-23 **Resolved That** the deputation by Mr. Michael Jacobs, Chief Executive Officer of Cambium Indigenous Professional Services, regarding the Georgina Island Fixed Link project be received for information. **Carried**

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, 4, and 5 were identified under items not requiring separate discussion.

Moved by: M. Thompson

Seconded by: S. Harrison-McIntyre

BOD-156-23 **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-157-23 **Resolved That** Correspondence Item a) be received for information. **Carried**

2. Georgina Island Fixed Link Project Update

BOD-158-23 **Resolved That** Staff Report No. 62-23-BOD regarding an update on the Conservation Authority's review of and involvement in the Georgina Island Fixed Link project be received for information. **Carried**

3. New Nature Centre at Scanlon Creek Conservation Area - Project and Funding Progress Report

BOD-159-23 **Resolved That** Staff Report No. 63-23-BOD regarding project and funding updates on the new Nature Centre at Scanlon Creek Conservation Area be received for information. **Carried**

4. New Nature Centre Project: Temporary Utilization of Offsetting Reserves If Required

BOD-160-23 **Resolved That** Staff Report No. 64-23-BOD regarding temporary funding utilizing Offsetting Reserves for the new Nature Centre be received; and

Further that the use of the Offsetting Reserves if required to act as a funding backstop as outlined in this report be approved. **Carried**

5. Framework to Limit Liability for Winter Maintenance Contractors Employing Best Practices

BOD-161-23 **Resolved That** Staff Report No. 65-23-BOD regarding a framework to limit liability for winter maintenance contractors employing best practices be received; and

Further that staff be directed to circulate this report and the attached template resolution to watershed municipalities. **Carried**

XI. Consideration of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

No items required separate discussion.

XII. Closed Session

There were no Closed Session items for this meeting.

XIII. Other Business

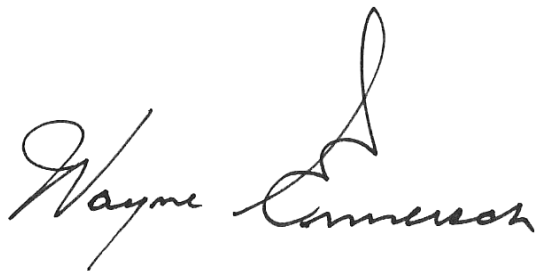
- a) Chair Emmerson advised the next meeting is Annual General Meeting taking place on Friday, January 26, 2024. This meeting will be held in person at the Conservation Authority's Newmarket offices located at 120 Bayview Parkway, Newmarket.

XIV. Adjournment

Moved by: D. Le Roy

Seconded by: B. Garrod

BOD-162-23 **Resolved That** the meeting be adjourned at 11:12 a.m. **Carried**



Regional Chairman Wayne Emmerson, Chair



Rob Baldwin, Chief Administrative Officer