

Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority

Board of Directors' Meeting

Board of Directors' Meeting No. BOD-04-24

Friday, April 26, 2024

120 Bayview Parkway, Newmarket

Meeting Minutes

Members Present

Councillor C. Riepma (Chair), Mayor R. Greenlaw (Vice Chair), Councillor F. Drodge, Councillor A. Eek, Regional Chairman W. Emmerson, Councillor P. Ferragine, Mayor V. Hackson, Councillor S. Harrison-McIntyre, Councillor D. Le Roy, Mayor I. Lovatt, Councillor C. Pettingill, Mayor M. Quirk, Councillor M. Thompson

Members Absent

Councillor S. Bell, Councillor A. Courser, Regional Councillor B. Garrod, Deputy Mayor and Regional Councillor T. Vegh, Councillor E. Yeo

Staff Present

R. Baldwin, T. Barnett, A. Brown, M. Critch, P. Davies, D. Goodyear, G. MacMillan, G. Peat, C. Taylor, F. Toghian, K. Yemm

Guests Present

A. Delle Cese, E. Strength, J. Durnford

I. Land Acknowledgement

Chair Riepma 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: S. Harrison-McIntyre

Seconded by: F. Drodge

BOD-058-24 **Resolved That** the content of the Agenda for the April 26, 2024 meeting of the Board of Directors be approved as presented. **Carried**

IV. Adoption of Minutes

a) Board of Directors' Meeting

Moved by: R. Greenlaw

Seconded by: W. Emmerson

BOD-059-24 **Resolved That** the minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting, No. BOD-03-24, held on Friday, March 22, 2024 be approved as circulated. **Carried**

V. Announcements

- a) CAO Rob Baldwin provided an update on a meeting with the City of Orillia, noting topics of discussion included an overview of Bill 229 and Conservation Authorities Act changes affecting Orillia. He noted it was a productive meeting and that the conversation is ongoing through a follow-up email from City staff with additional questions.
- b) CAO Rob Baldwin updated on Conservation Ontario's Annual meeting and results of the yearly election, noting the Chair is Chris White, Grand River Conservation Authority; Vice Chairs are Jonathan Scott, Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority and Pat Warren, Kawartha Conservation; and Directors are Brad McNevin of Quinte Conservation Authority, Chandra Sharma of Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, and Rob Baldwin.
- c) CAO Rob Baldwin was pleased to advise he attended a meeting between conservation authorities and Minister Graydon Smith, noting it was a great opportunity to meet and engage with the Minister. The meeting focused mainly on the new hazard regulation, and participants were able to provide feedback. Other areas for opportunity were also discussed. CAO Baldwin looks forward to continued dialogue with the Minister and his staff.
- d) CAO Rob Baldwin reminded Board members that nominations for this year's conservation awards open May 1st and close June 5th. He urged everyone to get their nominations in.

VI. Presentations

a) 2023 Draft Audited Financial Statements

BDO Canada LLP Partner, Adam Delle Cese, provided an overview of the audit of the Conservation Authority's 2023 draft financial statements for the period ending December 31, 2023. He noted that in BDO's opinion, the financial statements represent fairly the financial position of the Conservation Authority. He advised a clean audit was held and a standard audit report provided.

He reviewed the responsibilities of management and the auditors, as well as the financial statements, year-over-year changes in financial assets, and statements of cashflows.

Moved by: C. Pettingill

Seconded by: W. Emmerson

BOD-060-24 **Resolved That** the presentation by BDO Canada LLP Partner, Adam Delle Cese, regarding the audit of the Conservation Authority's 2023 draft financial statements for the period ending December 31, 2023 be received for information.

Carried

Included in the agenda was Staff Report No. 24-24-BOD regarding the Conservation Authority's 2023 Draft Audited Financial Statements.

Moved by: S. Harrison-McIntyre

Seconded by: F. Drodge

BOD-061-24 **Resolved That** Staff Report No. 24-24-BOD regarding the Conservation Authority's 2023 Draft Audited Financial Statements be received; and

Further that the 2023 Draft Audited Financial Statements be approved; and

Further that the Appropriations to and from Reserves as outlined in Schedule 8 – Statement of Continuity of Reserves of the 2023 Draft Audited Financial Statements be approved; and

Further that the pending 2023 Audited Financial Statements be distributed to the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Conservation Authority's banker, and be made available on the Conservation Authority's website. **Carried**

b) 2023 Restoration Program Accomplishments

Manager, Restoration Services, Christa Sharp, shared a presentation on the Restoration Program's 2023 accomplishments, noting that 108 projects were completed across the watershed, including stormwater retrofits, low impact development features, community action, wetland habitat creation and agricultural projects, all making critical, on-the-ground improvements to the watershed. These projects accomplished over 35 hectares of land being restored, over 3,400 metres of streambank being planted/stabilized, and 65 increases in biodiversity and enhanced pollinator habitat. Over 85 projects for 2024 are well underway, and the Beaverton low impact development project in the Township of Brock and the Vivian Creek wetland and drainage improvements project in the Town of East Gwillimbury for part of her presentation. To view this presentation, please click this link: [2023 Restoration Program Accomplishments](#)

Moved by: A Eek

Seconded by: C. Pettingill

BOD-062-24 **Resolved That** the presentation by Manager, Restoration Services, Christa Sharp, regarding the Restoration Program's 2023 accomplishments and 2024 projects be received for information. **Carried**

Included in the agenda was Staff Report No. 25-24-BOD regarding an update on the Conservation Authority's Restoration Program and projects.

Moved by: V. Hackson

Seconded by: M. Quirk

BOD-063-24 **Resolved That** Staff Report No. 25-24-BOD regarding an update on the Conservation Authority's Restoration Program and projects be received for information.

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

X. Adoption of Items not Requiring Separate Discussion

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

Moved by: I. Lovatt

Seconded by: P. Ferragine

BOD-064-24 **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-065-24 **Resolved That** no items of Correspondence be received. **Carried**

3. 2024 Budget Companion Document

BOD-066-24 **Resolved That** Staff Report No. 27-24-BOD regarding the 2024 Budget Companion Document be received for information. **Carried**

XI. Consideration of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

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

2. Summary of 2024 Provincial and Municipal Funding Agreements

In response to questions from Councillor Eek regarding the funding for the Improved Phosphorus Loading Estimates project in the Holland Marsh, General Manager, Integrated Watershed Management, Don Goodyear explained that an autosampler installed at the Art Janse pumping station collects water moving from the inner canal to the river and provides improved phosphorus concentration information. This project will help inform treatment options for the phosphorus recycling facility, but not its location. He noted there are dozens of monitoring stations around the watershed also supported by this funding that are used in water balance and phosphorus loading calculations.

Moved by: R. Greenlaw

Seconded by: A. Eek

BOD-067-24 **Resolved That** Staff Report No. 26-24-BOD regarding recently secured Provincial and municipal funding be received for information. **Carried**

XII. Closed Session

The Board moved to Closed Session to deal with a confidential land matter.

Moved by: W. Emmerson

Seconded by: P. Ferragine

BOD-068-24 **Resolved That** the Board move to Closed Session to deal with a confidential land matter; and

Further that the Chief Administrative Officer, members of the Executive Leadership Team and the Director, Conservation Lands remain in the meeting for the discussion.

Carried

The Board rose from Closed Session to report findings.

Moved by: W. Emmerson

Seconded by: R. Greenlaw

BOD-069-24 **Resolved That** the Board rise from Closed Session and report findings.

Carried

a) **Confidential Land Matter**

Moved by: I. Lovatt

Seconded by: M. Thompson

BOD-070-24 **Resolved That** the presentation regarding a Confidential land matter be received for information. **Carried**

Moved by: R. Greenlaw

Seconded by: W. Emmerson

BOD-071-24 **Resolved That** Confidential Staff Report No. 28-24-BOD regarding a confidential land matter be received; and

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

XIII. Other Business

- a) Chair Riepma advised that the next meeting will be held on Friday, May 24, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in the Conservation Authority's Administrative Offices.

XIV. Adjournment

Moved by: P. Ferragine

Seconded by: V. Hackson

BOD-072-24 **Resolved That** the meeting be adjourned at 11:02a.m. **Carried**



Councillor Clare Riepma
Chair



Rob Baldwin
Chief Administrative Officer