

Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority

Board of Directors' Meeting

Board of Directors' Meeting No. BOD-06-24

Friday, June 21, 2024

Meeting held virtually via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

Members Present

Councillor C. Riepma (Chair), Mayor R. Greenlaw (Vice Chair), Councillor S. Bell, Councillor A. Courser, Councillor F. Drodge, Councillor A. Eek, Councillor P. Ferragine, Regional Councillor B. Garrod, Mayor V. Hackson, Councillor S. Harrison-McIntyre, Councillor D. Le Roy, Mayor I. Lovatt, Councillor C. Pettingill, Mayor M. Quirk, Councillor M. Thompson, Deputy Mayor and Regional Councillor T. Vegh

Members Absent

Regional Chairman W. Emmerson, Councillor E. Yeo

Staff Present

R. Baldwin, T. Barnett, A. Brown, M. Critch, A. Cullen, P. Davies, D. Goodyear, G. MacMillan, G. Peat, K. Yemm, K. Zeppieri

I. Land Acknowledgement

Chair Riepma recognized June 21st as National Indigenous Peoples Day. He 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. Garrod

Seconded by: T. Vegh

BOD-088-24 **Resolved That** the content of the Agenda for the June 21, 2024 meeting of the Board of Directors be approved as presented. **Carried**

IV. Adoption of Minutes

a) Board of Directors' Meeting

Moved by: S. Harrison-McIntyre

Seconded by: F. Drodge

BOD-089-24 **Resolved That** the minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting, No. BOD-05-24, held on Friday, May 24, 2024 be approved as circulated. **Carried**

V. Announcements

- a) CAO Rob Baldwin thanked the Foundation staff and all the volunteers for another very successful, sold-out Annual Dinner held on June 12th. He also thanked all the municipal partners who attended for their ongoing support.
- b) CAO Baldwin advised that he and Conservation Ontario's Angela Coleman attended a productive meeting with Newmarket-Aurora MPP and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Natural Resources Dawn Gallagher-Murphy for a discussion on conservation authorities.
- c) CAO Baldwin advised that he recently attended two Provincial announcements; the first on June 13th with Ministers Andrea Khanjin and Peter Bethlenfalvy regarding the new urban trail in Uxbridge and the second was with Minister Graydon Smith and his Parliamentary Assistant Dawn Gallagher-Murphy on June 20th regarding invasive species funding.

VI. Presentations

There were no Presentations at this meeting.

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 and 3 were identified under items not requiring separate discussion.

Moved by: R. Greenlaw

Seconded by: M. Quirk

BOD-090-24 **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-091-24 **Resolved That** no items of Correspondence be received. **Carried**

3. Land Inventory

BOD-092-24 **Resolved That** Staff Report No. 35-24-BOD regarding the Conservation Authority's Land Inventory as required by Ontario Regulation 686/21 Mandatory Programs and Services under the Conservation Authorities Act be received for information. **Carried**

XI. Consideration of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

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

2. Ontario Regulation 41/24 – New Hazard Regulation Guidelines

Councillor Eek asked for clarification on Exceptions Section 4.1(b), which states, “the installation of new tile drains that are not within a wetland or watercourse, within 30 metres of a wetland or within 15 metres of a watercourse, wetland or river or stream valley, or the maintenance or repair of existing tile drains”. Noting that Holland Marsh is historically all wetland and all farmers in the Marsh have tile drains, Councillor Eek asked if they would be impacted.

CAO Baldwin explained that the Marsh is a unique area managed by the Joint Services Board and staff to manage marsh drainage, and it also operates as a specialty crop area. The existing fields within the Holland Marsh will be included in the exception, and staff are only interested in any new drains and/or outlets that do not drain into the marsh drainage scheme.

Moved by: A. Eek

Seconded by: C. Pettingill

BOD-093-24 **Resolved That** Staff Report No. 34-24-BOD regarding the updates to the *Conservation Authorities Act* and Ontario Regulation 41/24 Implementation Guidelines (formerly Ontario Regulation 179/06 Implementation Guidelines) be received; and

Further that the accompanying Ontario Regulation 41/24 Implementation Guidelines be approved for implementation effective July 1, 2024. **Carried**

XII. Closed Session

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

Moved by: S. Harrison-McIntyre

Seconded by: I. Lovatt

BOD-94-24 **Resolved That** the Board move to Closed Session to deal with a confidential human resources matter; and

Further that the Chief Administrative Officer, members of the Executive Leadership Team and the Communications Advisor remain in the meeting for the discussion.

Carried

The Board rose from Closed Session to report findings.

Moved by: S. Harrison-McIntyre

Seconded by: A. Courser

BOD-095-24 **Resolved That** the Board rise from Closed Session and report findings.

Carried

a) Confidential Human Resources Matter

Moved by: R. Greenlaw

Seconded by: M. Quirk

BOD-096-24 **Resolved That** Confidential Staff Report No. 36-24-BOD regarding the recipients of the 2024 Conservation Awards be received; and

Further that the Board's selections of the 2024 George R. Richardson Award recipient and the 2024 Distinguished Achievement Award be approved. **Carried**

XIII. Other Business

a) Chair Riepma advised that the next meeting will be held on Friday, July 26, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in the Conservation Authority's Administrative Offices.

XIV. Adjournment

Moved by: T. Vegh

Seconded by: P. Ferragine

BOD-097-24 **Resolved That** the meeting be adjourned at 9:45 a.m. **Carried**



Councillor Clare Riepma
Chair

Rob Baldwin
Chief Administrative Officer