



**Lake Simcoe Region**  
conservation authority

## **Board of Directors**

### **Meeting No. BOD-04-25**

**Friday, July 25, 2025**

**9:00 a.m.**

### **Agenda**

#### **Meeting Location:**

120 Bayview Parkway, Newmarket

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### **Upcoming Events**

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#### **Board of Directors' Meeting**

Friday, September 27, 2025

120 Bayview Parkway, Newmarket

#### **Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation**

##### **6<sup>th</sup> Annual Invitational Golf Tournament**

Monday, August 25, 2025

Eagles Nest Golf Club

<https://lakesimcoefoundation.ca/event/lscf-invitational-golf-tournament/>

A full listing of events can be found at [www.lsrca.on.ca](http://www.lsrca.on.ca).

## I. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Territory

## II. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest or Conflict of Interest

## III. Approval of Agenda

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**Recommended: That** the content of the Agenda for the July 25, 2025 meeting of the Board of Directors be approved as presented.

## IV. Adoption of Minutes

### a) Board of Directors

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Included in the agenda is a copy of the minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting, No. BOD-03-25, held on Friday, May 23, 2025.

**Recommended: That** the minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting, No. BOD-03-25, held on Friday, May 23, 2025, be approved as circulated.

## V. Announcements

## VI. Presentations

### a) Second Quarter 2025 Financial Report and Forecast

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General Manager, Corporate and Financial Services/CFO, Mark Critch, will provide an overview of the Second Quarter 2025 Financial Report and Year-end Forecast. This presentation will be provided at the meeting and will be available on the Conservation Authority's website following the meeting.

**Recommended: That** the presentation by General Manager, Corporate and Financial Services/CFO, Mark Critch on the Second Quarter 2025 Financial Report and Year-end Forecast be received for information.

Staff Report No. 22-25-BOD regarding the Second Quarter 2025 Financial Report and Year-end Forecast is included in the agenda.

**Recommended: That** the Staff Report No. 22-25-BOD regarding the Conservation Authority's Second Quarter 2025 Financial Report and Year-end Forecast be received for information.

**b) Lake Simcoe Conservation Preserve Update**

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Lands Management Technician, Lauren Grzywniak, will provide an update on activities surrounding the Conservation Authority's property, the Lake Simcoe Conservation Preserve. This presentation will be provided at the meeting and will be available on the Conservation Authority's website following the meeting.

**Recommended: That** the presentation by Lands Management Technician, Lauren Grzywniak, regarding an update on activities surrounding the Conservation Authority's property, the Lake Simcoe Conservation Preserve be received for information.

Staff Report No. 23-25-BOD regarding the Lake Simcoe Conservation Preserve is included in the agenda.

**Recommended: That** the Staff Report No. 23-25-BOD regarding an update on community engagement activities to inform the development of a long-term Comprehensive Stewardship Plan for the Lake Simcoe Conservation Preserve be received for information.

**VII. Hearings**

There are no Hearings scheduled for this meeting.

**VIII. Deputations**

There are no Deputations scheduled for this meeting.

**IX. Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion**

(Reference Pages 5 to 7 of the agenda)

**X. Adoption of Items not Requiring Separate Discussion****XI. Consideration of Items Requiring Separate Discussion****XII. Closed Session**

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

**Recommended: That** the Board move to Closed Session to deal with confidential legal matters; and

**Further that** the Chief Administrative Officer, members of the Executive Leadership Team, and the Communications Advisor remain in the meeting for the discussion on Item a); and

**Further that** the Chief Administrative Officer and members of the Executive Leadership Team remain in the meeting for the discussion on Items b) and c).

The Board will rise from Closed Session and report findings.

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

**a) Confidential Conservation Awards Recipients**

Confidential Staff Report No. 28-25-BOD will be sent to Board members prior to the meeting.

**Recommended: That** Confidential Staff Report No. 28-25-BOD regarding the recipients of the 2025 Conservation Awards be received; and

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

**b) Confidential Legal Matter**

Confidential Staff Report No. 29-25-BOD will be sent to Board members prior to the meeting.

**Recommended: That** Confidential Staff Report No. 29-25-BOD regarding a confidential legal matter be received for information.

**c) Confidential Legal Matter**

Confidential Staff Report No. 30-25-BOD will be sent to Board members prior to the meeting.

**Recommended: That** Confidential Staff Report No. 30-25-BOD regarding a confidential legal matter be received for information.

## **XIII. Other Business**

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Friday, September 26, 2025. This meeting will be held in person at the Conservation Authority's Newmarket offices located at 120 Bayview Parkway, Newmarket.

## **XIV. Adjournment**

## Agenda Items

### 1. Correspondence

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- a) A copy of the Province of Ontario News Release entitled "Ontario Taking Action to Make Conservation Authorities More Effective"

**Recommended: That** Correspondence item a) be received for information.

### 2. Recommendation for Winter Road and Parking Lot management

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**Recommended: That** Staff Report No. 24-25-BOD regarding recommendations for winter road and parking lot maintenance be received and the following resolution adopted:

**Whereas:** Chloride concentrations measured in Lake Simcoe have steadily increased since the 1970's and, if unchecked, could exceed the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment Chronic Guideline by approximately 2069; and

**Whereas:** Chloride concentrations in urban tributaries are routinely above that Chronic Guideline, occasionally above the Acute Guideline and have recently exceeded the concentration of ocean water in one urban tributary, and continue to increase everywhere due to the use of winter salt on roads and parking lots; and

**Whereas:** These concentrations are lethal to some species of fish and benthic invertebrates, and decreasing the amount of winter salt use throughout the watershed is critical to the near-term health of urban tributaries and long-term health of Lake Simcoe; and

**Whereas:** A barrier to the reduction of salt application for parking lots and walkways is the scarcity of trained and certified winter maintenance contractors; and

**Whereas:** A more substantial barrier to the reduction of salt application for parking lots and walkways is concern over liability; and

**Whereas:** Businesses in the winter maintenance sector are seeing insurance and legal costs escalate to the point where many have failed, and some property owners have been unable to find winter maintenance contractors; and

**Whereas:** The limited liability framework in practice in New Hampshire is based on the Canadian Smart About Salt guidelines and has been successfully defended in the higher courts.

**Therefore, be it resolved that** the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Board of Directors requests that the Attorney General of Ontario and the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks establish and fund an expert stakeholder advisory committee to advise the Province and municipalities on the best courses of action to protect freshwater ecosystems and drinking water from the impacts of salt pollution; and

**Further That** the Board of Directors requests that technical standards and a Provincial regulatory framework be established that limits liability for winter maintenance contractors following best practices to ensure public safety, business sustainability, and environmental protection; and

**Further That** municipalities in the Lake Simcoe watershed lead by example by ensuring staff and/or winter maintenance contractors that maintain municipal parking lots obtain certification through the Smart About Salt program as a condition of working for the municipality; and

**Further That** this resolution be circulated to Lake Simcoe watershed municipalities and Lake Simcoe watershed members of Provincial Parliament; and

**Further That** municipalities in the Lake Simcoe watershed implement best management practices for municipal roads management; and

**Further That** municipalities in the Lake Simcoe watershed collaborate with the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority on an outreach campaign to raise awareness of this issue, manage expectations from the public regarding salt usage, and inspire positive action.

### **3. Summary of 2025 Provincial and Municipal Funding Agreements**

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**Recommended: That** Staff Report No. 25-25-BOD regarding recently secured Provincial and municipal funding be received for information.

### **4. 2025 Annual Priorities – Mid-year Status Update**

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**Recommended: That** Staff Report No. 26-25-BOD regarding the Mid-year Status of the Conservation Authority's 2025 Annual Priorities be received for information.

**5. Monitoring Report – Planning and Development Applications for the Period January 1 through June 30, 2025**

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**Recommended: That** Staff Report No. 27-25-BOD regarding monitoring of development services applications for the period January 1 through June 30, 2025 be received for information.