



**Lake Simcoe Region**  
conservation authority

**Board of Directors**  
**Meeting No. BOD-07-25**  
**Friday, December 19, 2025**  
**10:00 a.m.**

**Agenda**

**Meeting Location:**

120 Bayview Parkway, Newmarket

Minutes and agendas are available at [www.lsrca.on.ca](http://www.lsrca.on.ca)

---

**Upcoming Events**

---

**2026 Annual General Meeting of the Board of Directors**

Friday, January 23, 2026

120 Bayview Parkway, Newmarket

**Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation**

**2026 Annual Conservation Dinner**

Wednesday, June 10, 2026

The Manor at Carrying Place

16750 Weston Road, King

**Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation**

**8th Annual Invitational Golf Tournament**

Monday, August 24, 2026

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

Pages 1 - 5

**Recommended: That** the content of the Agenda for the December 19, 2025 meeting of the Board of Directors be approved as presented.

## IV. Adoption of Minutes

### a) Board of Directors

Pages 6 - 12

Included in the agenda is a copy of the minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting, No. BOD-06-25, held on Friday, December 5, 2025.

**Recommended: That** the minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting, No. BOD-06-25, held on Friday, December 5, 2025, be approved as circulated.

## V. Announcements

## VI. Presentations

### a) 2026 Draft Capital and Operating Budget

Pages 13 - 40

General Manager, Corporate and Financial Services/CFO, Mark Critch, will provide an overview of the 2026 Draft Capital and Operating Budget. 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, will provide an overview of the 2026 Draft Capital and Operating Budget be received for information.

Staff Report No. 39-25-BOD regarding the 2026 Draft Capital and Operating Budget is included in the agenda.

**Recommended: That** the Staff Report No. 39-25-BOD regarding the 2026 Draft Capital and Operating Budget be received; and

**Further that** the Board of Directors endorse the 2026 Draft Capital and Operating Budget for use in consultation with the participating municipalities; and

**Further that** the 2026 Draft Capital and Operating Budget be made available on the Conservation Authority's Governance webpage for the general public and participating municipalities to view in advance of the 2026 Budget weighted vote, planned for January 23, 2026.

## 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 4 and 5 of the agenda)

## X. Adoption of Items not Requiring Separate Discussion

## XI. Consideration of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

## XII. Closed Session

There are no Closed Session items for this meeting.

## XIII. Other Business

### Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be the Annual General Meeting on Friday, January 23, 2026. 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. Comments on ERO No. 025-1257 – Proposed Consolidation of Ontario's Conservation Authorities

Pages 41 - 54

**Whereas** the Provincial Government has amended the *Conservation Authorities Act* through Bill 68 "Plan to Protect Ontario (Budget Measures)" that allows for establishing the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency to oversee the transition to Regional

Conservation Authorities, and direct the strategic direction, finances, and operational activities of the new Regional Conservation Authorities; and

**Whereas** the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks has posted Environmental Registry Notice No. 025-1257 (“Proposed Boundaries for the Regional Consolidation of Ontario’s Conservation Authorities”), proposing to consolidate Ontario’s 36 conservation authorities into 7 regional entities as part of a broader consolidation; and

**Whereas** under this proposal, the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority would be consolidated into a new “Huron-Superior Regional Conservation Authority”, together with the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority, Grey Sauble Conservation Authority, Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority, Maitland Valley Conservation Authority, Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority, and Lakehead Region Conservation Authority, forming a single organization of Lake Huron watershed conservation authorities.

**Therefore, be it Resolved That** Staff Report No. 40-25-BOD regarding Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority’s Environmental Registry of Ontario response to proposed consolidation of Conservation Authorities be received; and

**Further that** the Attachment A, the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority’s comments letter, be approved for submission by the December 22, 2025 deadline for submissions; and

**Further That** the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority recognizes and supports the Province’s desired outcome of improved consistency and modernized digital permitting processes, aligned with its goals and objectives for cutting red tape and getting more homes built faster, and safely; and

**Further That** the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority recommends that the Province engages in detailed consultation with all conservation authorities, municipalities, and watershed stakeholders in a meaningful manner and provide the detailed information required to implement such a significant undertaking; and

**Further That** should the proposed regional consolidation of conservation authorities be implemented, the current implementation of the *Lake Simcoe Protection Act* and Plan by the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority be transferred to the proposed Huron-Superior Region Conservation Authority; and

**Further That** should the proposed consolidation proceed, the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority requests the Province establish consistency between the *Lake Simcoe Protection Act* jurisdiction and the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority jurisdiction through the inclusion of Upper Talbot River Arm and the portion of the City of Orillia that is within the Lake Simcoe watershed; and

**Further That** the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority recommends the removal of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority from the proposed Huron-Superior Regional Conservation Authority.

## 2. Regulation Mapping Update

Pages 54 - 68

**Recommended: That** Staff Report No. 41-25-BOD outlining the changes to Regulation Mapping (Ontario Regulation 41/24) be received; and

**Further That** the updates to the regulated areas and mapping be endorsed by the Board of Directors for screening purposes, both internal and external, including public viewing on the Conservation Authority's website.

## 3. Purchasing Policy Updates

Pages 69 - 93

**Recommended: That** Staff Report No. 42-25-BOD regarding updates to the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority's Purchasing Policy be received; and

**Further That** the update to the Purchasing Policy be approved for implementation effective January 1, 2026.

## 4. Standing Timber Sales – Durham Regional Forest

Pages 94 - 104

**Recommended: That** Staff Report No. 43-25-BOD regarding the record of tenders for the Durham Regional Forest Tender No. DRF-2025-001 be received; and

**Further That** staff's recommendation to award Tender No. DRF-2025-001 to Gee's Lumber and Logging/ Penguin Poles be approved.