



Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority

75th Annual General Meeting

Board of Directors' Meeting No. BOD-01-26

Friday, January 23, 2026

120 Bayview Parkway, Newmarket

Meeting Minutes

Members Present

Councillor F. Drodge, Councillor A. Eek, Councillor P. Ferragine, Regional Councillor B. Garrod, Mayor R. Greenlaw, Councillor S. Harrison-McIntyre, Chairman E. Jolliffe, Mayor I. Lovatt, Councillor C. Pettingill, Mayor M. Quirk, Councillor C. Riepma, Councillor Roy-DiClemente, Councillor M. Thompson

Members Absent

Councillor A. Courser, Councillor J. Gough, Councillor D. Le Roy, Deputy Mayor and Regional Councillor T. Vegh, Councillor E. Yeo, and a representative from the City of Orillia

Staff Present

R. Baldwin, T. Barnett, M. Critch, C. Connell, A. Cullen, P. Davies, D. Goodyear, G. MacMillan, C. Sharp, C. Taylor, F. Toghian, K. Toffan, K. Yemm

I. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Territory

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. Chair's Welcome

Chair Riepma welcomed everyone to the 75th Annual General meeting of the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority. He acknowledged the tremendous work of staff and thanked Board members for their steady support throughout the year.

Roll Call – 2025 Board Members

The 2025 Board Members introduced themselves and advised which municipality they represent. Chair Riepma mentioned the 2025 Board members who were not in attendance.

III. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and Conflict of Interest

None noted for the meeting.

IV. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: M. Quirk

Seconded: C. Pettingill

BOD-001-26 **Resolved That** the content of the Agenda for the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority's 75th Annual General Meeting held on Friday, January 23, 2026 be approved as presented. **Carried**

V. Adoption of Minutes

a) Board of Directors

Moved by: I. Lovatt

Seconded by: E. Jolliffe

BOD-002-26 **Resolved That** the minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting No. BOD-07-25 held on Friday, December 19, 2025 be approved as circulated. **Carried**

VI. 2025 Year-end Presentations

a) 2025 Year in Review

Chief Administrative Officer, Rob Baldwin, congratulated staff on their many impressive accomplishments of 2025 and shared a video that captures these highlights and accomplishments. To view the video, please click this link: [2025 Year in Review](#)

These highlights and accomplishments are also captured in the [2025 Infographics](#)

Moved by: S. Harrison-McIntyre

Seconded by: B. Garrod

BOD-003-26 **Resolved That** the presentation by Chief Administrative Officer, Rob Baldwin, on the Conservation Authority's 2025 highlights and accomplishments be received for information. **Carried**

VII. 2025 Business is Concluded

Chair Riepma concluded the business of 2025 and declared the Chair vacant.

Moved by: M. Thompson

Seconded by: A. Eek

BOD-004-26 **Resolved That** the Board of Directors conclude the business of 2025; and **Further That** the Chair be declared vacant. **Carried**

VIII. 2026 Business

The 2026 Business portion of the meeting was called to order by the Conservation Authority's Chief Administrative Officer, Rob Baldwin.

Roll Call – 2026 Board Members

As there were no changes to the Board of Directors, a roll call was not conducted.

IX. Election of Officers

CAO Baldwin conducted the election of officers. He outlined the general rules, noted that positions are required for Chair and Vice Chair for 2026, and only appointed members of the Board of Directors may be nominated.

X. Election of Officers – 2026

A. Appointment of Scrutineers

Moved by: T. Roy-DiClemente

Seconded by: A. Eek

BOD-005-26 **Resolved That** in the event of a vote by ballot, Ms. Alyse Cullen and Ms. Sandra Ingott will act as scrutineers; and

Further that all ballots be destroyed following the election. **Carried**

B. Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2026

i. Chair of the Authority

Councillor Ferragine was nominated for the position of Chair by Councillor Harrison-McIntyre. Nominations were called for three times. No further nominations were put forward.

Moved by: M. Quirk

Seconded by: B. Garrod

BOD-006-26 **Resolved that** the nominations for the position of Chair be closed. **Carried**

Councillor Ferragine accepted the nomination for the position of Chair, and CAO Baldwin declared Councillor Ferragine the Chair for 2026.

ii. Vice Chair of the Authority

Councillor Riepma was nominated for the position of Vice Chair by Councillor T. Roy-DiClemente. Nominations were called for three times, and no further nominations were put forward.

Moved by: I. Lovatt

Seconded by: E. Jolliffe

BOD-007-26 **Resolved that** the nominations for the position of Vice Chair be closed.

Carried

Councillor Riepma accepted the nomination for the position of Vice Chair, and CAO Baldwin declared Councillor Riepma the Vice Chair for 2026.

Chair Ferragine chaired the remainder of the meeting.

C. Appointment of the Regulations Sub-committee for 2026

Moved by: M. Thompson

Seconded by: T. Roy-DiClemente

BOD-008-26 **Resolved that** the Chair and Vice Chair, along with the Member representing the local municipality in which the application under Ontario Regulation 41/24 is received shall be members of the sub-committee to review applications and report to the Board of Directors. **Carried**

D. Appointment to Conservation Ontario for 2026

Moved by: M. Quirk

Seconded by: C. Pettingill

BOD-009-26 **Resolved that** the 2026 Chair be appointed as the Conservation Authority's voting delegate to Conservation Ontario; and

Further that the Chief Administrative Officer be the alternate delegate. **Carried**

E. Appointment to the Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation Board of Directors for 2026

Moved by: I. Lovatt

Seconded by: E. Jolliffe

BOD-010-26 **Resolved that** the 2026 Chair and 2026 Vice Chair be appointed to the Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation Board of Directors for 2026. **Carried**

F. Appointment of Solicitors for 2026

Moved by: S. Harrison-McIntyre

Seconded by: R. Greenlaw

BOD-011-26 **Resolved that** Stiver Vale, Hicks Morley, HHL Law Firm, Barriston Law and Beard Winter be appointed as Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority's legal firms for 2026. **Carried**

G. Signing Officers for 2026

Moved by: B. Garrod

Seconded by: R. Greenlaw

BOD-012-26 **Resolved that** an account in the name of Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (hereinafter called the "Organization") be kept at the Bank of Nova Scotia (hereinafter called the "Bank"); and

Further that the Authority's Chair, Vice Chair, the Chief Administrative Officer/Secretary-Treasurer, and the General Manager, Corporate and Financial Services/CFO, or any two of them are hereby authorized to sign, make, draw, accept, endorse and deliver cheques, promissory notes, bills of exchange, orders for the payment of money and such agreements and instruments as may be necessary or useful in connection with the operation of the said account; and

Further that any one of the above-mentioned officers is hereby authorized for and in the name of the Organization to endorse and transfer to the Bank for deposit or discount with or collection by the Bank (but for the credit of the Organization only) cheques, promissory notes, bills of exchange, orders for the payment of money and other instruments, to arrange, settle, balance and certify all books and accounts with the Bank and to sign receipts for vouchers. **Carried**

H. Borrowing Resolution

Councillor Roy-DiClemente asked if the Board would be notified should any borrowing of funds take place. Chief Financial Officer Critch noted that while it is unlikely that the Conservation Authority would need to borrow funds in 2026, the Board would be notified of such activity.

Moved by: A. Eek

Seconded by: F. Drodge

BOD-013-26 **Resolved that** signing officers for the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority be empowered to borrow up to \$500,000 on an Operating Loan Agreement, as required, for administration and/or capital expenditures. **Carried**

XI. Year 2026 Presentations

a) 2026 Capital and Operating Budget

General Manager, Corporate and Financial Services/CFO, Mark Critch, provided an update on the 2026 Proposed Capital and Operating Budget, noting that in December 2025, Board members approved the 2026 proposed Capital and Operating Budget for circulation to all participating and specified municipalities. The proposed budget was then circulated to all

participating and specified municipalities and was posted on the Conservation Authority's website for the legislatively required 30-day review period.

To view this presentation, please click this link: [2026 Budget Presentation](#)

Moved by: M. Thompson

Seconded by: T. Roy-DiClemente

BOD-014-26 **Resolved That** the presentation by General Manager, Corporate and Financial Services/CFO, Mark Critch, regarding an overview of the 2026 Draft Capital and Operating Budget be received for information.

Included in the agenda was Staff Report No. 01-26-BOD regarding the 2026 Capital and Operating Budget in accordance with Ontario Regulation 402/22. **Carried**

Moved by: M. Thompson

Seconded by: T. Roy-DiClemente

BOD-015-26 **Resolved That** Staff Report No. 01-26-BOD regarding the Conservation Authority's 2026 Operating and Capital Budget be received; and

Further That the 2026 Operating and Capital Budget and all projects therein be adopted; and

Further That staff be authorized to enter into agreements and/or execute documents with private sector organizations, non-governmental organizations or governments and their agencies for the undertaking of projects for the benefit of the Conservation Authority and funded by the sponsoring organization or agency, including projects that have not been provided for in the approved budget; and

Further That as required by O.Reg 402/22: Budget and Apportionment, this recommendation and the accompanying budget documents, including the schedule of Category 1 Mandatory levies, be approved by weighted votes. **Carried**

Ontario Regulation 402/22: Budget and Apportionment, requires that the budget be approved through the following three separate weighted votes:

1. Category 1 Mandatory Levy for delivery of Lake Simcoe Protection Act and Plan;
2. Other Category 1 Core Mandatory Levy; and
3. Overall 2026 Budget.

The three required weighted votes were conducted, and the 2026 Capital and Operating Budget was unanimously approved by those in attendance. The following table captures the voting results:

Representative	Category 1 LSPA	Yea/ Nea	Category 1 Other	Yea/ Nea	Overall 2026 Budget	Yea/ Nea
Councillor A. Courser City of Barrie	10.69%	Absent	11.87%	Absent	11.87%	Absent
Councillor F. Drodge Town of Innisfil	5.97%	Yea	6.66%	Yea	6.66%	Yea
Councillor A. Eek York Region (King)	7.14%	Yea	7.14%	Yea	7.14%	Yea
Councillor P. Ferragine Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury	6.48%	Yea	7.58%	Yea	7.58%	Yea
Regional Councillor B. Garrod Durham Region (Uxbridge)	2.46%	Yea	2.72%	Yea	2.72%	Yea
Councillor J. Gough, Township of Ramara	1.09%	Absent	1.29%	Absent	1.29%	Absent
Mayor R. Greenlaw (Vice Chair) Township of Oro-Medonte	1.62%	Yea	1.41%	Yea	1.41%	Yea
Councillor S. Harrison-McIntyre Town of New Tecumseth	0.71%	Yea	0.68%	Yea	0.68%	Yea
Chairman E. Jolliffe York Region (at Large)	7.14%	Yea	7.14%	Yea	7.14%	Yea
Councillor D. Le Roy Durham Region (Scugog)	2.46%	Absent	2.72%	Absent	2.72%	Absent
Mayor I. Lovatt York Region (Whitchurch-Stouffville)	7.14%	Yea	7.14%	Yea	7.14%	Yea
Councillor C. Pettingill Durham Region (Brock)	2.46%	Yea	2.72%	Yea	2.72%	Yea
Mayor M. Quirk York Region (Georgina)	7.14%	Yea	7.14%	Yea	7.14%	Yea
Councillor C. Riepma (Chair) City of Barrie	10.69%	Yea	11.87%	Yea	11.87%	Yea
Councillor T. Roy-DiClemente York Region (East Gwillimbury)	7.14%	Yea	7.14%	Yea	7.14%	Yea
Councillor M. Thompson York Region (Aurora)	7.14%	Yea	7.14%	Yea	7.14%	Yea
Dep Mayor/Reg Councillor T. Vegh York Region (Newmarket)	7.14%	Absent	7.14%	Absent	7.14%	Absent
Councillor E. Yeo City of Kawartha Lakes	1.86%	Absent	0.50%	Absent	0.50%	Absent
City of Orillia	3.53%	Absent	Not applicable		Not Applicable	
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XII. Hearings

There were no Hearings scheduled for this meeting.

XIII. Deputations

There were no Deputations scheduled for this meeting.

XIV. Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

XV. Adoption of Items Not Requiring Separate Discussion

Items No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 were identified under items not requiring separate discussion.

Moved by: M. Quirk

Seconded by: C. Pettingill

BOD-016-26 **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-017-26 **Resolved That** Correspondence Item a) be received for information. **Carried**

2. Monitoring Report – Planning and Development Applications for the Period January 1 through December 31, 2024

BOD-018-26 **Resolved that** Staff Report No. 02-26-BOD regarding the total number of development applications for the period January 1 through December 31, 2025 be received for information. **Carried**

3. 2026 Board of Directors' Meeting Schedule

The following scheduled was recommended for the remainder of 2026: March 6th, April 17th, May 29th, July 10th, August 21st, October 2nd, November 13th, and December 18th.

BOD-019-26 **Resolved that** Staff Report No. 03-26-BOD regarding the Board of Directors' Meeting Schedule for 2026 be received; and

Further that the proposed schedule be approved. **Carried**

4. 2026 Annual Priorities

BOD-020-26 **Resolved that** Staff Report No. 04-26-BOD regarding the Conservation Authority's 2026 Annual Priorities be received for information. **Carried**

5. Prequalification of Contractors and Consultants

BOD-021-26 **Resolved that** Staff Report No. 05-26-BOD regarding an update on the prequalification of consultants and contractors for the Restoration Services Department be received for information. **Carried**

6. Official Name of the New Education Facility at Scanlon Creek Conservation Area

BOD-022-26 **Resolved that** Staff Report No. 06-26-BOD regarding naming of the new education centre at Scanlon Creek Conservation Area be received; and

Further That the official name of **Scanlon Creek Nature Centre** be approved; and

Further That staff be directed to proceed with the next steps in the development of the signage for the centre. **Carried**

XVI. Consideration of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

No items remained for separate discussion.

XVII. Closed Session

There were no items for Closed Session.

XVIII. Other Business

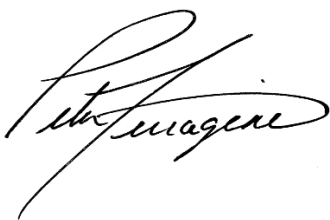
The next meeting of the Board of Directors will take place at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, March 6th. This meeting will be held in the Conservation Authority's Newmarket offices.

XIX. Adjournment

Moved by: I. Lovatt

Seconded by: E. Jolliffe

BOD-023-26 **Resolved That** the meeting be adjourned at 10:15 a.m. **Carried**



Councillor Peter Ferragine
Chair



Rob Baldwin
Chief Administrative Officer