

# Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority

## Board of Directors' Meeting

Board of Directors' Meeting No. BOD-02-26

Friday, March 6, 2026

120 Bayview Parkway, Newmarket

### Meeting Minutes

#### Members Present

Councillor P. Ferragine (Chair), Councillor A. Courser, Councillor F. Drodge, Councillor A. Eek, Regional Councillor B. Garrod, Mayor R. Greenlaw, Councillor S. Harrison-McIntyre, Regional Chairman E. Jolliffe, Councillor D. Le Roy, Councillor C. Pettingill, Mayor M. Quirk, Councillor Roy-DiClemente, Councillor M. Thompson, Deputy Mayor and Regional Councillor T. Vegh

#### Members Absent

Councillor C. Riepma (Vice Chair), Councillor J. Gough, Mayor I. Lovatt, Councillor E. Yeo

#### Staff Present

R. Baldwin, T. Barnett, A. Brown, M. Critch, A. Cullen, L. Curran, P. Davies, K. Goodale, D. Goodyear, L. Grzywniak, M. Morabito, G. Peat, C. Taylor, M. Touw, K. Yemm

### I. Land Acknowledgement

Councillor Roy-DiClemente 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: C. Pettingill

Seconded by: T. Roy-DiClemente

BOD-024-26 **Resolved That** the content of the Agenda for the March 6, 2026 meeting of the Board of Directors be approved as presented. **Carried**

## IV. Adoption of Minutes

### a) Board of Directors' Meeting

Moved by: D. LeRoy

Seconded by: R. Greenlaw

BOD-025-26 **Resolved That** the minutes of the Board of Directors' Annual General Meeting, No. BOD-01-26, held on Friday, January 23, 2026, be approved as circulated.

**Carried**

## V. Announcements

There were no announcements for this meeting.

## VI. Presentations

### a) 2025 Restoration Program Accomplishments

Manager, Restoration Services, Christa Sharp, provided an overview of the 2025 Restoration Program accomplishments, first outlining the Conservation Authority's restoration assistance program, as well as offsetting programs, which provide financial assistance to landowners for restoration projects. In 2025, the Conservation Authority funded 106 restoration projects on both urban and rural landscapes. Projects included a variety of critical on-the ground improvements within the Lake Simcoe watershed, such as low impact development features, community action projects, wetland habitat creation and agricultural projects. Projects are tracked for Key Performance Indicators, and some of these accomplishments include over 36 hectares of land being restored, over 3,000 metres of streambank being planted/stabilized, and 75% increased biodiversity and enhanced pollinator habitat. Ms. Sharp highlighted some of the team's favourite projects for 2025, as well as some exciting projects in progress for 2026. More information on these projects and the Conservation Authority's restoration assistance program can be found through this link: [Restoring the Lake Simcoe Watershed](#)

To view this presentation, please click this link: [2025 Restoration Program Accomplishments](#)

Moved by: C. Pettingill

Seconded by: E. Jolliffe

BOD-026-26 **Resolved That** the presentation by Manager, Restoration Services, Christa Sharp, regarding the 2025 Restoration Program accomplishments be received for information. **Carried**

Included in the agenda was Staff Report No. 07-26-BOD regarding the Conservation Authority's 2025 Restoration Program accomplishments.

Moved by: C. Pettingill

Seconded by: E. Jolliffe

BOD-027-26 **Resolved That** Staff Report No. 07-26-BOD regarding the Conservation Authority's 2025 Restoration Program accomplishments be received for information.

**Carried**

**b) Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation 2025 Preliminary Financial Results and Highlights**

Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation Executive Director, Cheryl Taylor, provided an overview of the 2025 Preliminary Financial Results and Highlights, noting the Foundation continues to effectively engage with its Lake Simcoe watershed donor community to encourage generous support of the incredible work of Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority. Incorporated in 1973, the Foundation's primary fundraising focus is its Annual Fund supporting outdoor education, restoration and protection, science and research and conservation areas. In 2018, the Connect Campaign was launched based on the critical need to replace the Scanlon Creek Nature Centre. She went on to review 2025 revenue, the highest in Foundation history. Other accomplishments include the Foundation's re-accreditation with Imagine Canada's Standards Program for excellence in non-profit management for the third time. Ms. Taylor reminded Board members of the Foundation's two 2026 signature events: the Annual Conservation Dinner and the Annual Golf Invitational, coming up on June 17<sup>th</sup> and August 25<sup>th</sup> respectively. More information on these events may be found through this link: [Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation Events](#)

To view this presentation, please click this link: [2025 Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation Accomplishments](#)

Moved by: A. Courser

Seconded by: T. Vegh

BOD-028-26 **Resolved That** the presentation by Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation Executive Director, Cheryl Taylor, regarding the 2025 Preliminary Financial Results and Highlights be received for information. **Carried**

Included in the agenda was Staff Report No. 08-26-BOD regarding the 2025 Preliminary Financial Results and Highlights.

Moved by: A. Courser

Seconded by: T. Vegh

BOD-029-26 **Resolved That** Staff Report No. 08-26-BOD regarding the Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation's 2025 Preliminary revenue results, accomplishments and highlights be received for information. **Carried**

## 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 2 were identified under items not requiring separate discussion.

Moved by: A. Eek

Seconded by: R. Greenlaw

BOD-030-26 **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. Planning and Development Fees and Draft Proposed Fee Schedule 2026

BOD-031-26 **Resolved That** Staff Report No. 09-26-BOD regarding the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Comprehensive Review of Planning and Development Fees by Watson & Associates be received; and

**Further That** the proposed Planning and Development Fees Policy be approved effective April 1, 2026. **Carried**

### 2. 2026 Conservation Awards Program and Ceremony

BOD-032-26 **Resolved That** Staff Report No. 10-26-BOD regarding the 2026 Conservation Awards Program and Ceremony be received for information. **Carried**

## XI. Consideration of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

No items were identified as requiring separate discussion.

## XII. Closed Session

The Board moved to Closed Session to deal with confidential legal matters.

Moved by: T. Roy-DiClemente

Seconded by: D. LeRoy

BOD-033-26 **Resolved That** the Board move to Closed Session to deal with confidential legal matters; and

**Further that** the Chief Administrative Officer and members of the Executive Leadership Team remain in the meeting for the discussion. **Carried**

The Board rose from Closed Session and report findings.

Moved by: T. Roy-DiClemente

Seconded by: D. LeRoy

BOD-034-26 **Resolved That** the Board rise from Closed Session and report findings. **Carried**

**a) Confidential Legal Matter**

Moved by: C. Pettingill

Seconded by: E. Jolliffe

BOD-035-26 **Resolved That** Confidential Staff Report No. 11-26-BOD regarding a confidential legal matter be received for information. **Carried**

**b) Confidential Legal Matter**

Moved by: C. Pettingill

Seconded by: E. Jolliffe

BOD-036-26 **Resolved That** Confidential Staff Report No. 12-26-BOD regarding a confidential legal matter be received for information. **Carried**

**c) Confidential Legal Matter**

Moved by: C. Pettingill

Seconded by: E. Jolliffe

BOD-037-26 **Resolved That** Confidential update regarding a confidential legal matter be received for information. **Carried**

### **XIII. Other Business**

- a) Chair Ferragine advised that the next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Friday, April 17, 2026. This meeting will be held in the Conservation Authority's Administrative Offices in Newmarket.

## XIV. Adjournment

Moved by: M. Quirk

Seconded by: S. Harrison-McIntyre

BOD-038-26 **Resolved That** the meeting be adjourned at 10:40 a.m. **Carried**



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Councillor Peter Ferragine  
Chair



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Rob Baldwin  
Chief Administrative Officer