

**LONG POINT REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS – MINUTES
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – FEBRUARY 24, 2012**

(as approved at the Board of Directors meeting held April 4, 2012)

Members in attendance: L. Bartlett, D. Beres, R. Chambers, B. Chanyi, M. Columbus, R. Geysens, C. Grice, R. Sackrider and D. Travale.

Staff in attendance: C. Evanitski, D. Holmes, J. Robertson, H. Surette, J. Maxwell, and D. McLachlan.

Guests: M. Betik, KPMG

Regrets: E. Ketchabaw.

The LPRCA Chair called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm Friday, February 24th, 2012 in the LPRCA Boardroom.

WELCOME

Chairman, R. Geysens, welcomed everyone to the Long Point Region Conservation Authority's 2012 Annual General Meeting.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

None recorded.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

None recorded.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

MOTION A-30 moved: R. Chambers seconded: C. Grice

THAT the minutes of the LPRCA Board of Directors regular meeting held February 1st, 2012, and the Mid-Month Development Applications emailed February 10th, 2012 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

INTRODUCTIONS

The municipal and provincial partners were introduced as were the guests from neighbouring conservation authorities. C. Ashbaugh, Chair of the Source Water Protection Committee, reviewed the work of the Committee and thanked the representatives and staff from LPRCA for their contributions.

FULL AUTHORITY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Leroy Bartlett, Dave Beres, Robert Chambers, Betty Chanyi, Michael Columbus
Roger Geysens, Craig Grice, Ed Ketchabaw, Ron Sackrider, Dennis Travale

NEW BUSINESS

a) CALENDAR REVIEW

The Board Members were reminded that there will be no meeting in March. On March 6th there will be a meeting of Municipal Flood Coordinators at the LPRCA office, and staff will be participating in a Soil Testing Workshop in Delhi. New this year is an invitation-only event at Backus entitled "Art Through the Eyes of Vic Gibbons" to be held April 1st.

MOTION A-31 moved by: C. Grice seconded: L. Bartlett

That the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the March Calendar Review Report as information.

CARRIED

b) DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

The report was withdrawn

c) VEHICLE TENDERS

Ads had been placed in local papers advertising for two new ½ ton pickup trucks. Two tenders were received.

MOTION A-32 moved by: C. Grice seconded: M. Columbus

That the LPRCA Board of Directors accepts the tender submitted by Aitken Motors Ltd. for the purchase of one new ½ ton pick-up truck for a total submitted price of \$18,121.64 including all applicable taxes.

CARRIED

d) NOTICE OF FORMAL MOTIONS

MOTION A-33 moved: R. Chambers seconded: C. Grice

That the LPRCA Board of Directors authorizes the Chairman or Vice-Chairman and the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer or Manager of Corporate Services to borrow funds as required for the day-to-day operations of the Authority.

CARRIED

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MOTION A-34 moved by: R. Chambers seconded: R. Sackrider

That the LPRCA Board of Directors approves the Chair, Vice-Chair, General Manager and Manager of Corporate Services as designated signing officers for Authority business for the year 2012.

CARRIED

MOTION A-35 moved by: R. Sackrider seconded: B. Chanyi

That the LRPCA Board of Directors, pursuant to Section 26 (2) and 27 (2&3) of The Conservation Authorities Act RSO 1990, Chapter 27, designate all Member Municipalities as Benefiting Municipalities for the Administration, Capital and Operations Costs in the same proportion that the current value assessment of the whole Municipality or part thereof bears to the total assessment of the whole area under the jurisdiction of the Authority.

CARRIED

MOTION A-36 moved by: D. Travale seconded: R. Sackrider

That the LPRCA Board of Directors authorizes all members appointed to the Lee Brown Committee from the Community at Large be deemed to be Authority members for the purpose of receiving remuneration for their services on the same basis as regular members of the Authority for 2012.

CARRIED

MOTION A-37 moved by: D. Travale seconded: B. Chanyi

That the LPRCA Board of Directors designates the Authority Chairman as the Authority's representative to Conservation Ontario (CO), with the Vice-Chairman designated as alternate, and further that the General Manager be directed to participate on appropriate committees of CO, and be authorized to vote in the absence of the designated representatives.

CARRIED

AUDIT COMMITTEE

R. Geysens introduced D. Beres, Chair of the Audit Committee.

MOTION A-38 moved by: L. Bartlett seconded: M. Columbus

THAT the minutes of the LPRCA Audit Committee's meeting held February 16th, 2012 be adopted as circulated.

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CARRIED

M. Betik of KPMG was introduced.

D. Beres noted that the Audit Committee met February 16th, 2012 and received a clean audit report from KPMG.

MOTION A-39 moved by: R. Chambers seconded: L. Bartlett

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors approves the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2011 prepared by KPMG, LLP, Chartered Accountants.

CARRIED

MOTION A-40 moved by: M. Columbus seconded: L. Bartlett

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors approves the appointment of KPMG, LLP, Chartered Accountants as LPRCA's auditors for the 2012 fiscal period as per the 5-year proposal of September 8th, 2008.

CARRIED

2011 COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) 2011 ANNUAL REPORT

The 2011 annual report was presented by the GM with thanks to J. Robertson and staff for their input and participation in the many events throughout the year. He drew everyone's attention to page 5 "What We Do" and also noted that LPRCA's parks attracted approximately 300, 000 visitors in 2011.

b) LEE BROWN MARSH MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Chair, T. Haskett commended staff on the Annual Report and read aloud LPRCA's mandate on page 4.

The Lee Brown Marsh Management Committee (LBMMC) met three times in 2011 and one of the main issues of concern is the phragmites problem at the Marsh. He noted that LPRCA is leading the trial phragmites control program that is showing measurable results and gaining interest from others, including adjacent land owners.

The Chair thanked Mr. Haskett and the LBMMC for their continued work and support.

MOTION A-41 moved by: L. Bartlett seconded: M. Columbus

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the 2011 Annual Report and the Lee Brown Marsh Management Committee report as information.

CARRIED

FULL AUTHORITY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Brian Craig was a Senior Science Advisor with Environment Canada's Ecological Monitoring and Assessment Network. He recently retired from Parks Canada as a Landscape Ecologist and Project Manager, and holds directorships with the Canadian Biosphere Reserves Association, the Carolinian Canada Coalition and the Long Point World Biosphere Reserve Foundation.

Mr. Craig reviewed the 2006 State of Point Pelee report detailing the changes and causes of erosion there over the last 50 years. Current projections estimate that 432 acres will be lost at Point Pelee over the next 50 years. His presentation reflected the relevance of his work at Point Pelee to what it potentially could mean for the Long Point Region watershed.

The Chairman acknowledged the contributions of all staff to the organization and then adjourned the meeting at 2:30pm and invited everyone to enjoy the refreshments.

Roger Geysens
Chairman

Dana McLachlan
Administrative Assistant

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