



**LONG POINT REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES of February 5, 2020
Approved February 28, 2020**

Members in attendance: Dave Beres, Michael Columbus, Valerie Donnell, Roger Geysens, Tom Masschaele, John Scholten and Peter Ypma

Staff in attendance: J. Maxwell, A. LeDuc, B. Hodi, D. Thain and D. McLachlan

Regrets: Robert Chambers, Kristal Chopp, Ken Hewitt and Stewart Patterson

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm Wednesday, February 5, 2020 in the Tillsonburg Administration Office Boardroom.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

MOTION A-14/20 moved: P. Ypma seconded: D. Beres

That the LPRCA Board of Directors add "Presentation by Strong & Nenninger" under New Business as item 10 (j) to the February 5, 2020 agenda.

CARRIED

DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None

DEPUTATIONS

None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

MOTION A-15/20 moved: J. Scholten seconded: R. Geysens

THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting held January 8, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING

None

FULL AUTHORITY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Roger Geysens, Ken Hewitt, Tom Masschaele, Stewart Patterson, John Scholten, Peter Ypma

REVIEW OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

- a) Lee Brown Marsh Management Committee – May 3, 2019

MOTION A-16/20

moved: D. Beres

seconded: J. Scholten

THAT the minutes from the Lee Brown Marsh Management Committee meeting of May 3, 2019 be received as information.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Conservation Ontario letter to Minister Yakabuski Re: Ontario's Special Advisor on Flooding Report to Government: An Independent Review of the 2019 Flood Events in Ontario
- b) Municipality of Strathroy-Cardoc Re: Council Meeting January 20, 2020 – Approval of Resolution LTVC – Watershed Management Programs

MOTION A-17/20

moved: R. Geysens

seconded: V. Donnell

THAT the correspondence outlined in the Board of Director's Agenda of February 5, 2020 be received as information.

CARRIED

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

- a) Staff Approved applications

Staff approved seven applications since the last meeting. All met policy criteria. LPRCA-224/19-REVISED, LPRCA-249/19, LPRCA-250/19, LPRCA-1/20, LPRCA-2/20, LPRCA-7/20 and LPRCA-9/20.

MOTION A-18/20

moved: P. Ypma

seconded: D. Beres

That the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the Staff Approved Section 28 Regulation Applications report dated January 27, 2020 as information.

CARRIED

- b) New applications

The Planning Department recommended approval for three applications.

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MOTION A-19/20

moved: J. Scholten

seconded: R. Geysens

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors approves the following Development Applications contained within the background section of this report:

- A. *For Work under Section 28 Regulations, Development, Interference with Wetlands & Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulations (R.R.O. 1990 Reg. 178/06),*

LPRCA-257/19

LPRCA-258/19

LPRCA-10/20

- B. *That the designated officers of LPRCA be authorized to complete the approval process for this Development Application, as far as it relates to LPRCA's mandate and related Regulations.*

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

a) GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Backus Heritage Conservation Area will be hosting the Vittoria & District Foundation's Annual General Meeting. The Foundation recently approved \$10,000 in funding towards the Education Centre's gallery revitalization project.

The pumphouses and water intakes along the lake at Haldimand and Norfolk Conservation Areas received some damage in the fall storms. Staff are reviewing options.

The GM provided the Board with some information for the upcoming consultation to the Conservation Authorities Act and Regulations in London.

MOTION A-20/20

moved: D. Beres

seconded: P. Ypma

That the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the General Manager's Report for January 2020 as information.

CARRIED

b) 2020 TREE ORDER

Annually, LPRCA purchases a variety of native tree and shrub species for restoration projects which include the LPRCA Private Land Tree Planting Program, 50 Million Tree Program, Clean Water project and the Ontario Power Generation/Forest Corridor

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Program. Staff is proposing to order 53,250 seedlings for the 2020 spring tree plant from two of the four nurseries pre-selected by Forests Ontario's 50 Million Program. This is a cost-recovery program and is not anticipated to affect the budget.

MOTION A-21/20

moved: V. Donnell

seconded: D. Beres

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors approves the 2020 tree order of 53,250 trees at a cost of \$52,629.50 for the spring tree planting season.

CARRIED

c) 2020 FLOOD CONTINGENCY PLAN

The LPRCA Flood Contingency Plan is a guide for municipalities, emergency services and other partners in the event of flood emergencies. The January 2020 Plan presented has not changed in terms of content, only the flood emergency contact list has been updated.

MOTION A-22/20

moved: P. Ypma

seconded: T. Masschaele

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the LPRCA 2020 Flood Contingency Plan for information.

CARRIED

d) JANUARY 2020 FLOOD EVENTS AND WATERSHED CONDITIONS

The year has started with above average temperatures and very little snow pack. A Flood Watch was issued January 12th for Big Otter Creek and the Lake Erie shoreline after 30 to 80 mm of rain had fallen on January 10th combined with strong southwest winds. A Flood Warning was issued January 18th for Haldimand due to another strong southwesterly wind event for Lake Erie. There have been six major lakeshore surge events over the last 13 months. The lack of ice on the lakes has contributed to the surges in some shoreline areas.

The long-range outlook predicts an almost 50% chance of meeting record lake levels this summer.

MOTION A-23/20

moved: R. Geysens

seconded: J. Scholten

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the January 2020 flood event and watershed conditions update report as information.

CARRIED

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e) YEARS OF SERVICE RECOGNITION

There are seven staff and one Board Member who reached service milestones in 2019. They will be recognized at the 2020 Annual General Meeting.

MOTION A-24/20 moved: J. Scholten seconded: P. Ypma

THAT the Years of Service Recognition Report be received as information.

CARRIED

f) ALUS ELGIN PARTNERSHIP REPORT

The GM provided a history of the LPRCA-ALUS Partnership which began in 2011. The ALUS Elgin Coordinator is LPRCA staff and reports to the Lands and Waters Supervisor. Staff recommended to include members of the LPRCA Board on the ALUS Elgin Public Advisory Committee (PAC) and establish the PAC as a formal committee of the LPRCA.

MOTION A-25/20 moved: T. Masschaele seconded: V. Donnell

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the ALUS Elgin Update as information;

AND,

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors approves the ALUS Elgin Partnership Advisory Committee (PAC) as a committee of the LPRCA Board of Directors;

AND,

THAT the Committee's Terms of Reference be updated for the LPRCA Board of Directors approval.

CARRIED

g) ECOLOGICAL SURVEY FOR SELECTED LPRCA PROPERTIES

LPRCA contracts a qualified ecologist to survey properties prior to forest management activities for species at risk and species of concern on an annual basis. Staff retained the services of Paul O'Hara of Blue Oak Native Landscapes to complete the 2019 surveys. The ecological surveys assist staff in preparing the prescriptions/operating plans. In 2019 ecological surveys were conducted at three properties; the West Block Swick-King, Block 1 Roberts-Hird, and Block 1 Harris-Floyd Tracts. The goal is to accumulate baseline data for all properties.

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MOTION A-26/20

moved: T. Masschaele

seconded: P. Ypma

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors approves the recommendations contained in the report submitted by Blue Oak Native Landscapes titled “Field Surveys for Species at Risk Plants and Provincially Rare Plants at Swick-King Tract (West Block), Tarcza-Roberts-Hird Tact (Block #1), and Harris-Floyd Tract (Block #1)”.

CARRIED

h) FOREST MANAGEMENT PRESCRIPTIONS/OPERATING PLANS

Using information provided in the ecological surveys, staff prepare prescriptions/operating plans for the forest tracts that will receive some form of silvicultural treatment. Upon approval, staff will mark the property then tender out the contract. Two prescriptions/operating plans for the Harris-Floyd Tract (Block #1) and the Tarcza-Hird-Roberts Tract (Block #1) were presented for approval.

MOTION A-27/20

moved: R. Geysens

seconded: T. Masschaele

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors approves the two prescriptions/operating plans for the Harris-Floyd Tract (Block #1) on the 5th Concession of Houghton Township and the Tarcza-Hird-Roberts Tract (Block #1) on County Road #19 of Windham Township.

CARRIED

i) 20-YEAR FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN (2020-2039)

The process to update 20-Year Forest Management Plan (2020-2039) began in 2019 and included a public open house and an online survey that elicited 153 responses. Fraser Smith Consulting has submitted the final report which is now posted on the LPRCA website.

MOTION A-28/20

moved: V. Donnell

seconded: J. Scholten

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the Forest Management Plan 2020-2039 as information.

CARRIED

j) PRESENTATION BY STRONG & NENNINGER

MOTION A-29/20

moved: D. Beres

seconded: T. Masschaele

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors remove item 10 (j) from the open session agenda.

CARRIED

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MOTION A-30/20

moved: P. Ypma

seconded: J. Scholten

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors does now enter into a closed session to discuss:

- A proposed of pending acquisition or disposition of land by the Authority*
- Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals (e.g. Local Planning Appeal Tribunal), affecting the Authority*

CARRIED

MOTION A-31/20

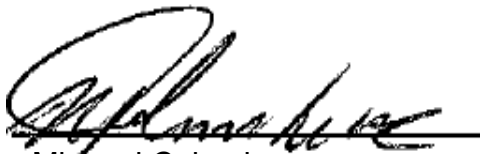
moved: R. Geysens

seconded: J. Scholten

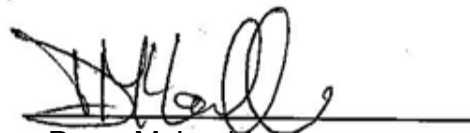
THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors does now adjourn from the closed session.

CARRIED

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:55pm.



Michael Columbus
Chair



Dana McLachlan
Administrative Assistant

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