



LONG POINT REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
Board of Directors Meeting of November 4, 2020
Approved December 2, 2020

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

Staff in attendance: Judy Maxwell, Aaron LeDuc, and Dana McLachlan. Ben Hodi attended via conference call

Regrets: Kristal Chopp, Ken Hewitt and Stewart Patterson

1. Welcome and Call to Order

The chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 4, 2020.

2. Additional Agenda Items

There were no additional agenda items.

3. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

None were declared.

4. Deputations

There were no deputations.

5. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

a) Board of Directors Meeting of October 7, 2020

A-99/20

Moved by J. Scholten

Seconded by V. Donnell

That the minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting held October 7, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

6. Business Arising

There was no business arising.

7. Review of Committee Minutes

There were no committee meeting minutes for review.

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8. Correspondence

There was no correspondence to report.

9. Development Applications

a) Staff Approved applications

Staff approved 28 applications since the last meeting in October: LPRCA-207/20, LPRCA-208/20, LPRCA-209/20, LPRCA-210/20, LPRCA-213/20, LPRCA-214/20, LPRCA-215/20, LPRCA-216/20, LPRCA-217/20, LPRCA-218/20, LPRCA-220/20, LPRCA-221/20, LPRCA-222/20, LPRCA-223/20, LPRCA-225/20, LPRCA-226/20, LPRCA-227/20, LPRCA-228/20, LPRCA-229/20, LPRCA-230/20, LPRCA-231/20, LPRCA-232/20, LPRCA-233/20, LPRCA-234/20, LPRCA-244/20, LPRCA-246/20, LPRCA-249/20 and LPRCA-250/20.

All of the staff approved applications met the requirements as set out in Section 28 of the *Conservation Authorities Act*.

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Moved by R. Geysens

Seconded by J. Scholten

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

CARRIED

10. New Business

a) General Manager's Report

J. Maxwell reviewed the activities and accomplishments achieved over the past month.

The Campgrounds closed October 15th and hydro upgrades have started at Deer Creek CA. The Phase 3 Waterford North CA upgrades to install 54 hydro/water sites will begin shortly starting with a new road installation.

Responding to the Chair's request for further information, the General Manager noted that approximately nine acres of 2020 tree planting sites from the private tree planting program will be need to be replanted due to the hot and dry temperatures this past June.

A-101/20

Moved by D. Beres

Seconded by R. Chambers

That the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the General Manager's Report for October

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b) Ecological Surveys of Selected LPRCA Properties

LPRCA contracts a qualified ecologist to survey properties for species at risk and species of concern on an annual basis. Staff retained the services of Natural Resource Solutions Inc., as approved by the Board earlier this year, to complete the 2020 surveys at four LPRCA properties.

The goal is to accumulate baseline data for all LPRCA properties as the ecological surveys assist staff in preparing the prescriptions/operating plans.

A-102/20

Moved by R. Geysens

Seconded by V. Donnell

That the LPRCA Board of Directors approves the recommendations contained in the report submitted by Natural Resource Solutions Inc. titled "Long Point Region Conservation Authority Ecological Inventories for Significant Plant Species and Vegetation Communities at Sackrider, Parrott, Nemeth, Harris Floyd (Block #2) Tracts.

CARRIED

c) Forest Management Prescriptions/Operating Plans

Staff prepares prescriptions/operating plans for the forest tracts that will receive some form of silvicultural treatment. Plans for the Harris Floyd (Block #2) and the Parrott Tracts were presented.

Marking will be completed this fall in preparation for tendering early next year.

A-103/20

Moved by J. Scholten

Seconded by V. Donnell

That the LPRCA Board of Directors approves the prescriptions/operating plans for the Harris Floyd (Block #2) Tract on the 5th Concession of Houghton Township, and the Parrott Tract on the 2nd Concession of Middleton Township.

CARRIED

d) 3rd Quarter Financials

A. LeDuc reviewed the overall financial picture to October 31, 2020.

As expected, campground revenues were negatively impacted by the COVID-19

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restrictions but the forestry department attained its budgeted revenue target.

To offset the reduced revenue, staffing was reduced and purchasing restrictions were implemented. As a result of these actions, LPRCA was in a surplus position as at September 30, 2020.

With the actions taken to date and the continued expenditure restraints, the forecast is projected to be between zero and 1% of budget.

Management will continue to monitor the financial operations and will take action to mitigate further potential risks if required.

J. Maxell provided an update and projection on the outstanding capital projects as requested by the Chair. Due to the pandemic, some of the projects are deferred until 2021.

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Moved by R. Chambers

Seconded by R. Geysens

That the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the 3rd Quarter 2020 Budget Performance Report for the period up to and including September 30th, 2020 as information.

CARRIED

e) Watershed Conditions Update

LPRCA Flood Coordinators have posted a standing Flood Outlook message and provided the municipal emergency management coordinators with daily updates since May 2019 due to the consistently high static Lake Erie levels.

Although the level of Lake Erie has decreased throughout this past summer, static water levels on Lake Erie, and the other four great lakes, remains above historic levels.

Localized flooding and erosion continue to occur along the shoreline. The number of permit applications for shoreline and repair work continue to be high due to Lake Erie conditions.

Strong southwest winds, typical in the fall, tend to create a temporary surge in lake levels. Therefore, the risk of flooding and erosion remains high and there is a one-in-three chance of seeing another event similar to October 30, 2019.

It is predicted that Lake Erie water levels will remain high over the next few months but is unlikely to see record levels.

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Moved by V. Donnell
Seconded by R. Geysens

That the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the October 2020 shoreline conditions update report as information.

CARRIED

11. Closed Session

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Moved by R. Chambers
Seconded by D. Beres

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

- *A trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial or financial information that belongs to the Authority and has monetary value or potential monetary value; or*
- *A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the Authority.*

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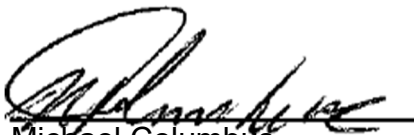
Moved by D. Beres
Seconded by R. Geysens


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

CARRIED

12. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.


Michael Columbus
Chair


Dana McLachlan
Administrative Assistant

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