



**LONG POINT REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS Annual General Meeting – February 22, 2019
Approved April 3, 2019**

Members in attendance: Dave Beres, Robert Chambers, Kristal Chopp, Michael Columbus, Valerie Donnell, Roger Geysens, John Scholten and Peter Ypma
Staff in attendance: J. Maxwell, A. LeDuc, B. Colman and D. McLachlan
Regrets: Ken, Hewitt, Tom Masschaele and Stewart Patterson
Keynote Speaker: Lara Ellis, Vice-President of Policy and Partnerships, ALUS Canada

The LPRCA Chair called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm Friday, February 22, 2019 in the LPRCA Boardroom.

WELCOME

Chair, Michael Columbus, introduced himself and welcomed everyone to the Long Point Region Conservation Authority's 2019 Annual General Meeting. He commented on the highlights and achievements of LPRCA during 2019 including the Conservation Authorities Act update, the success of the phragmites eradication program at the Lee Brown Waterfowl Area, the sale of the administration building and the 38-acre property donation by Mr. Joseph Blommaert.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

None recorded.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

None recorded.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

MOTION A-29/19 moved: J. Scholten seconded: R. Geysens

THAT the minutes of the LPRCA Board of Directors regular meeting held February 6, 2019 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair introduced the members of the Long Point Region Conservation Authority Board of Directors then introduced the various provincial and municipal partners in attendance, as well as, the guests from neighbouring conservation authorities.

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SERVICE AWARDS PRESENTATION

The following staff and board members have reached service milestones with LPRCA this past year.

Debbie Thain, Forestry Technician	10 years
Barry Norman, Forestry Labourer	10 years
Roger Geysens, LPRCA board member from Norfolk County	15 years

CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP AWARD PRESENTATION

LPRCA encourages everyone to help enhance and protect the watershed and supports private land stewardship. The Conservation Stewardship award was created to recognize those individuals who take action to enhance and protect the watershed as well as their own properties. The second annual LPRCA Conservation Stewardship Award presented by Chair Columbus was awarded to Glenn Coon. Mr. Coon and his wife Pam have made a commitment to positive environmental actions that contribute to a more sustainable and healthier watershed as part of the Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS) Norfolk. Their farm properties, located in Port Rowan, include reforestation projects, tallgrass prairie projects and numerous wetlands that support and improve wildlife. Projects include 20 habitat nesting structures, two erosion control structures and berms, as well as two hickenbottom structures. They also have two grassed waterways, 16 reforestation projects as well as a large volume of native grassland plantings; and nine wetland projects have been either created or enhanced.

Mr. and Mrs. Coon thanked LPRCA for the award which they stated was made possible with the help and expertise of LPRCA, ALUS Norfolk and Trees Ontario. With the support they have received over the years from their community they felt the need to give back and do their little bit to mitigate climate change.

NEW BUSINESS

a) UTV SIDE BY SIDE TENDER

A UTV was purchased in 2018 for Backus as a test to replace a rented pickup truck. The trial was successful and this year, two UTVs will be purchased for two other parks to replace vehicles. Nine bids were received by the deadline. Staff recommended the lowest bidder that met, or exceeded, all the tender requirements.

MOTION A-30/19 moved: R. Geysens seconded: J. Scholten

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors accepts the tender submitted by Norfolk Tractor for the purchase of two new side by side Kubota RTVX900 utility vehicles for a unit price of \$13, 500 and total price of \$27,000 (excluding HST).

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b) LAWMOWER TENDER

As per the 2019 capital, staff sought tenders for a riding mower to replace the 2007 model currently at Backus. Four bids were received by the deadline and all met or exceeded the required tender specifications. Staff recommended the lowest bidder.

MOTION A-31/19 moved: R. Geysens seconded: J. Scholten

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors accepts the tender submitted by Blue West Equipment for the purchase of one new sub-compact lawn tractor (Kioti CS2210) for \$12,200 (excluding HST).

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c) WNCA HYDRO TENDER

Phase one of the Waterford North Conservation Area hydro upgrade was tendered earlier and no bids were received. The project was retendered and three bids were received by the deadline. The lowest bid was over budget and staff requested a reallocation of capital funds. Staff recommended the tender be awarded to the lowest bidder.

MOTION A-32/19 moved: D. Beres seconded: K. Chopp

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors approves the reallocation of \$21,415 from the 2019 WNCA Water and Electrical Service Additions (Phase Two) capital Project to the 2018 WNCA Water and Electrical Services Additions (Phase One) project;

AND

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors accepts the tender submitted by Norfolk Electric for the contracting of electrical services at WNCA (Phase One) for \$104,300 (excluding HST).

CARRIED

d) NOTICE OF FORMAL MOTIONS

MOTION A-33/19 moved: R. Geysens seconded: J. Scholten

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

CARRIED

MOTION A-34/19 moved: J. Scholten seconded: R. Geysens

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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 2019.

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MOTION A-35/19 moved: D. Beres seconded: K. Chopp

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 2019.

CARRIED

MOTION A-36/19 moved: D. Beres seconded: K. Chopp

That the LPRCA Board of Directors designates the Authority Chair as the Authority's representative to Conservation Ontario (CO), with the Vice-Chair 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 AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Chair introduced Dave Beres, Chair of the Audit and Finance Committee.

After introducing Matt Betik, Audit Partner of KPMG, Chair Beres stated that the Audit and Finance Committee met February 14, 2019 and received and reviewed the financial statements in detail. KPMG issued a clean opinion of the Authority's 2018 financial reports and found that the financial statements fairly presented the Authority's position.

MOTION A-37/19 moved by: R. Geysens seconded: J. Scholten

THAT the minutes of the LPRCA Audit and Finance Committee's meeting held February 14, 2019 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

MOTION A-38/19 moved by: V. Donnell seconded: K. Chopp

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors approves the financial statements for the year ended December 31st, 2018 prepared by KPMG, LLP, Chartered Accountants.

CARRIED

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MOTION A-39/19

moved by: V. Donnell

seconded: K. Chopp

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors approves the appointment of KPMG, LLP Chartered Accountants as LPRCA's auditors for the 2019 fiscal period or until a successor is appointed.

CARRIED**2018 COMMITTEE REPORTS****a) 2018 ANNUAL REPORT**

The GM presented and reviewed the 2018 annual report which highlights the environmental and social benefits of the Conservation Authority through the various projects and achievements of LPRCA over the past year. The GM thanked staff, the board and the various partners for their participation and efforts in helping LPRCA improve the environment for those living within the LPRCA watershed

b) LEE BROWN MARSH MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Chair Tom Haskett reviewed the activities conducted at the Lee Brown Waterfowl Management Area and of the Lee Brown Marsh Management Committee. He made mention that it was the Lee Brown Marsh Management Committee (LBMMC) and Long Point Region Conservation Authority that took the lead in managing the invasive plant phragmites that is damaging Ontario's wetlands and beaches. It was also noted that the Committee will be playing a large role in the waterfowl displays upgrade project at the Backus Education Centre.

Chair Haskett thanked staff with special mention to Kim Brown, Lee Brown Marsh Manager.

MOTION A-40/19

moved by: D. Beres

seconded: R. Geysens

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the 2018 Annual Report and the Lee Brown Marsh Management Committee Report as information.

CARRIED**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

Lara Ellis, Vice President of Policy and Partnerships, ALUS Canada was introduced by Chair Columbus. Ms. Ellis has been involved with the US Consul General's working groups focused on Great Lakes solutions since 2016.

In her presentation "ALUS and Natural Infrastructure: Working with Farmers to Rebuild

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Natural Capital”, Ms. Ellis noted that the ALUS program was largely started in Norfolk, Ontario and is now in 25 communities in six provinces with tremendous growth observed in Alberta.

ALUS works with landowners to help mitigate flood and drought damage and improve water quality through natural infrastructure improvements. ALUS is working on making the connection between the work that is being done with methods to reduce costs and the mechanisms needed to make that happen.

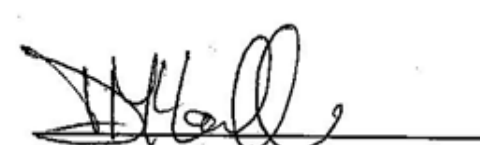
They have also reviewed programming in other countries noting that the US and European models provide large scale investment to help reach infrastructure goals by working with farmers to improve natural infrastructure.

Working in partnership with other interested parties, ALUS Canada continues advocating for improved programming within Canada.

The Vice-chair thanked Ms. Ellis for her presentation and then adjourned the meeting at 3:00pm.



Michael Columbus
Chair



Dana McLachlan
Administrative Assistant

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