



**LONG POINT REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
of February 23, 2018**

Approved April 4, 2018

Members in attendance: Leroy Bartlett, Dave Beres, Doug Brunton, Wayne Casier, Robert Chambers, Michael Columbus, Roger Geysens, Noel Haydt and John Scholten
Staff in attendance: J. Maxwell, L. Minshall and D. McLachlan
Regrets: David Hayes and Craig Grice
Keynote Speaker: Katherine Balpataky, Editor, Water Canada magazine

The LPRCA Chair called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm Friday, February 23, 2018 in the LPRCA Boardroom.

WELCOME

Chair, Michael Columbus, introduced himself and welcomed everyone to the Long Point Region Conservation Authority's 2018 Annual General Meeting. He commented on the highlights and achievements of LPRCA during 2017 including the infrastructure upgrades at the parks, the tree planting programs, the Canada150 Longest Picnic Table Guinness World Record event and the recent flooding events. Mr. Columbus noted that the flood warning has now been cancelled by staff but the stream levels still remain high and swift flowing.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

None recorded.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

None recorded.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

MOTION A-42/18 moved: R. Geysens seconded: W. Casier

THAT the minutes of the LPRCA Board of Directors regular meeting held February 7, 2018 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair introduced the members of the Long Point Region Conservation Authority Board

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of Directors then introduced the various provincial and municipal partners in attendance, as well as, the guests from neighbouring conservation authorities.

SERVICE AWARDS PRESENTATION

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

Fiona Navickas, Outdoor Educator	5 years
Robert Chambers, LPRCA board member from Brant County	10 years
Dana McLachlan, Administrative Assistant	10 years
Robert Dewdney, Lee Brown Marsh Labourer	30 years

NEW BUSINESS

a) DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

The Planning Department approved seven applications since the last meeting: LPRCA-326/17, LPRCA-16/18, LPRCA-19/18, LPRCA-21/18, LPRCA-22/18, LPRCA-23/18 and LPRCA-24/18. No questions or comments.

MOTION A-43/18 moved: W. Casier seconded: R. Chambers

That the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the Staff Approved Section 28 Regulation Applications report dated February 14, 2018 as information.

CARRIED

b) NOTICE OF FORMAL MOTIONS

MOTION A-44/18 moved by: R. Chambers seconded: R. Geysens

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-45/18 moved by: L. Bartlett seconded: D. Brunton

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 2018.

CARRIED

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MOTION A-46/18 moved by: L. Bartlett seconded: W. Casier

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-47/18 moved by: L. Bartlett seconded: D. Brunton

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 2018.

CARRIED

MOTION A-48/18 moved by: W. Casier seconded: R. Chambers

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. The Audit and Finance Committee met February 13, 2018 and received and reviewed the financial statements in detail. KPMG issued a clean opinion of the Authority's 2017 financial reports and found that the financial statements fairly presented the Authority's position.

MOTION A-49/18 moved by: L. Bartlett seconded: D. Brunton

THAT the minutes of the LPRCA Audit and Finance Committee's meeting held August 30, 2017 be received as information.

CARRIED

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MOTION A-50/18 moved by: R. Geysens seconded: L. Bartlett

THAT the minutes of the LPRCA Audit and Finance Committee's meeting held February 13, 2018 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

MOTION A-51/18 moved by: D Brunton seconded: R. Chambers

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors approves the financial statements for the year ended December 31st, 2017 prepared by KPMG, LLP, Chartered Accountants.

CARRIED

MOTION A-52/18 moved by: D. Brunton seconded: W. Casier

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors approves the appointment of KPMG, LLP Chartered Accountants as LPRCA's auditors for the 2018 fiscal period or until a successor is appointed.

CARRIED

2017 COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

The Acting GM presented the 2017 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 Acting 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 provided some history on the Lee Brown Waterfowl Management Area, and the Lee Brown Marsh Management Committee noting 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. The phragmites is now well-controlled on LPRCA lands and staff are continuing to work with neighbouring land owners to reduce the spread. The Committee continues to monitor the agricultural land at the Marsh to ensure the soil health and that good conservation practices are being followed by the tenant. The Committee was able to present scholarships to two students with funds from the Leighton and Betty Brown Scholarship this past year with hopes of providing two or three scholarships in 2018.

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

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MOTION A-53/18

moved by: D. Brunton

seconded: L. Bartlett

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the 2017 Annual Report and the Lee Brown Marsh Management Committee Report as information.

CARRIED

KEYNOTE SPEAKER


Katherine Balpataky, Editor of Water Canada Magazine was introduced by board member Dave Beres. Ms. Balpataky has been involved with the US Consul General's working groups focused on Great Lakes solutions since 2016.

In her presentation "Good Will for Great Lakes", Ms. Balpataky noted that the program began when Juan Alsace, US Consul General Toronto, wanted to do more to protect the great lakes which are shared by Canada and the United States and hosted a roundtable discussion in April 2016. From this event, four working groups were formed.

1. The Great Lakes Swimming Group – educate the public about the health of the great lakes beaches
2. The Great Lakes Phosphorus Levels Group – best practices to help reduce phosphorus loading and combat algae blooms in Lake Erie.
3. Improving Climate Change Resiliency through Technology and Innovation – to support municipalities in their efforts to reduce the impact of storm water and combined sewer overflows into waterways
4. Reducing Winter Road Over-Salting for Watershed Health and Management – to educate the public about road salt contamination of the Great Lakes.

Since the original roundtable event, the working groups have been meeting with various public and private stakeholders to create dialogue, educate, create and apply new technologies, and provide leadership to protect these critical water resources

The Chair thanked Ms. Balpataky for her presentation and then adjourned the meeting at 2:50pm.



Michael Columbus
Chair



Dana McLachlan
Administrative Assistant

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