



LONG POINT REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – February 27, 2015

(as approved at the Board of Directors meeting held April 1, 2015)

Members in attendance: Leroy Bartlett, Dave Beres, Doug Brunton, Robert Chambers, Michael Columbus, Roger Geysens, Noel Haydt, John Scholten, Tom Southwick
Staff in attendance: C. Evanitski, J. Robertson, J. Maxwell, L. Minshall and D. McLachlan
Keynote Speaker: Dr. Blair Feltmate
Regrets: Craig Grice, David Hayes

The LPRCA Chair called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm Friday, February 27th 2015 in the LPRCA Boardroom.

WELCOME

Chair Columbus, introduced himself and welcomed everyone to the Long Point Region Conservation Authority's 2015 Annual General Meeting. He provided some history of LPRCA, its mandate and noted the many challenges faced by the Conservation Authority including species at risk, invasive species and climate change.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

None recorded.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

None recorded.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

MOTION A-29/15 moved: D. Brunton seconded: L. Bartlett

THAT the minutes of the LPRCA Board of Directors regular meeting held February 4th, 2015 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

INTRODUCTIONS

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

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The Chair acknowledged the contributions of LPRCA staff.

NEW BUSINESS

a) CALENDAR REVIEW

There will be a Cover Crop and Soil Health Workshop held at the LPRCA Corporate office in Tillsonburg on Tuesday, March 31st. This event is a collaboration between LPRCA, Kettle Creek Conservation Authority (KCCA) and Catfish Creek Conservation Authority (CCCA) as part of the Elgin Clean Water Project sponsored by Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA).

MOTION A-30/15 moved: D. Brunton seconded: L. Bartlett

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

CARRIED

b) VEHICLE TENDER

As per the approved 2015 budget, one new ½ ton, 2WD pickup truck was tendered through ads placed in local papers and tender documents were forwarded to seven dealers. Of the two bids received, staff recommended the lowest bidder.

MOTION A-31/15 moved: N. Haydt seconded: R. Geysens

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 \$22,243.15 plus tax of \$2,891.61 and licensing fee of \$15 for a total submitted price of \$25,149.76.

CARRIED

e) NOTICE OF FORMAL MOTIONS

MOTION A-32/15 moved by: J. Scholten seconded: R. Geysens

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-33/15 moved by: R. Geysens seconded: J. Scholten

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 2015.

CARRIED

MOTION A-34/15 moved by: D. Beres seconded: R. Geysens

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-35/15 moved by: R. Geysens seconded: N. Haydt

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 2015.

CARRIED

MOTION A-36/15 moved by: R. Geysens seconded: D. Beres

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

The Chair introduced D. Beres, Chair of the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee met February 18th, 2015 and received and reviewed the financial statements in detail. KPMG issued a clean opinion of the Authority's 2014 financial reports and found that the financial statements fairly presented the Authority's position

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MOTION A-37/15 moved by: J. Scholten seconded: N. Haydt

THAT the minutes of the LPRCA Audit Committee's meeting held February 18th, 2015 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

Staff provided clarification regarding accounting policies with respect to donations as noted in the draft financial statements, as well as, the expense overages and their offsetting revenues.

MOTION A-38/15 moved by: N. Haydt seconded: R. Geysens

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors approves the financial statements for the year ended December 31st, 2014 prepared by KPMG, LLP, Chartered Accountants.

CARRIED

MOTION A-39/15 moved by: L. Bartlett seconded: D. Brunton

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors approves the appointment of KPMG, LLP Chartered Accountants as LPRCA's auditors for the 2015 fiscal period as per the 5-year proposal of January 29th, 2013.

CARRIED

2014 COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) 2014 ANNUAL REPORT

The 2014 annual report was presented by the GM with thanks to staff for their input and participation in the many events throughout the year. A number of achievements were highlighted including, the planting of over 105,000 trees and seedlings over approximately 131 acres, an increase of planning approvals over the previous year, and consistent parks revenue despite the weather. Also highlighted were the number of partnership activities completed last year and, of special note, LPRCA was able to attain funding of over \$150,000 from The W. Garfield Weston Foundation and various private donors for the repairs needed to the Backus Mill.

b) LEE BROWN MARSH MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Chair T. Haskett identified the Committee members and provided an overview of the Lee Brown Marsh operation. The Committee continues to work with staff on various issues but especially to deal with the threat of phragmites. LPRCA staff has participated in a phragmites control workshop with various partners, pioneered various control/eradication methods and has been sharing the results of those efforts with various agencies.

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Last year, the Leighton and Betty Brown Scholarship was awarded to three deserving recipients to further their education in an environmental or natural resources field.

The Lee Brown Waterfowl Management Area is managed by Kim Brown and is predominantly funded by user fees and agricultural land rental.

MOTION A-40/15 moved by: L. Bartlett seconded: D. Brunton

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the 2014 Annual Report and the Lee Brown Marsh Management Committee Report as information.

CARRIED

LPRCA SERVICE AWARD RECOGNITION

The following staff has reached service milestones to the LPRCA this past year.

Ben Hodi, Water Resources Technologist	5 years
Judy Maxwell, Manager Corporate Services	5 years
Kim Brown, Lee Brown Marsh Manager	25 years
Janice Robertson, Community Relations Supervisor	25 years

KEYNOTE SPEAKER (sponsored by Spriet and Associates)

Dr. Blair Feltmate is an Associate Professor, Faculty of Environment at the University of Waterloo where he teaches the Master of Environment and Business program. He holds various board positions including: Chair for Intact Financial's Climate Change Adaptation Project, Canada; the Senior Advisor to Canadian Electricity Associations Sustainable Electricity Program; Co-chair for both Greening Greater Toronto and the City of Toronto's WeatherWise Program; and a Board Member for CLEARresult.

Dr. Feltmate has also developed the sustainable development programs for two dozen multi-national companies and industry associations, and most recently has written a book on "Sustainable Banking".

Dr. Feltmate's presentation "Climate Change, Extreme Weather and Flooding: Property and Casualty Insurance Priorities Study" focused on three key areas:

1. The cost of climate change/extreme weather:
Years ago fire was the main reason for insurance payouts, now it is flooding. Climate change, due to human influence, has been shown to be the cause. Up until 2006, the average annual payout for flooding issues in Canada was \$2.5 million to \$3 million. Since that time, the average annual payout has been over \$1 billion. Due to the major flooding in Alberta and Quebec in 2013, the payouts topped over \$2 billion. Some areas of Canada are now no longer insurable.

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2. De-risking cities from an insurance perspective:
Canada is currently the only G8 country that does not offer overland flood insurance. Due to climate change/extreme weather it is essential to reduce the risk of flooding. A home-adaptation audit program is currently being developed and reviewed to help home-owners help themselves reduce flooding. It is estimated that for every \$1 spent on adaptation, there will be a return of \$6 to \$8 – i.e. the cost of not acting is greater than acting. Canada needs to develop a system of compensation to keep wetlands intact to reduce the impact of flooding.

3. Conclusions:
To move forward, up-to-date floodplain maps need to be developed, national infrastructure needs to be weather-hardened, and a Home-Adaptation Audit Program needs to be launched. Dr. Feltmate noted that while insurers have been actively involved in this process, banking institutions have yet to participate.

The Chair thanked Dr. Feltmate for his presentation and then adjourned the meeting at 3:35pm.

Mike Columbus
Chair

Dana McLachlan
Administrative Assistant

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