



**LONG POINT REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS – BUDGET MEETING MINUTES
November 23, 2015**

(as approved at the Board of Directors meeting held January 13, 2016)

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

The LPRCA Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 am Monday, November 23rd, 2015 in the LPRCA Administration office Boardroom.

BUDGET

Staff reviewed the updated Budget reports highlighting the changes in community support and provincial funding. It was noted that WECl funding is not guaranteed. Also, some of the provincially funded projects show carry-over to the following year due either to multi-year projects, funding being received late in the year or the project(s) are unable to proceed until better weather in the spring. The technical fees and parks fees were amended as directed by the Board.

The various capital projects were reviewed and the Board requested that the purchase of a 4x4 pickup truck be deferred for 2016 and be replaced by a regular truck. Discussion then focused on the capital requirements, expenses and revenues for the parks. Various options for the parks will be considered during the next Strategic Planning Review including pay-showers, used trucks and the disposition of one or more parks.

The Chair asked for a vote on the budget as currently presented.

MOTION A-149/15 moved: C. Grice seconded: L. Bartlett

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors approves the following recommendations regarding LPRCA's 2016 Draft Operating and Capital budgets;

THAT the 2016 proposed Ontario Regulation 178/06 Permit Fees and Planning Act Review Fees as set out in Tab 5 be approved;

THAT the 2016 proposed Conservation Area User Fees as set out in Tab 11 be approved;

THAT the draft 2016 budget of \$4,531,243 with an operating budget of \$3,833,543 and a capital budget of \$697,700;

AND requiring an increase in the general municipal levy of 49% or \$644,951 overall

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compared to 2015 be circulated to member municipalities for review and comment;

AND FURTHER that staff be directed to present the Draft 2016 Budget to member municipalities where possible.

DEFEATED

Discussion turned back to borrowing to cover the capital expenses at the parks. The GM explained the operating agreement for the endowment funds from the sale of Backus Woods.

MOTION A-150/15 moved: R. Geysens seconded: J. Scholten

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors directs the Chair and GM to meet with NCC regarding the possibility of the CA borrowing from the Backus Woods Endowment Fund.

CARRIED

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:05pm with budget discussions to reconvene December 2nd, 2015.

Mike Columbus
Chairman

Dana McLachlan
Administrative Assistant

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