



**LONG POINT REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS – BUDGET MEETING MINUTES**

**December 2, 2015**

**(as approved at Board of Directors Meeting held January 13, 2016)**

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

The LPRCA Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 in the LPRCA Administration office Boardroom.

**BUDGET**

The GM reiterated that the previous reliance on reserves has led to the depletion of the general reserves and is reflected in this budget by a large municipal levy increase. The changes made from the original draft budget were reviewed. Highlights of the changes include pushing infrastructure upgrades/repairs/replacements to future years, minimizing capital projects and reducing parkette maintenance costs by reducing the ash tree removal activities.

Other suggestions that were brought forth in the previous two budget meetings include:

1. Canceling the heritage program: The Backus Museum Committee discussed this idea and opposed it. They felt the heritage and conservation education programs run in tandem, therefore, there is a risk to the conservation education program if the heritage program is cancelled.
2. Borrowing from the Conservation Education Endowment Fund: In discussions with the Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC), the Chair and staff determined that this would not be an option.
3. Infrastructure Ontario funding: LPRCA does not qualify for this funding
4. Borrowing from Norfolk County: Norfolk County would lend funds for capital projects to LPRCA at the same rate as Infrastructure Ontario.
5. Sell off property: While this is an option, it would not happen in time to help this budget.

Staff continues to look for funding opportunities. After many suggestions and much discussion some of the capital projects were added back in to the budget.

**MOTION A-151/15**                      moved: D. Hayes                      seconded: N. Haydt

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors adds \$120,000 to the draft 2016 budget (\$40,000 for Waterford North hydro, \$40,000 for Norfolk water & \$40,000 to Backus hydro);  
AND THAT said capital projects be added to the municipal levy.

**CARRIED**

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Further suggestions included expanding the number of campsites, reviewing assets with the possibility of future disposition, not completing the Norfolk County Shoreline Management Plan and reducing various consulting fees.

After all discussion, the chair asked for a vote on the updated budget.

**MOTION A-152/15**                      moved: D. Hayes                      seconded: R. Chambers

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 \$4,387,067 with an operating budget of \$3,818,867 and a capital budget of \$568,200;

AND requiring an increase in the general municipal levy of 33% or \$437,456 overall 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.

**CARRIED**

The vote was not unanimous. The Chair broke the tie and the motion was carried.

The budget information will now be forwarded to member municipalities for a 30-day review and then the final budget vote will be held during the January Board meeting.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:25pm.

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Mike Columbus  
Chair

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Dana McLachlan  
Administrative Assistant

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