

**LONG POINT REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS – MINUTES  
April 4, 2012**

**(as approved at the Board meeting held May 2, 2012)**

Members in attendance: L. Bartlett, D. Beres, R. Chambers B. Chanyi, M. Columbus, R. Geysens, C. Grice, E. Ketchabaw and R. Sackrider

Staff in attendance: C. Evanitski, D. Holmes, J. Maxwell, J. Robertson, H. Surette and D. McLachlan

Guest: Marianne Love, McDowall Associates

Regrets: D. Travale

The LPRCA Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm Wednesday, April 4, 2012 in the Tillsonburg Administration Office Boardroom.

**ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

None

**DEPUTATIONS**

None

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**MOTION A-45**      moved: M. Columbus      seconded: R. Sackrider

*THAT the minutes of the LPRCA Board of Directors AGM held February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012, the Mid-month Development Applications emailed March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012 and the Special Conference Call held March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012 be adopted as circulated.*

**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING**

None

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## **REVIEW OF COMMITTEE MINUTES**

None

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

## **DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS**

The Planning Department requested approval for a total of five applications.

**MOTION A-46** moved: R. Sackrider seconded: M. Columbus

*That the Board of Directors of the LPRCA approves the following Development Applications contained within the background section of this report:*

A. *For Work under Section 28 Regulations, Development, Interference with Wetlands & Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulations (R.R.O. 1990 Reg. 178/06),*

NC-14/12      NC-16/12      HC-25/12  
NC-15/12      BA-2/12

B. *That the designated officers of LPRCA be authorized to complete the approval process for these Development Applications, as far as it relates to LPRCA's mandate and related Regulations.*

**CARRIED**

**MOTION A-47** moved: R. Sackrider seconded: D. Beres

*That the LPRCA Board of Directors does now enter into an "In Camera" session to discuss:*

*personal matters about an identifiable individual, including Conservation Authority employees.*

**CARRIED**

**MOTION A-48** moved: M. Columbus seconded: R. Sackrider

*That the LPRCA Board of Directors does now adjourn from the "In Camera" session.*

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**CARRIED**

**MOTION A-49** moved: D. Beres seconded: R. Sackrider

*That the LPRCA Board of Directors approves implementation of the pay equity plan as presented by McDowall Associates at the regular meeting of April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012.*

**CARRIED**

Further discussion ensued from the in-camera session. Members requested further information prior to the May 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

**MOTION A-50** moved: D. Beres seconded: R. Sackrider

*That staff develop a financing options plan to implement the pay grid review for the Board's consideration at the May meeting.*

**CARRIED**

C. Grice left and P. Gagnon joined the meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **a) CALENDAR REVIEW**

There will be an additional tree planting event for Earth Day, April 21<sup>st</sup>. A scout troop will plant a NCC property. Staff will provide the Backus classroom information/statistics beginning next month. The Chair was impressed with the "Art Through the Eyes of Vic Gibbons" showcase and suggested all members attend.

**MOTION A-51** moved: D. Beres seconded: B. Chanyi

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

**CARRIED**

### **b) GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

The GM and Water Resources Analyst, B. Hodi attended a Health and Safety Certification training program. Mr. Hodi has withdrawn from the Health and Safety Committee therefore, the GM has scheduled an all staff meeting in part to elect a new Health and Safety Representative. The GM responded to questions from the Board.

In response to a question about those organizations involved with the Norfolk Trails initiative, the GM noted that all groups had trail systems and some linked together. A

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new joint website is being proposed with a funding application to Trillium, that if approved would promote Norfolk trails.

**MOTION A-52** moved: D. Beres seconded: M. Columbus

*That the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the General Manager's Report for January 2012 as information.*

**CARRIED**

**c) ALUS EXPANSION UPDATE**

The ALUS project began in Norfolk County in 2002. Recently 8 sites in Ontario and Western Canada were chosen as ALUS Expansion pilots with the hope of creating a national and/or provincial ALUS programs. The Municipality of Bayham is one of those locations. When asked about the budget implications for LPRCA, the GM responded that it would require in-kind support, namely staff support and office space. As well, LPRCA would be receiving \$90,000 over three years to hire a part-time coordinator.

**MOTION A-53** moved: M. Columbus seconded: B. Chanyi

*That LPRCA Board of Directors receives the ALUS Expansion Update as information.*

**CARRIED**

**d) FOREST STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL (FSC) CERTIFICATION UPDATE**

Staff recently attended a session in Mattawa to learn about the FSC program. This consumer-driven program provides a tracking system from stump to finished product to help address environmental concerns. Most of Ontario, especially larger northern operations are FSC certified. The plan locally is to register a group certification to reduce the financial burden associated with certification and encourage smaller, individual forested landowners to join. Staff indicated that LPRCA is already following the protocol above and beyond what is required for the FSC certification.

**MOTION A-54** moved: B. Chanyi seconded: D. Beres

*That LPRCA Board of Directors receives the FSC report dated March 27, 2012 as information.*

**CARRIED**

**e) TREE MARKING PRESCRIPTION/OPERATING PLAN – ANDERSON TRACT**

Staff responded to questions noting that AGS is Acceptable Growing Stock and UGS is Unacceptable Growing Stock – stock that may not be standing in 10 to 15 years and is usually harvested first. D. Holmes also explained how a prism cruise is used for tallying

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trees in a basal area.

**MOTION A-55** moved: M. Columbus seconded: L. Bartlett

*That LPRCA Board of Directors approves the prescription/operating plan for the Anderson Tract.*

**CARRIED**

**f) TREE MARKING PRESCRIPTION/OPERATING PLAN – FISHER TRACT**

Staff noted that timber will be valued after it has been marked.

**MOTION A-56** moved: D. Beres seconded: R. Chambers

*That LPRCA Board of Directors approves the prescription/operating plan for the Fisher Tract.*

**CARRIED**

**g) WATERFORD HUNTING PARTNERSHIP**

Staff reviewed the terms of the Waterford hunting partnership between the MNR, LPRCA and Norfolk County.

**MOTION A-57** moved: B. Chanyi seconded: M. Columbus

*That LPRCA Board of Directors receives the Field Superintendent's verbal report regarding the Waterford hunting issue for information.*

**CARRIED**

**h) EROSION CONTROL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FUNDING SUPPORT**

Staff received three requests for erosion control assistance for 50% of the cost up to a maximum of \$1000. No questions or concerns.

**MOTION A-58** moved: L. Bartlett seconded: R. Sackrider

*THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors approves the Mike Vansevenant, Bud Becker and Joe Kelly erosion control projects under LPRCA's Conservation Services – Erosion Control Assistance Program.*

**CARRIED**

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## **i) PROVINCIAL GROUNDWATER MONITORING NETWORK (PGMN) AGREEMENT**

The PGMN is a partnership between the Ministry of Environment and all 36 conservation authorities. LPRCA has been a part of the PGMN since 2002. There are 11 such wells within the LPRCA watershed. The 4-year agreement expired this year and LPRCA staff is looking to renew as the Agreement does provide certain benefits to LPRCA.

**MOTION A-59**      moved: B. Chanyi      seconded: R. Chambers

*THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors supports renewing the Provincial Groundwater Monitoring Network Agreement with the Ministry of the Environment for four years.*

**CARRIED**

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:20pm.

Roger Geysens  
Chairman

Dana McLachlan  
Administrative Assistant

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