



**LONG POINT REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES - January 13, 2016**

(as approved at the Board of Directors meeting held February 3, 2016)

Members in attendance: Leroy Bartlett, 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. Robertson, J. Maxwell, D. Holmes, L. Minshall and D. McLachlan

Guests: C. McCauley and K. Stanley

Regrets: Craig Grice

The LPRCA Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm Wednesday, January 13th, 2016 in the Tillsonburg Administration Office Boardroom.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

MOTION A-1/16 moved: D. Beres seconded: N. Haydt

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors add "Borrowing for Parks Infrastructure and Elgin County Shoreline Management Plan" under New Business as items 10 (e) and (f) to the January 13th, 2016 agenda.

CARRIED

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

None

ELECTION OF LPRCA CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN 2016

The Chair and Vice-Chair vacated their seats and C. McCauley assumed the Chair position. He then declared the positions for Chair and Vice-Chair vacant and called for nominations for the Chair.

D. Beres nominated M. Columbus. No further nominations were received. Mr. Columbus accepted the nomination.

MOTION A-2/16 moved: L. Bartlett seconded: T. Southwick

That the nominations for the Chair be closed.

FULL AUTHORITY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Roger Geysens, Craig Grice, Noel Haydt, David Hayes, John Scholten, Tom Southwick

CARRIED

The Acting Chair declared Mike Columbus *the Long Point Region Conservation Authority Chairman for 2016*.

Mr. McCauley then called for nominations for Vice-Chair. T. Southwick nominated D. Beres. C. McCauley called for further nominations for Vice-Chair and received none. D. Beres accepted the nomination.

MOTION A-3/16 moved: D. Hayes seconded: N. Haydt

That the nominations for the LPRCA Vice-Chair be closed.

CARRIED

The Acting Chair declared *Dave Beres the Long Point Region Conservation Authority Vice-Chair for 2016*.

The Chair and Vice-Chair thanked the Board and resumed their seats. C. McCauley and K. Stanley were thanked for their service and left the meeting.

DEPUTATIONS

None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Staff clarified recorded attendance at the December 2nd meetings.

MOTION A-4/16 moved: D. Hayes seconded: N. Haydt

THAT the minutes of the LPRCA Board of Directors Regular Meeting held December 2nd, 2015, the LPRCA Budget Meeting held December 2nd, 2015 and the Board of directors Conference Call held December 10th, 2015 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING

None

REVIEW OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

MOTION A-5/16 moved: J. Scholten seconded: N. Haydt

THAT the minutes from the Lee Brown Marsh Management Committee meeting of April 24th, 2015 be received as information.

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Roger Geysens, Craig Grice, Noel Haydt, David Hayes, John Scholten, Tom Southwick

CARRIED

Staff responded to the request for further information regarding the Robinson Marsh Lease Agreement.

CORRESPONDENCE

MOTION A-6/16 moved: D. Beres seconded: N. Haydt

THAT the correspondence outlined in the Board of Directors' Agenda of January 13th, 2016 with additions be received as information.

CARRIED

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

a) **Staff Approved applications**

Staff approved eight applications since the last meeting in December: LPRCA-156/15, LPRCA-157/15, LPRCA-158/15, LPRCA-159/15, LPRCA-160/15, LPRCA-161/15, LPRCA-162/15 and LPRCA-163/15. There were no questions or comments.

MOTION A-7/16 moved: D. Hayes seconded: R. Geysens

That the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the Staff Approved Section 28 Regulation Applications report dated December 21st, 2015 as information.

CARRIED

b) **New Applications**

The Planning Department recommended approval for two applications, one to demolish and reconstruct a seasonal dwelling and the second to construct an 8-bay boathouse. No questions or comments.

MOTION A-8/16 moved: L. Bartlett seconded: T. Southwick

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors approves the following Development Applications contained within the background section of the 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),

LPRCA-1/16

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

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

a) CALENDAR REVIEW

The weather is looking promising for the first event of the season, Guided Snowshoe and Animal Tracking, scheduled for January 30th at Backus.

LPRCA staff will be participating in the Future Oxford Expo on January 28th as part of the Reforest Oxford group discussing habitat restoration, tree planting, etc.

MOTION A-9/16 moved: L Bartlett seconded: D. Hayes

THAT the LPRCA board of Directors receives the January Calendar of Events Report as information.

CARRIED

b) 2016 LPRCA BUDGET VOTE

Staff summarized the 2016 budget. The overall operating budget stands at \$3.8million requiring a municipal levy of \$1.4million and the capital budget is \$568,200 requiring a general municipal levy of \$334,000. The capital levy includes a special levy of \$65,000 to Norfolk County to update the Shoreline Management Plan. Norfolk County requested a deferral of the special levy for further discussion. Therefore, the general municipal levy required for capital is \$269,000.

The subject of borrowing for capital upgrades to reduce the overall levy was again discussed and deferred (see item 11e).

MOTION A-10/16 moved: R. Chambers seconded: D. Beres

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

- 1. That the 2016 proposed Ontario Regulation 178/06 Permit Fees and Planning Act Review Fees as attached;*
- 2. That the 2016 proposed User Fees for the Conservation Areas as attached;*
- 3. That the 2016 Operating Budget in the total amount \$3,818,867 and requiring a Municipal Levy-Operating of \$1,412,680 be approved;*

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4. That the 2016 Capital Budget in the total amount of \$568,200 and requiring a Municipal Levy-Capital of \$269,000 be approved;
5. That the proposed 2016 Consolidated Budget in the total amount of \$4,387,067 and requiring a Municipal Levy –Consolidated of \$1,746,680 be approved.

Member	Municipality/Group	Weight	Present	Yes	No
Tom Southwick	Municipality of Bayham	4.77	√		√
Robert Chambers	County of Brant	6.34	√	√	
Leroy Bartlett	Haldimand County	7.68	√	√	
Craig Grice	Haldimand County	7.68	x		
Tom Southwick	Township of Malahide	0.76	√		√
Doug Brunton	Norfolk County	12.50	√	√	
Michael Columbus	Norfolk County	12.50	√	√	
Roger Geysens	Norfolk County	12.50	√	√	
Noel Haydt	Norfolk County	12.50	√		√
John Scholten	Norwich Township	7.59	√	√	
David Hayes	Township of South-West Oxford	7.59	√	√	
Dave Beres	Town of Tillsonburg	7.59	√	√	
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CARRIED

c) LPRCA COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

The GM reviewed the various committees of LPRCA and interest expressed from the various Members as per the December meeting.

MOTION A-11/16 moved: R. Geysens seconded: N. Haydt

*That the LPRCA Board of Directors approves the following appointments for 2016:
 Dave Beres as Land Acquisition Chair;
 Doug Brunton and the LPRCA Chair to the Lee Brown Marsh Management Committee;
 Robert Chambers, Roger Geysens, Noel Haydt and the LPRCA Chair to the Backus Museum Committee;
 AND Roger Geysens, John Scholten, Noel Haydt, the LPRCA Chair and LPRCA Vice-chair to the Audit Committee.*

CARRIED

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d) SERVICE RECOGNITION REPORT

There will be two staff and four Board Members recognized at the Annual General Meeting for five years of service.

MOTION A-12/16 moved: L. Bartlett seconded: T. Southwick

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the Years of Service Recognition Report as information.

CARRIED

e) BORROWING FOR PARKS INFRASTRUCTURE

There was significant discussion and various opinions regarding the option of borrowing to fund capital infrastructure projects.

MOTION A-13/16 moved: D. Beres seconded: N. Haydt

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors directs the Strategic Planning Committee to further explore borrowing options with Norfolk County as part of its report on dealing with parks infrastructure needs.

CARRIED

f) ELGIN COUNTY SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PLAN

In response to correspondence received regarding the Elgin County Shoreline Management Plan staff reviewed the process and timeline in the development of the Plan. The Plan began with a collaborative by the four Conservation Authorities within Elgin County, shoreline municipalities and the County of Elgin beginning in 2013 to update the science within the Plan. After much work, a consultant was hired in July 2014 and three public consultations were held in August 2014. The Elgin County Shoreline Management Plan was adopted by the LPRCA Board on November 4th, 2015 and has since been posted on the LPRCA website.

The Study notes that the shoreline within Elgin County is subject to risk of erosion. The policies within the Shoreline Management Plan have not changed but the consultant provided updated science and maps regarding erosion rates to incorporate into the Plan. Some members objected to the Study and its findings stating that the study contained predetermined outcomes, old data and restrictive conclusions that lack a balance between conservation and landowners. Therefore, a motion was tabled to reconsider the Board's previous decision.

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MOTION A-14/16 moved: R. Geysens seconded: N. Haydt

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors moves to reconsider its previous decision to approve the Elgin County Shoreline Management Plan.

CARRIED

MOTION A-15/16 moved: T. Southwick seconded: J. Scholten

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors defers implementation of the Elgin County Shoreline Management Plan.

CARRIED

With the deferral, LPRCA staff will now revert back to using the 1989 Shoreline Management Plan.

It was then proposed to cancel the shoreline study for Norfolk County. Staff noted that Norfolk County has issues with flooding. The study to be undertaken in Norfolk County with the help of the National Disaster Mitigation Program will provide updated science to identify flood hazards, potential impacts, and community and infrastructure vulnerabilities as well as the overall flood risk profile for the area.

MOTION A-16/16 moved: D. Brunton seconded: N. Haydt

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors no longer proceeds with the proposed Norfolk County Shoreline Management Plan.

CARRIED

MOTION A-17/16 moved: R. Geysens seconded: D. Hayes

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-18/16 moved: D. Hayes seconded: R Geysens

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

CARRIED

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MOTION A-19/16

moved: L. Bartlett

seconded: D. Brunton

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the Chair's report as information re: The GM's 2015 Appraisal.

CARRIED

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:00pm.

Michael Columbus
Chair

Dana McLachlan
Administrative Assistant

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