

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

**August 1, 2012**

**(as approved at the Board Meeting held October 3, 2012)**

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

Staff in attendance: C. Evanitski, D. Holmes, J. Robertson, B. Hodi, C. Jacques and D. McLachlan

Special Guests: Tom Haskett, LBMMC Chair, L. Chanda, LBMMC member, Leighton and Betty Brown Scholarship recipient and her family.

Regrets: C. Grice

The LPRCA Chair called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm Wednesday, August 1, 2012 in the Backus Heritage Education Centre Boardroom.

**ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

None

**PRESENTATION: LEIGHTON AND BETTY BROWN SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

Lee Brown Marsh Management Committee (LBMMC) Chair, T. Haskett gave a brief history of the Scholarship noting that it was established in 2006 through donations from hunting patrons to honour the former Marsh Manager and his wife. The first scholarships were awarded in 2007 and since that time 14 young watershed residents have each received \$1,000 to support their post secondary education in a conservation or environmental related course of study. Chair Haskett introduced this year's scholarship recipient, Vivian Adam, who expressed her gratitude to the Committee and Board in helping with her education. Vivian will be attending Sir Sanford Fleming College in the Fish and Wildlife Technician Program this fall.

**DEPUTATIONS: BRIAN CRAIG, LONG POINT WORLD BIOSPHERE RESERVE FOUNDATION RE: PROPOSED EXPANSION OF BIOSPHERE DESIGNATION**

The Long Point World Biosphere Reserve Foundation (LPWBRF) would like to expand its designation to include Backus Woods as another core area. The LPWBRF already has the support of the Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) who is the current owner of Backus Woods. As the former owner of Backus Woods, LPRCA is being asked for its support for the expanded designation.

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The objectives of the biosphere are sustainable economic development, the conservation of plants and animals and logistic support. The LPWBR received its designation in 1986 and recently celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Mr. Craig noted that the potential benefits from the expansion include opportunities between the three organizations to collaborate on research and education including funding proposals.

After his formal presentation, Mr. Craig responded to all questions and assured the Board Members that the designation does not place restrictions on abutting property owners. He stated that there would be no downside to having two core areas especially since the current core area of Long Point is mostly inaccessible to the public versus Backus Woods that is open to visitors.

The GM noted that the expanded designation may provide additional camping customers for the neighbouring Backus Heritage Conservation Area. He was directed by the Board to produce a follow-up report.

**MOTION A-97** moved: L. Bartlett seconded: B. Chanyi

*THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors accepts the presentation by Brian Craig from the Long Point World Biosphere Reserve Foundation, as information..*

**CARRIED**

### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**MOTION A-98** moved: B. Chanyi seconded: L. Bartlett

*THAT the minutes of the LPRCA Board of Directors regular meeting held June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012 be adopted as circulated.*

**CARRIED**

**MOTION A-99** moved: D. Beres seconded: R. Sackrider

*THAT the LPRCA Mid-month Development Applications minutes emailed June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012 be adopted as circulated.*

**CARRIED**

**MOTION A-100** moved: B. Chanyi seconded: L. Bartlett

*THAT the minutes of the LPRCA Special Conference Call held July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012 be adopted as circulated.*

**CARRIED**

### **BUSINESS ARISING**

#### **a) MNR Transfer Payments**

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The GM reviewed his report noting that GRCA receives the bulk of WECl funding due to the number, complexity, size and risk potential to property and people, of water control structures in their jurisdiction. L. Bartlett thanked the GM as he was tasked with asking about the equality of provincial funding to the CA's, and in particular LPRCA and GRCA. The GM also noted that all Source Water Protection funding for the Lake Erie Region funnels through GRCA's coffers.

**MOTION A-101** moved: B. Chanyi seconded: L. Bartlett

*THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the General Manager's Report regarding MNR Funding Support to Conservation Authorities as information.*

**CARRIED**

### **REVIEW OF COMMITTEE MINUTES**

None

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

**MOTION A-102** moved: D. Travale seconded: L. Bartlett

*THAT correspondence outlined in the Board of Directors' Agenda August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 be received as information.*

**CARRIED**

### **DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS**

The Planning Department sought approval for a total of six applications, four from Norfolk County, one from Norwich and one from Bayham. B. Hodi was asked what measures can be taken when construction has begun on a project that does not have the required permits from LPRCA. He responded that the first measure would be to work with the public to obtain the proper permits as it may have been an oversight. As well, if a permit is not requested and obtained, charges may be laid by a LPRCA Regulations Officer under Section 28 of the Conservation Authorities Act.

**MOTION A-103** moved: L. Bartlett seconded: D. Travale

*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-58/12 NH-7/12*

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NC-59/12      BA-4/12  
NC-60/12      NC-61/12-1

- 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**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **a) CALENDAR REVIEW**

The Board was reminded that there will be no meeting in September as the Watershed Tour will be held August 24<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9am. The Deer Creek Children's Fishing Derby is scheduled for August 11<sup>th</sup> and the War of 1812 Bicentennial event will run September 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. LPRCA has partnered with GRCA and UTRCA to man a booth at the Woodstock Outdoor Farm Show September 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>. The Board was informed that the Forest Fest format has changed and staff will not be attending on behalf of LPRCA but brochures will be available at the event.

**MOTION A-104**      moved: D. Travale      seconded: L. Bartlett

*THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the August/September Calendar Review Report as information.*

**CARRIED**

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

The Board of Directors asked for clarification on a number of items. In response, the GM noted that the SCOR renewable energy presentation included the Municipality of Durham and the Ontario Association of Renewable Energy discussing the potential investment and cost savings by diverting garbage into energy. When asked about the MNR/WECI funding budget, the Board was told that the CAs, and other MNR organizations, are continuing to operate as usual as the impact of the cuts is unknown. The Board was assured by the Chair that a White Paper developed by Conservation Ontario would be presented to the various CA Boards.

**MOTION A-105**      moved: D. Travale      seconded: M. Columbus

*THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the General Manager's Report for June and July 2012 as information.*

**CARRIED**

### **c) SOURCE PROTECTION AUTHORITY UPDATE**

The Source Water Protection Technician reviewed the new timeline which was revised

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due to the extension granted by MOE for Source Protection Plan submission, this allows the public consultation process to be moved from the summer months to the fall. December 31st is the new Plan submission deadline. The next SPA meeting is scheduled for October 3<sup>rd</sup> to review the plan and update members on the public consultations.

**MOTION A-106** moved: D. Travale seconded: M. Columbus

*THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the updated schedule of proposed Long Point Region Source Protection Authority future meeting dates as information.*

**CARRIED**

**d) WATERSHED CONDITIONS UPDATE**

The overall conditions have been dry and warm this year. In 2000 the Ontario Low Water Response (OLWR) plan was created to ensure provincial preparedness, to assist in coordination and to support local response in the event of low water conditions. The Water Response Team (WRT) declared a Level 1 low water condition on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012, asking for a voluntary 10% reduction of water usage by all users. The WRT declared a Level 2 low water condition on July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at which time water users were asked to voluntarily reduce their consumption by 20%. Environment Canada has predicted warmer and drier conditions for August to October. The Source Water Protection Technician explained that a Level 3 low water declaration can't be made locally. It must come from the Ontario Water Directors' Committee Low Water Committee, but it will be based on the recommendations from the local WRT after local efforts to conserve have been unable to deal adequately with the situation.

**MOTION A-107** moved: R. Chambers seconded: D. Beres

*THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the Watershed Conditions Update report as information.*

**CARRIED**

**e) HUGHES TRACT PRESCRIPTION**

**f) MADDEFORD/DECLOET TRACT PRESCRIPTION**

The Field Superintendent fielded questions and explained that LPRCA uses the former geographical townships when describing the properties. Species At Risk (SAR) have been identified and the work area has been modified or will be avoided.

**MOTION A-108** moved: M. Columbus seconded: R. Chambers

*THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors approves the prescription/operating plan for the*

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Hughes Tract.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION A-109** moved: D. Beres seconded: B. Chanyi

*THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors approves the prescription/operating plan for the Maddeford-DeCloet Tract.*

**CARRIED**

### **g) LPRCA-KCCA EFFICIENCY STUDY UPDATE**

Two years ago Kettle Creek Conservation Authority (KCCA) approached LPRCA to discuss potential efficiencies between the two organizations. On June 21<sup>st</sup>, KCCA again approached LPRCA to reopen discussions.

**MOTION A-110** moved: D. Beres seconded: R. Sackrider

*THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors appoints Ron Sackrider, Dave Beres and the General Manager to explore the potential implementation of recommendations outlined in the LPRCA-KCCA Co-operative Efficiency Study of August 2011.*

**CARRIED**

### **h) TURKEY POINT MOUNTAIN BIKE CLUB - MOU**

The Turkey Point Mountain Bike Club has an existing network of trails that are low-impact and non-intrusive. They currently have Memorandums of Understanding (MOU's) with Ontario Parks and MNR (St. Williams Forestry Reserve). The goal is to promote the trails through brochures and interpretive signs. Staff recommends entering into a MOU with the Turkey Point Mountain Bike Club. The Field Superintendent fielded questions.

**MOTION A-111** moved: M. Columbus seconded: R. Chambers

*THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors approves in principal a Memorandum of Understanding with the Turkey Point Mountain Bike Club for a five-year term for the use and maintenance of bike trails located within the Anderson Tract, Lot 15 & 16, Concession 1, former Township of Charlotteville – Norfolk County; And THAT the final MOU be presented to the Board for ratification.*

**CARRIED**

### **i) EXPLORE NORFOLK TRAILS UPDATE**

The Explore Norfolk Trails project is a collaborative effort between LPRCA, Norfolk

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County, the Long Point World Biosphere Reserve and other Norfolk organizations. The Ontario Trillium Foundation is contributing \$54 000 to the project which includes \$2000 for LPRCA for administration purposes.

**MOTION A-112** moved: R. Sackrider seconded: D. Beres

*THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the Explore Norfolk Trails Update Report for information.*

**CARRIED**

**j) 2012 ARGO PURCHASE**

At the Lee Brown Marsh Management Committee (LBMMC) meeting in the spring the decision to purchase an Argo was discussed in depth. The vehicle would be used to assist with management practices and especially for dealing with the control of invasive species including phragmites. The Argo is expected to have a life expectancy of 30 to 40 years. It will be purchased using the Lee Brown Marsh capital reserve fund.

**MOTION A-113** moved: R. Chambers seconded: D. Beres

*THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors approves Lee Brown Waterfowl Management Area Committee motion LB-8 for the purchase of one new 2012 Argo for the total tendered price of \$30,583.04 which includes all applicable taxes and delivery.*

**CARRIED**

**k) NEW LPRCA WEBSITE LAUNCH**

The new website is nearing completion and the official launch date will be announced during the Watershed Tour. This is phase one of the project. Phase 2 will be to add a FaceBook page, expand the online reservations and e-commerce. Links to all municipalities and other partners will be included.

**MOTION A-114** moved: D. Beres seconded: E. Ketchabaw

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the website project report as information.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION A-115** moved: R. Sackrider seconded: D. Beres

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

*a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the Conservation*

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- *Authority;  
litigation or potential litigation, including matters affecting the Conservation  
Authority.*

**CARRIED**

**MOTION A-116** moved: D. Beres seconded: R. Sackrider

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

**CARRIED**

**MOTION A-117** moved: B. Chanyi seconded: L. Bartlett

*That the LPRCA Board of Directors accepts the GM's verbal report regarding a property  
matter – claims update, as information.*

**CARRIED**

**MOTION A-118** moved: R. Sackrider seconded: L. Bartlett

*That the LPRCA Board of Directors accepts the GM's verbal report regarding Hay  
Creek as information.*

**CARRIED**

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:30pm.

Roger Geysens  
Chairman

Dana McLachlan  
Administrative Assistant

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