



## **LONG POINT REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES - February 3, 2016**

(as approved at the Annual General Meeting held February 26, 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, P. Gagnon and D. McLachlan

Guests: K. Taylor, K. Berry and G. Obediah

Regrets: Craig Grice

The LPRCA Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 in the Tillsonburg Administration Office Boardroom.

#### **ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS**

None

#### **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

None

#### **DEPUTATIONS**

- a) **Haldimand Seasonal Campers re: Haldimand Conservation Area Seasonal Camping Rates**

K. Taylor addressed the Board and presented a list of questions from a group of concerned seasonal campers from Haldimand Conservation Area. Staff and the Board were able to address some of the concerns and the remainder will be addressed in a future staff report.

A formal response will then be forwarded to Mr. Taylor as the representative for the group.

#### **MOTION A-20/16**

moved: L. Bartlett

seconded: N. Haydt

*THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the deputation from the Haldimand Seasonal Campers regarding Haldimand Conservation Area Seasonal Camping Rates as information;*

*AND THAT staff prepare a report to address the concerns outlined in the presentation.*

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**CARRIED**

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

There were no questions or comments concerning the minutes.

**MOTION A-21/16**                      moved: R. Geysens                      seconded: J. Scholten

*THAT the minutes of the LPRCA Board of Directors Regular Meeting held January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 be adopted as circulated.*

**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING**

None

**REVIEW OF COMMITTEE MINUTES**

None

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**MOTION A-22/16**                      moved: J. Scholten                      seconded: T. Southwick

*THAT the correspondence outlined in the Board of Directors' Agenda of February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 be received as information.*

**CARRIED**

**DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS**

a) **Staff Approved applications**

None

b) **New Applications**

The Planning Department recommended approval for two applications.

**MOTION A-23/16**                      moved: J. Scholten                      seconded: R. Geysens

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*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-4/16*

*LPRCA-5/16*

- 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**

This month's calendar includes Backus events, community events that promote stewardship and tree planting, and a private training event at Backus for a reenactment group who regularly volunteer at Backus. Staff responded to questions and detailed park promotional plans for the coming year.

**MOTION A-24/16**                      moved: T. Southwick                      seconded: J. Scholten

*THAT the LPRCA board of Directors receives the February Calendar Review Report as information.*

**CARRIED**

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

The GM summarized his report noting that his focus the past two months has been the 2016 budget and HR matters with regards to filling vacant positions. He also gave an update on the Elgin County Shoreline Management Plan process and the quest by Conservation Ontario for future funding support to implement the source protection plans.

**MOTION A-25/16**                      moved: D. Brunton                      seconded: L. Bartlett

*THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the General Manager's Report for December 2015 and January 2016 as information.*

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**c) FORESTRY ECOLOGICAL REPORT**

Staff reviewed the report submitted by Blue Oak Native Landscapes regarding the ecological requirements for the upcoming operating season. The findings conclude that there are some healthy, established populations of at risk and/or rare species throughout LPRCA properties which can be attributed to the pro-active work of field staff. Discussion ensued.

**MOTION A-26/16**

moved: N. Haydt

seconded: D. Beres

*That the LPRCA Board of Directors approves the recommendations contained in the report submitted by Blue Oak Native Landscapes titled "Field Surveys for Species at Risk Plants and Provincially Rare Plants at Ringland, Deer Creek, Gibel and Landon Tracts."*

**CARRIED**

**d) CONSERVATION AREAS 2016 APPROVED CAPITAL PROJECTS**

Staff reviewed the approved 2016 capital projects and the anticipated start dates. It was noted that the 2015 Waterford North gatehouse project was reallocated during the 2016 budget process due to the challenges in design requirements. Discussions regarding the gatehouse are ongoing.

**MOTION A-27/16**

moved: J. Scholten

seconded: T. Southwick

*THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the report dated January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016 regarding Conservation Areas 2016 Capital Projects as information.*

**CARRIED**

**e) TIMBER TENDER LP-287-16 LANDON TRACT**

The west side of the Landon Tract was the first timber tender released for the 2016 budget year. Documents were sent to fifteen tender buyers with two buyers forwarding bids by the due date. Staff noted that the successful bidder was well within the reserve bid. This property is on its third rotation of management activities.

**MOTION A-28/16**

moved: D. Hayes

seconded: J. Scholten

*THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors accepts the tender submitted by Porter Lumber Ltd. for marked standing timber at the Landon Tract West for a total tendered price of*

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\$38,100.00.

**CARRIED**

**f) TREE ORDER 2016**

Each year staff purchases a variety of native tree and shrub species for restoration projects and various watershed programs provided by LPRCA. This year staff is proposing to order over 50,000 seedlings. This program is cost-recovery and does not affect the budget.

**MOTION A-29/16**                      moved: R. Geysens                      seconded: D. Hayes

*THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors approves the 2016 tree order as presented by the Lands & Waters Supervisor at its regular meeting of February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016.*

**CARRIED**

**g) AMAZING PLACES REPORT**

In 2014, Backus Heritage and Deer Creek conservation areas were recognized as two of ten *Amazing Places* in Norfolk County. Staff is now seeking support from the Board to enter into a cross-marketing partnership with Long Point World Biosphere, the administrator of the Amazing Places program.

**MOTION A-30/16**                      moved: L. Bartlett                      seconded: D. Brunton

*THAT the LPRCA participates as a site partner in the expanded Amazing Places initiative and that the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Long Point World Biosphere Reserve Foundation be approved;  
AND THAT the Chair be directed to sign the MOU.*

**CARRIED**

**h) PHRAGMITES UPDATE**

Many groups are lobbying the government to provide further funding to manage phragmites, a rapidly spreading invasive grass that threatens drainage and agricultural ditches, and marsh areas. Conservation Ontario has begun a letter writing campaign to the provincial government requesting support in dealing with this aggressive invasive.

As directed by the Lee Brown Marsh Committee, staff requested that the Chair send an invitation to the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry and the Premier of Ontario to visit Lee Brown Marsh to view a successful control site, and stress the importance in getting an approved herbicide for use around water. To date, the control program conducted at Lee Brown Marsh shows an 80% success rate.

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**MOTION A-31/16**

moved: J. Scholten

seconded: D. Hayes

*THAT the Long Point Region Conservation Authority receives the Phragmites Update Report as information;*

*AND that the Chair be authorized to send an invitation to both Ontario's Premier and Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry to visit the work being conducted by the Lee Brown Marsh Management Committee in controlling this invasive.*

**CARRIED**

The GM introduced Leigh-Anne Bower, the new Resource Planning Technician and reminded everyone that there is no Board meeting in March due to the Annual General Meeting February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:10pm.

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Michael Columbus  
Chair

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Dana McLachlan  
Administrative Assistant

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