

**LONG POINT REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES - February 6, 2013**

(as approved at the Annual General Meeting held February 22, 2013)

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, J. Robertson, J. Maxwell, H. Surette and D. McLachlan
Guests: D.Koscinski, M. Kanter
Regrets: C. Grice

The LPRCA Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm Wednesday, February 6th, 2013 in the Tillsonburg Boardroom.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

MOTION A-22/13 moved: L. Bartlett seconded: R. Chambers

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors add "Eagle's Nest Removal" (h) under New Business to the February 6th, 2013 agenda.

CARRIED

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

None

**DEPUTATIONS: DARIA KOSCINSKI RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR ELGIN
NATURAL HERITAGE INVENTORY**

D. Kosckinski, Conservation Biologist and Michelle Kanter, Executive Director of the Carolinian Canada Coalition (CCC) reviewed the programs offered by their organization including various Species at Risk workshops and the Youth Leaders programs. The staff continuously looks for opportunities to collaborate with other organizations on projects. Their role is to work in partnership with other conservation-minded groups to preserve, protect and restore the environment in the Carolinian Zone; to conduct research relating to environmental issues; and to educate and increase public understanding of the importance of conservation.

LPRCA is a member of the Carolinian Canada Coalition and has partnered with CCC on various projects in the past.

MOTION A-23/13 moved: R. Chambers seconded: R. Sackrider

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors accepts the presentation by Daria Koscinski re: Letter of Support for Elgin Natural Heritage Inventory as information;

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AND THAT staff be directed to prepare a report for the April 3rd, 2013 meeting.

CARRIED

The Carolinian Canada Coalition representatives left the meeting.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

MOTION A-24/13 moved: D. Travale seconded: R. Chambers

THAT the minutes of the LPRCA Board of Directors regular meeting held January 9th, 2013 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

MOTION A-25/13 moved: R. Chambers seconded: D. Beres

THAT the LPRCA Mid-month Development Application approval minutes of January 22nd, 2013 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

There were no questions or comments regarding the above minutes.

BUSINESS ARISING

a) AMENDING CONSERVATION AUTHORITY REGULATIONS

H. Surette presented the Amending Regulation Implementation Policy as a follow-up to her presentation at the January meeting. She reminded the Board that once the new policy amendments are signed by the Registrar of Regulations, they will no longer receive a regular emailed mid-month approval request report. They will, however, receive two reports at each Board meeting - one requiring approvals and the other detailing all staff approved permits. Staff will email the two reports the months of March, July and September as these months do not have regularly scheduled Board meetings.

B. Chanyi asked if the "certain criteria" specified on page 5 item 1b were defined in the policy. H. Surette replied in the affirmative that those criteria are defined in both the regulations and the amended policies.

MOTION A-26/13 moved: R. Sackrider seconded: D. Beres

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors approves the Amending Regulation Implementation Policy provided in Attachment 1 of this Staff Report;

AND THAT the General Manager, or employee acting on their behalf, is delegated the authority to approve permissions under the amended regulation;

AND THAT the implementation policy become effective the day it is filed with the Registrar and applied to new applications received from that date forward;

AND THAT the policy is reviewed in 6 months to assess whether it is effective and

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performing as intended.

CARRIED

REVIEW OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Backus Museum Committee made two recommendations at their last meeting; 1) Remove the Tarcza barn as it is not being utilized and is costing money in upkeep and repairs, and 2) advise Norfolk County that LPRCA is no longer interested in the road closure for the Backus gatehouse. Staff was directed to prepare reports on the above matters. Discussion ensued.

MOTION A-27/13 moved: B. Chanyi seconded: D. Beres

*THAT the minutes from the Backus Museum Committee meeting of November 2nd, 2012 be received as information.
AND THAT the Long Point Region Board of Directors directs staff to prepare reports on the proposed demolition of the Tarcza Barn and construction of a new Backus Heritage Conservation Area gatehouse.*

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

The Planning Department sought approval for a total of seven applications, two with conditions. All conform to policies and guidelines, and staff recommends approval.

The Manager of Watershed Services responded to R. Chambers' request for clarification on terminology.

MOTION A-28/13 moved: D. Beres seconded: D. Travale

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors 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-1/13-1 BU-1/13-1
HC-2-13 NC-4/13 HC-3/13*

B. Approve, WITH CONDITIONS, the following development applications for work under Section 28 Regulations, Development, Interference with Wetlands &

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Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulations (R.R.O. 1990 Reg. 178/06),

*NH-1/13
HC-1/13-1*

C. 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

LPRCA's activities are increasing and stewardship is currently the primary focus. New this year is the Chickadee Hike at Backus February 9th organized by the Outdoor Educator. Ryan Bonin, Fish-a-thon for a Cure Founder, will be attending the Toronto Spring Boating and Fishing Show promoting his event and Deer Creek Conservation Area through LPRCA brochures.

P. Gagnon will be a presenter at a Carolinian Canada Coalition workshop February 23rd in London that targets rural audiences, especially within Elgin and Norfolk counties.

MOTION A-29/13 moved: R. Chambers seconded: L. Bartlett

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

CARRIED

b) GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

The GM noted that the recent request for full funding on behalf of the CAs and municipalities for source water protection has been received favourably by MOE and MNR staffers. No questions or comments

MOTION A-30/13 moved: L. Bartlett seconded: D. Beres

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the General Manager's Report for January 2013 as information.

CARRIED

c) 2012/2013 FIELD SURVEYS

Every year, staff retains the services of an ecologist to inventory properties planned for silvicultural activities. Eco-Plans was approved by the Board in June to conduct the study. The study is complete and the full report is available through the Field

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Superintendent.

MOTION A-31/13 moved: R. Sackrider seconded: L. Bartlett

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the ecological report produced by EcoPlans entitled Field Surveys for Species at Risk, Provincially Rare Plants, and Provincially Rare Vegetation Types – Operating Plan 2012/2013 as information.

CARRIED

d) LEE BROWN MARSH MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MOTION LB-18

At the last LBMCM meeting, workplan discussions included a review of the old clay tile on the leased agricultural land. Contractors were approached and the Committee accepted the quote from David Stephens Drainage Ltd. The land is now being advertised for a 5-year lease.

MOTION A-32/13 moved: L. Bartlett seconded: D. Travale

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors approves the recommendation in motion LB-18 for the replacement of field drainage tile at the Lee Brown Waterfowl Management Area.

CARRIED

e) PRESCRIPTION OPERATING PLAN – JACKSON TRACT

f) PRESCRIPTION OPERATING PLAN – HUGHES TRACT

The prescriptions are generic with modifications made for each landscape.

MOTION A-33/13 moved: B. Chanyi seconded: D. Beres

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors approves the prescription/operating plan for the Jackson Tract.

CARRIED

MOTION A-34/13 moved: D. Beres seconded: R. Sackrider

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors approves the prescription/operating plan for the Hughes Tract.

CARRIED

g) WATERSHED REPORT CARD UPDATE

The process to produce a report that measures the health of the watershed began eight years ago. This was a collaborative effort by Conservation Ontario, all 36 Conservation Authorities, partners and field experts to produce the guidelines for producing the report card. It should be noted that the report reflects the state and health of the watershed,

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not the performance of the conservation authority.

The report measures and grades three areas 1) surface water quality, 2) ground water quality, and 3) forest condition. The grading range is from A to F with A being the highest quality. H. Surette responded to questions.

J. Robertson detailed the provincial launch of the report card March 18, during Water Week. Advertisements will run on TVO and staff will incorporate the information into the Spring Fling at Backus March 23rd, during Water Week. A letter will be forwarded to municipal partners offering presentations to councils.

The report card provides a baseline measurement. It is a statement of how the ecosystem is functioning and how everyone can help improve it. Staff noted that the report card will become an important education tool. The goal is to improve relationships throughout the watershed, offer learning opportunities to everyone within the watershed, and offer assistance through CA expertise to help improve the watershed. J. Robertson fielded questions.

MOTION A-35/13 moved: D. Travale seconded: R. Chambers

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the Watershed Report Card report as information.

CARRIED

h) EAGLE'S NEST REMOVAL

L. Bartlett discussed the process involved in the removal of a cottonwood tree and eagle's nest in Haldimand. He noted that Haldimand Council was not notified that a permit had been issued and asked if LPRCA had been notified. The GM replied that LPRCA had not been notified. Staff was directed to make inquiries to the Ministry regarding the permitting process in this instance.

MOTION A-36/13 moved: R. Sackrider seconded: R. Chambers

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

litigation or potential litigation, including matters affecting the Conservation Authority

CARRIED

MOTION A-37/13 moved: R. Chambers seconded: D. Beres

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

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CARRIED

MOTION A-38/13 moved: B. Chanyi seconded: E. Ketchabaw

That the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the GM's confidential verbal report regarding a property matter as information.

CARRIED

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:30pm.

Roger Geysens
Chairman

Dana McLachlan
Administrative Assistant

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