

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

October 3, 2012

(as approved at the Board Meeting held November 7, 2012)

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

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

Special Guests: Ryan Bonin and Dan Bouck

Regrets: L. Bartlett, R. Chambers and D. Travale

Absent: C. Grice

The LPRCA Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm Wednesday, October 3rd, 2012 in the Tillsonburg Boardroom.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

MOTION A-122 moved: R. Sackrider seconded: B. Chanyi

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors add "Conservation Ontario White Paper" under Business Arising as item 6 a) to the October 3rd, 2012 agenda.

CARRIED

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

None

DEPUTATIONS: RYAN BONIN RE: FISH-A-THON FOR A CURE

Mr. Bonin started the Fish-A-Thon in 2009 when a family member was diagnosed with terminal cancer. He planned to take part alone and hoped to raise \$1000. Instead, 13 people participated and \$3170 was raised. In 2012, more than 100 people participated and they raised over \$14 000. To date the event has raised over \$30 000.

Mr. Bouck noted that planning for the 2013 event is already under way with more sponsors, prizes and games. They would also like to have live wells at the dock or a live-release boat to promote catch-and-release. The event is being held a week later as not to conflict with the Port Burwell Fishing Derby and allow those who compete there to attend the Fish-A-Thon for a Cure.

Mr. Bonin and Mr. Bouck presented Chair Geysens with an award of merit and appreciation for supporting the Fish-A-Thon. Chair Geysens acknowledged the importance of the event, thanked LPRCA staff who participated, and thanked the organizers for choosing Deer

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Creek CA to hold the event.

MOTION A-123 moved: D. Beres seconded: B. Chanyi

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors accepts the presentation by Ryan Bonin re: Fish-A-Thon for a Cure as information.

CARRIED

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

MOTION A-124 moved: B. Chanyi seconded: R. Sackrider

THAT the minutes of the LPRCA Board of Directors regular meeting held August 1st, 2012 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

MOTION A-125 moved: D. Beres seconded: Betty Chanyi

THAT the LPRCA Mid-month Development Application approval minutes emailed August 16th, 2012 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

MOTION A-126 moved: D. Beres seconded: Betty Chanyi

THAT the LPRCA Mid-month Development Application approval minutes emailed September 7th, 2012 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

MOTION A-127 moved: Betty Chanyi seconded: D. Beres

THAT the LPRCA Mid-month Development Application approval minutes emailed September 19th, 2012 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING

a) Conservation Ontario White Paper

The GM explained that he and the Chair participated in a two-day workshop to create the Draft Conservation Ontario White Paper entitled *Watershed Management Futures for Ontario* for the purpose of discussing the roles and relationship between the CAs and the province, and ways in which CAs can continue to implement provincial policy on-the-ground. The CAs are also hoping to explore other opportunities that may include redesigning the watershed management framework.

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CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from concerned citizens regarding the proposed use for the former Bick’s Pickle Plant was added to the correspondence items.

MOTION A–128 moved: B. Chanyi seconded: R. Sackrider

That correspondence outlined in the Board of Directors’ Agenda of October 3rd, 2012 with additions be received as information.

CARRIED

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

The Planning Department sought approval for a total of eight applications. All conform to policies and guidelines.

MOTION A–129 moved: B. Chanyi seconded: D. Beres

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),

<i>BA-6/12</i>	<i>HC-104/12</i>	<i>NC-97/12</i>
<i>HC-102/12</i>	<i>BU-4/12</i>	<i>NC-98/12</i>
<i>HC-103/12</i>	<i>NC-96/12</i>	

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

Mike Columbus joined the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

a) CALENDAR REVIEW

Last month there were two signature events held at Backus. The War of 1812, September 8th and 9th, had close to 300 participants and there were 850 day-use entries over the weekend. J. Robertson commended staff and the militia volunteers for their planning and presentation. The Memorial Forest Dedication had a very good

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turnout with 125 people attending on September 16th.

The Owl Prowl on September 15th attracted 82 people. Participants were thrilled to hear a barred owl.

P. Gagnon will be presenting information about ecological restoration at a Trees Ontario “Site Development” course on October 17th.

Backus, Haldimand, Norfolk and Waterford North conservation areas close October 15th.

MOTION A-130 moved: B. Chanyi seconded: R. Sackrider

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

CARRIED

b) GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

The GM, Chair and M. Columbus attended the ALUS tour along with over 100 other participants. It was noted that the ALUS program is gaining traction as evident through its recent expansion.

The GM and his counterpart at St. Clair Region Conservation Authority met with the Ontario MNR Chief Geologist to discuss “fracking”. They were assured by the geologist that fracking was not a threat to drinking water sources. Most issues regarding drinking water occur at the surface. The GM is currently looking for a report by David Suzuki suggesting that fracking increases the risk of earthquakes.

LPRCA continues to review gas leases and the discussion focused on the type of lease and rent/royalties paid.

MOTION A-131 moved: B. Chanyi seconded: D. Beres

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the General Manager’s Report for August and September 2012 as information.

CARRIED

c) SUPPLY AND PLANT NATIVE SEED MIX - TENDER

MOTION A-132 moved: B. Chanyi seconded: D. Beres

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors approves the tender received from St. Williams Nursery and Ecology Center for a total of \$148,476.68 (taxes included) for the supply and planting of a native seed mix on Nature Conservancy Canada’s (NCC) J.Hiebert, H. Hiebert, Lambrecht – 50 & 100, Lighthouse, and Bergen properties.

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CARRIED

d) LPRCA MEMBER APPOINTMENTS

Conservation Ontario is hoping to amend the Conservation Authorities Act for Member appointments to coincide with the four-year terms of municipal councils. Currently, the CA term is three years and most of the members will have to be confirmed next year. The GM has forwarded a letter to Norfolk County as they appointed their Members to a two-year term and need to confirm their appointments before this December.

MOTION A-133 moved: R. Sackrider seconded: B. Chanyi

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the report regarding LPRCA Member Appointments as information.

CARRIED

e) 2012 BIENNIAL TOUR REPORT

Every two years, two or three CA's get together to host the other CAs to view projects and network. This year Grey Sauble and Saugeen Valley conservation authorities welcomed approximately 70 CA representatives including LPRCA's Chair and GM. Both were impressed with the area and projects presented. The GM discussed the possibility of LPRCA co-hosting a future biennial tour with GRCA.

MOTION A-134 moved: R. Sackrider seconded: B. Chanyi

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the verbal report from the GM and Chair regarding the 2012 Biennial Tour as information.

CARRIED

f) A.D. LATORNELL CONFERENCE

The 2012 Latornell conference runs from November 14th to 16th.

MOTION A-135 moved: D. Beres seconded: B. Chanyi

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors approves the attendance of the General Manager, Manager of Watershed Services, Source Water Technician, Roger Geysens, Dave Beres and Robert Chambers for the 19th Annual A.D. Latornell Conference.

CARRIED

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g) MARKETING SIGNAGE

Staff recommended participation in the Norfolk and Haldimand counties Directional Signage Program for Deer Creek, Backus and Haldimand conservation areas. Signage to Norfolk and Waterford North conservation areas is adequate. A maximum of eight signs are being reviewed/requested.

MOTION A-136 moved: B Chanyi seconded: R. Sackrider

*THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the Marketing Signage Report as information ;
AND THAT staff be directed to implement the plan.*

CARRIED

h) WECI AND DAMS – REALLOCATION REQUEST

Last week the MNR announced the funding allocations for the 2012 WECI Program. LPRCA submitted four requests and funding has been approved for two. The two projects being funded are 1) signage upgrades and safety equipment and 2) Lehman’s Dam bottom draw investigation. While the other two projects scored high, funding of the WECI Program has been reduced. The Manager of Watershed Services plans to proceed with the Vittoria Dam project and obtain and replace new stoplogs for the Teeterville Dam with carry-over capital funds.

MOTION A-137 moved: D. Beres seconded: B. Chanyi

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the WECI Funding and Dams Projects Update Report for information.

CARRIED

i) TIMBER TENDER LP-257-12

The Hay Creek Tract has been marked and tendered. Two bids were received with the top bid from Leonard Pilkey.

The Hay Creek trail will be closed temporarily during operations. Since the Hay Creek trails system is well used, staff has developed a new trail at Fisher’s Glen as a temporary replacement.

MOTION A-138 moved: B. Chanyi seconded: R. Sackrider

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors accepts the tender submitted by Leonard Pilkey for marked standing timber at the Hay Creek Tract for a total tendered price of \$33,245.00.

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j) MNR FUNDING UPDATE

As part of the recent cuts by the MNR, it was recently announced that they are closing 10 northern parks. No further questions or comments.

MOTION A-139 moved: D. Beres seconded: B. Chanyi

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the MNR Funding Update for information.

CARRIED

MOTION A-140 moved: B. Chanyi seconded: R. Sackrider

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

CARRIED

MOTION A-141 moved: R. Sackrider seconded: B. Chanyi

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

CARRIED

MOTION A-142 moved: M. Columbus seconded: B. Chanyi

That the LPRCA Board of Directors accepts the GM's confidential verbal report regarding a legal matter.

CARRIED

MOTION A-143 moved: B. Chanyi seconded: R. Sackrider

That the LPRCA Board of Directors accepts the GM's confidential verbal report regarding a personnel matter.

CARRIED

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The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:15pm.

Roger Geysens
Chairman

Dana McLachlan
Administrative Assistant

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