



**LONG POINT REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES - April 1, 2015**

(as approved at the Board of Directors meeting held May 6, 2015)

Members in attendance: Leroy Bartlett, Dave Beres, Doug Brunton, Robert Chambers, Michael Columbus, Roger Geysens, Noel Haydt, David Hayes, John Scholten, Tom Southwick

Staff in attendance: C. Evanitski, D. Holmes, J. Robertson, J. Maxwell, J. Miller, P. Gagnon and D. McLachlan

Regrets: Craig Grice

The LPRCA Chair called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm Wednesday, April 1, 2015 in the Tillsonburg Boardroom.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

None

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

None

DEPUTATIONS:

None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

MOTION A-42/15 moved: R. Chambers seconded: D. Hayes

THAT the minutes of the LPRCA Board of Directors Annual General Meeting held February 27th, 2015 and the Mid-Month Development Application Approval of March 16th be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING

None

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REVIEW OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

MOTION A-43/15

moved: R. Chambers

seconded: J. Scholten

THAT the minutes from the Backus Museum Committee meeting of February 12th, 2015 be received as information.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

None

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

a) Staff Approved applications

Staff approved nine applications since the last meeting in February: LPRCA-9/15, LPRCA-10/15, LPRCA-11/15, LPRCA-12/15, LPRCA-13/15, LPRCA-14/15, LPRCA-15/15, LPRCA-16/15 and LPRCA-19/15. In response to questions, LPRCA-15/15 allows the applicant permission to inspect and repair a gas pipeline. No further questions or comments.

MOTION A-44/15

moved: J. Scholten

seconded: D. Hayes

That the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the Staff Approved Section 28 Regulation Applications report as information.

CARRIED

b) New Applications

The Planning Department sought approval for two applications at Hastings Drive, Long Point in Norfolk County. Staff explained that the May 1st deadline to move windblown sand is established by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forests (MNR) and that said minor applications can be approved at staff level. Most proponents at Long Point still have time to submit their application to LPRCA for the purpose of repositioning windblown material. These applications still require MNR approval. MNR with input from Norfolk County, LPRCA, and Fisheries and Oceans Canada developed a Quick Reference Guide to help the public identify who they are to call when planning various works/activities in the Long Point area. The Guide was distributed and reviewed by the LPRCA Board at the August 2014 meeting. Staff proposed to present the Guide to those who submit an application for works at Long Point.

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Staff explained that pea gravel is the preferred material for parking areas in Long Point deemed as not having a negative impact to the area as per engineering studies completed in 2013/14.

MOTION A-45/15

moved: D. Hayes

seconded: J. Scholten

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors approves the following Development Applications WITH CONDITIONS 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),

LPRCA-20/15

LPRCA-21/15

- 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

LPRCA partners with its municipalities and community groups to host community planting events. Staff is participating in various Earth Day events. "In Celebration of Earth Day" takes place April 26th at Backus and the annual Scout Tree Plant takes place April 25th where approximately 2400 seedlings will be planted. LPRCA staff will provide a presentation at the Welcome Birders to Your Business Workshop in Port Rowan April 13th.

The Community Relations Supervisor provided a synopsis of the Cover Crop and Soil Health Workshop held at LPRCA yesterday. Approximately sixty people attended and a lot of positive feedback and compliments for the event were received.

MOTION A-46/15

moved: D. Brunton

seconded: R. Chambers

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

CARRIED

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b) GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

The GM attended the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) conference in March where he met with various watershed councillors to discuss LPRCA services. The joint initiatives planned with the Town of Tillsonburg were reviewed.

MOTION A-47/15 moved: D. Brunton seconded: R. Chambers

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the General Manager's Report for February and March 2015 as information.

CARRIED

c) FIVE-YEAR SILVICULTURE OPERATING PLAN UPDATE

Staff will provide the 20-Year Forest Management Plan to the Membership at the next meeting. The 20-Year Plan guides the forest management operations for LPRCA through 2019. The Five-Year Plans rotate management activities through the various forest tracts. Good forestry practice dictates that some kind of management should be undertaken every 12 to 15 years. All of the properties listed, with one exception, have been treated and some are on their third rotation. The exception is the Jeffery/Butler Tract which was impacted by tornadic activity in 1978. Staff explained the various details of the Five-Year Plans noting the meanings of the columns entitled Special Designations and Silvicultural Operations, and the meaning of the Natural Heritage Woodlands designation.

The previous difficulties in getting timely MNR approval for forest operations have now been rectified.

Staff discussed the infected Ash tree removal at Norfolk Conservation Area and in the watershed in general.

MOTION A-48/15 moved: R. Geysens seconded: D. Hayes

THAT LPRCA Board of Directors approves the 5-Year Forest Management Operating Plan for the period covering 2015-2016 to 2019-2020.

CARRIED

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d) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING RE: NORFOLK COUNTY SUMMER PROGRAMS

Norfolk County Recreation staff has provided summer programming at Hay Creek Conservation Area for a number of years. They have requested to move their programming to Waterford North Conservation Area for the 2015 season to take advantage of the beach/swimming area, more space and a larger storage area. Norfolk County staff will be providing their own life guards for the water activities.

MOTION A-49/15 moved: D. Hayes seconded: R. Geysens

*THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the staff report regarding the Norfolk County Summer Programs as information;
AND THAT the appropriate signing officers be directed to sign the attached Memorandum of Understanding.*

CARRIED

e) SINCLAIR CAMPBELL PROPERTY WETLAND CREATION

The Sinclair Campbell property is owned by Ducks Unlimited and is located just west of Highway 59. The proposed plan includes moving material to reconstruct each berm and create sediment basins to keep sediment from flowing into the Big Creek Marsh.

MOTION A-50/15 moved: D. Brunton seconded: R. Geysens

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors approves funding support for the wetland creation project on the Sinclair Campbell Property – Ducks Unlimited.

CARRIED

f) BACKUS MUSEUM COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

The Backus Museum Committee originated last year as a requirement to obtain the Community Museums Operating Grant (CMOG). Unfortunately, LPRCA was unable to attain the grant but the Committee decided to proceed. The current Terms of Reference specifies three Board members plus the Chair and three community volunteers. No advertising for the community members occurred last year but an article in the local paper put forth the call for volunteers. Two community volunteers were secured at that time and recently two other people have expressed interest. In order to accommodate both requests the Terms of Reference must be modified. Discussion ensued as to whether this bypasses procedure or if more volunteers should be recruited.

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MOTION A-51/15

moved: R. Chambers

seconded: R. Geysens

*THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors approves the appointments of Ron Sackrider and Betty Chanyi to the Backus Museum Committee;
AND THAT LPRCA staff start the recruitment process immediately for additional members.*

CARRIED

g) EROSION CONTROL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The LPRCA Erosion Control Assistance Program provides 50% of the cost of eligible erosion control projects to a maximum of \$1000. Mr. Csoff plans to use “Rapid Drain Outlets” described as modified Hickenbottoms with open tops. LPRCA will contribute \$250. Staff recommended supporting this project to test the functionality of the Rapid Drain Outlets.

MOTION A-52/15

moved: D. Hayes

seconded: R. Geysen

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors approves the Gunther Csoff erosion control project under LPRCA’s Conservation Services – Erosion Control Assistance Program.

CARRIED

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:05pm.

Michael Columbus
Chair

Dana McLachlan
Administrative Assistant

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