



**LONG POINT REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES - June 1, 2016**

(as approved at the Board of Directors meeting held August 3, 2016)

Members in attendance: Leroy Bartlett, Dave Beres, Doug Brunton, Robert Chambers, Michael Columbus, Roger Geysens, Noel Haydt, Tom Southwick and John Scholten
Staff in attendance: C. Evanitski, J. Robertson, J. Maxwell, D. Holmes, L. Minshall, B Hodi and D. McLachlan
Regrets: David Hayes and Craig Grice

The LPRCA Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm Wednesday, June 1, 2016 in the Tillsonburg Administration Office Boardroom.

There was a brief discussion regarding Board Member attendance. Staff to follow-up.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

MOTION A-82/16 moved: R. Geysens seconded: J. Scholten

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors add "Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Application" and "L&B Brown Scholarship Fund" and "Niagara/Hamilton CA Levy Apportionment" and "Parks Capital Update" as items 10 (g), 10 (h), 10 (i) and 10 (j) respectively under New Business.

CARRIED

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

None

DEPUTATIONS

None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

MOTION A-83/16 moved: R. Geysens seconded: J. Scholten

THAT the minutes of the LPRCA Board of Directors Regular Meeting held May 4th, 2016 be adopted as circulated.

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BUSINESS ARISING

a) **LPRCA Forestry Revenues 2006-2015**

Staff to review cost-saving options during the upcoming budget process.

MOTION A-84/16 moved: J. Scholten seconded: R. Geysens

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the LPRCA Forest Revenues 2006-2015 as information.

CARRIED

REVIEW OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

a) **Staff Approved applications**

Planning staff approved 24 applications over the past month. Address correction noted.

MOTION A-85/16 moved: J. Scholten seconded: R. Geysens

That the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the Staff Approved Section 28 Regulation Applications report dated June 1st, 2016 as information.

CARRIED

b) **New Applications**

The Planning Department recommended the approval of five applications. Address correction noted.

MOTION A-86/16 moved: L Bartlett seconded: N. Haydt

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors approves the following Development Applications contained within the background section of the report:

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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-45/16
LPRCA-73/16
LPRCA-84/16
LPRCA-88/16
LPRCA-90/16

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

The Women's Spring Retreat organized by Norfolk County at Waterford North Conservation Area has been cancelled and ALUS Elgin has two wildlife tours scheduled in July. Staff reviewed a number of the upcoming activities/events noting that staff participates, in some way, at a majority of these.

There is no Board meeting scheduled for July.

MOTION A-87/16 moved: L. Bartlett seconded: D. Beres

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the Calendar of Events Report for June and July as information.

CARRIED

b) GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

There were no questions or comments.

MOTION A-88/16 moved: L. Bartlett seconded: N. Haydt

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the General Manager's Report for May 2016 as information.

CARRIED

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c) CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES ACT REVIEW UPDATE

Last month, the GM participated in a working group along with other stakeholders to provide input into updating the *Conservation Authorities Act* and the role of conservation authorities. The review was attended by Parliamentary Assistant Eleanor McMahon and MNR Minister Bill Mauro. A number of recommendations were derived from the session and a number of engagement sessions are scheduled in the upcoming weeks. LPRCA staff plan to attend the London session on June 9th.

MOTION A-89/16

moved: N. Haydt

seconded: L. Bartlett

That the Board of Directors receives the Conservation Authorities Act Review Update as information.

CARRIED

d) LIDAR/SWOOP REPORT

Staff reviewed the Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) and Southwestern Ontario Orthophotography Project (SWOOP) products noting these products can provide topographic data through the use of specialized software and post-processing. LiDAR and SWOOP data is not floodplain mapping or hazard mapping outright, however, they can form an important piece of information when developing such mapping. Floodplain mapping would provide important information such as flood-proofing standards helping designers to build better flood-proofed facilities and provide fire and EMS important data to help with emergency planning during flooding events. There is currently no LiDAR data available to LPRCA at this time.

MOTION A-90/16

moved: J. Scholten

seconded: R. Geysens

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the SWOOP & LiDAR Products Report as information.

CARRIED

e) HALDIMAND MOU

In 1998, LPRCA entered into an agreement with the Regional Municipality of Haldimand-Norfolk and its three constituent conservation authorities to coordinate responsibilities with respect to natural heritage and hazard land protection. The agreement has since expired but the work has been continuing as per the original agreement. Staff presented an updated draft agreement prepared for Haldimand County to be signed by all parties in 2016. Staff will continue working on updated

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agreements with all LPRCA member municipalities in order to satisfy Municipal Affairs and Housing requirements.

MOTION A-91/16 moved: Roger Geysens seconded: J. Scholten

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors directs the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer to complete an updated Memorandum of Understanding with Haldimand County for Plan Review Services.

CARRIED

f) WATERSHED CONDITIONS UPDATE

Staff reviewed the precipitation levels and temperatures over the course of the winter and spring months. Temperatures throughout the winter months were above average until a cooler April. Lake Erie water levels continue to be above the long-term average and are forecasted to remain that way throughout the summer. Flood messages issued for watercourses and Lake Erie by LPRCA were reviewed. Environment Canada's long-range outlook was reviewed with temperatures predicted to be normal to above normal and precipitation predicted to be average.

MOTION A-92/16 moved: D. Beres seconded: D. Brunton

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives staff's verbal report regarding the Watershed Conditions Update as information.

CARRIED

g) CANADA 150 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE APPLICATION

Staff would like to apply to the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Fund for upgrades to be completed at the Backus Village and Education Centre. Priority may be given to projects that will leave a meaningful and lasting legacy; require less than 50% of the total project costs; start quickly; and be completed by Fall 2017. The deadline for submission is June 24th, 2016 and requires Board endorsement through resolution.

MOTION A-93/16 moved: D. Beres seconded: D. Brunton

THAT the Long Point Region Conservation Board directs staff to submit an application to the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program for a contribution of \$100,000 towards a total project of \$200,000 for the renovation and repair of heritage and conservation education infrastructure at Backus Heritage Conservation Area.

CARRIED

h) LEIGHTON & BETTY BROWN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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The Leighton & Betty Brown Scholarship Fund (L&BBSF) was discussed at the last Lee Brown Marsh Management Committee meeting as only one scholarship of \$1000 is to be awarded again this year due to the low interest environment. D Brunton suggested that the fund be invested in bank shares and provided a potential investment scenario. The original L&BBSF agreement was signed by the previous GM and Mr. Rowley, (designated by the hunters who donated the funds), specifying that the funds be invested in secure, guaranteed investment products. Staff was directed to further research investment options and contact Mr. Rowley to discuss the possibility of updating the agreement.

i) NIAGARA/HAMILTON CA LEVY APPORTIONMENT

L. Bartlett reported that mediation talks between Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority and The City of Hamilton have failed to find a resolution regarding levy apportionment. The dispute will now go to a provincial hearing and Haldimand County is seeking party status.

i) PARKS CAPITAL UPDATE

Staff reported that the Haldimand Conservation Area hydro upgrade is complete. The Norfolk Conservation Area water system upgrade is 2/3's complete: the water main has been inspected; and a 5000 gallon water tank and new filtration system has been installed - a pressure test is still required. The Backus Heritage Conservation Area (BHCA) water upgrade is 80% complete; the well head will be refurbished around July 1st. Staff is expecting the proposal from the contractor for the BHCA hydro upgrade tomorrow and is anticipating for the project to begin next week. The only project yet to start is the Waterford North Conservation Area hydro upgrade and staff will be reviewing the requirements for the project within the next few weeks. All projects are currently within the approved budget to date.

MOTION A-94/16 moved: T. Southwick seconded: R. Geysens

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives staff's 2016 Capital Projects for Parks Update as Information.

CARRIED

MOTION A-95/16 moved: D. Brunton seconded: J. Scholten

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

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□ *litigation or potential litigation, including matters affecting the Conservation Authority*

CARRIED

MOTION A-96/16 moved: D. Beres seconded: D. Brunton

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

CARRIED

MOTION A-97/16 moved: L. Bartlett seconded: T. Southwick

*THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the GM's verbal Property Matter Report re: potential litigation as information;
AND agrees that no further action is required at this time.*

CARRIED

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:25pm.

Michael Columbus
Chair

Dana McLachlan
Administrative Assistant

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