

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

November 7, 2012

(as approved at the Board meeting held December 5, 2012)

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

Absent: C. Grice

The LPRCA Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm Wednesday, November 7th, 2012 in the Tillsonburg Boardroom.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

None

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

None

DEPUTATIONS

None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

MOTION A-145 moved: L. Bartlett seconded: E. Ketchabaw

THAT the minutes of the LPRCA Board of Directors regular meeting held October 3rd, 2012 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

MOTION A-146 moved: R. Chambers seconded: L. Bartlett

THAT the LPRCA Mid-month Development Application approval minutes emailed October 18th, 2012 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING

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a) Turkey Point Mountain Bike Club MOU

The Board requested revisions to the original MOU presented at the August Board of Directors meeting. The MOU has now been revised as per the Board’s wishes specifically, items 9, 10 and 14. The GM was asked the start date of the agreement and advised that it will likely be January 1st, 2013

MOTION A-147 moved: E. Ketchabaw seconded: R. Chambers

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors approves the revised Memorandum of Understanding with the Turkey Point Mountain Bike Club for a five-year term for the use and maintenance of bike trails located within the Anderson Tract, Lot 15 and 16, Concession 1, former Township of Charlotteville – Norfolk County.

CARRIED

b) Conservation Ontario Whitepaper

The GM reminded the Members about the reason for the Whitepaper and noted that it has been sent to the ministers of Natural Resources (MNR), Food & Rural Affairs and Environment & Culture. CAs are well-positioned to continue works cut by MNR but the funding model needs to be addressed. The CAs have been asked to take the lead in distributing the Whitepaper to member municipalities. The Board requested that the letter contain the Whitepaper highlights.

MOTION A-148 moved: E. Ketchabaw seconded: R. Chambers

*THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the Conservation Ontario Whitepaper as information;
AND THAT staff be directed to circulate the CO Whitepaper to member municipalities for comment.*

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

Norfolk County sent a letter advising that Council approved the appointment of the current Norfolk Council representatives to continue until November 30, 2014.

MOTION A-149 moved: D. Travale seconded: E. Ketchabaw

That correspondence outlined in the Board of Directors’ Agenda of November 7th, 2012 be received as information.

CARRIED

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

The Planning Department sought approval for a total of 14 applications. Seven applications are amended permits and one has conditions as per an engineer’s report.

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The Manager of Watershed Services confirmed that the amended applications were different from the originals. All fees are still applicable. All conform to policies and guidelines.

H. Surette was thanked for her timely updates regarding Hurricane Sandy.

MOTION A-150 moved: D. Travale seconded: L. Bartlett

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>HC-106/12</i>	<i>NC-103/12</i>	<i>HC-19/12-Amended</i>
<i>NC-102/12</i>	<i>NC-105/12</i>	<i>HC-35/12-Amended</i>
<i>BA-7/12</i>	<i>NC-106/12</i>	<i>HC-36/12-Amended</i>
	<i>NC-107/12</i>	<i>HC-42/12-Amended</i>
		<i>HC-43/12-Amended</i>
		<i>HC-45/12-Amended</i>
		<i>HC-69/12-Amended</i>

B. Approves, WITH CONDITIONS, the following development application for work under Section 28 Regulations, Development, Interference with Wetlands & Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulations (R.R.O. 1990 Reg. 178/06),

NC-104/12

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

The events listed at Backus for November 15th and 22nd provide good exposure for LPRCA and the guest speaker at the Long Point Biosphere Annual General Meeting on the 22nd may be of interest to the Board as his topic relates to shoreline management.

As a reminder, pictures will be taken at the December 5th meeting and the LPRCA Christmas Dinner is December 7th.

MOTION A-151 moved: R. Chambers seconded: R. Sackrider

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

CARRIED

b) GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

The GM discussed the last Conservation Ontario meeting where an MNR spokesperson discussed the aim of the MNR to balance their books within the next four years and noted that further announcements regarding MNR will be forthcoming over the next two years.

The GM and the Manager of Watershed Services met with Norfolk County staff to review various files. The Efficiency Study meeting with Kettle Creek Conservation Authority scheduled for tomorrow will focus on shoreline management

There was a short discussion on fracking. The GM reiterated that the Ontario MNR Chief Geologist assures that fracking is not a threat to drinking water sources. The GM is still reviewing the report by David Suzuki suggesting that fracking increases the risk of earthquakes.

MOTION A-152 moved: L. Bartlett seconded: R. Sackrider

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the General Manager's Report for October 2012 as information.

CARRIED

c) THIRD QUARTER FINANCIALS UPDATE

The Manager of Corporate Services noted that since the end of September the MNR transfer funding has been received and confirmation received that the museum funding is forthcoming. The parks are within 1% of the target revenue as of September and should attain the target as the final numbers come in for October. Four parks closed October 15th. She then fielded questions from the Board.

The Federal grants were mainly from carry-over projects in Healthy Watershed Services. She reviewed the Capital projects that haven't been completed and the expected dates of completion. Three quotes were obtained to refinish the office floor but other office equipment/sound barriers also need to be addressed. The parking lot repairs/repaving were part of a FEDDEV application that was rejected. Other items will be discussed in the upcoming budget meeting.

MOTION A-153 moved: R. Sackrider seconded: B. Chanyi

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the Budget Performance Report as of September 30th, 2012 as information.

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CARRIED

d) MNR REVIEW OF 2012 LPRCA FORESTRY PROGRAM

LPRCA has been working with Aylmer MNR to evaluate the impact of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) on managed forest activities. A Letter of Advice was received from MNR for projects to be undertaken prior to the end of 2013 as per the submitted Ecologists report. Staff will continue to work with MNR and are seeking a 5-year blanket approval. Forest revenues are currently lagging due to the approval process.

MOTION A-154 moved: R. Sackrider seconded: B. Chanyi

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors accepts the correspondence received from Aylmer District Ministry of Natural Resources dated October 11, 2012, file number AYL-L-106-12 for inclusion into the 2011/2012 forest management prescriptions/operating plans.

CARRIED

e) LPRCA TRACT SIGNAGE REPORT

Staff investigated two different sized signs to replace deteriorating existing signage. Based on cost, durability and recognition, staff recommends the larger size. While the cost per sign is more, the savings would come from using the existing posts in most cases. Norfolk County members suggested contacting their county staff for pricing as they have their own sign department.

MOTION A-155 moved: B. Chanyi seconded: R. Sackrider

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors accepts the staff report dated October 30th, 2012 for the replacement of LPRCA Forest Tract signs.

CARRIED

MOTION A-156 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;*
- a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the Conservation Authority.*

CARRIED

MOTION A-157 moved: R. Chambers seconded: L. Bartlett

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

CARRIED

MOTION A-158 moved: D. Beres seconded: B. Chanyi

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

CARRIED

MOTION A-159 moved: M. Columbus seconded: R. Sackrider

That the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the GM's confidential, verbal report regarding the disposition of Hay Creek as information.

CARRIED

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:50pm.

Roger Geysens
Chairman

Dana McLachlan
Administrative Assistant

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