



**LONG POINT REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS – MINUTES
August 5, 2015**

Members in attendance: Leroy Bartlett, Dave Beres, Doug Brunton, Robert Chambers, Michael Columbus, Roger Geysens, C. Grice, Noel Haydt, John Scholten, Tom Southwick
Staff in attendance: C. Evanitski, D. Holmes, J. Robertson, J. Maxwell, L. Minshall, J. Miller, and D. McLachlan
Special Guests: J. MacCormack and family, T. Haskett, L. Chanda, and B. Smith.
Absent: David Hayes

The LPRCA Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm Wednesday, August 5th, 2015 in the Backus Conservation Education Centre Boardroom.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

MOTION A-86/15 moved: D. Brunton seconded: R. Geysens

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors add “Lake Erie Water Levels” under New Business as item (k) to the August 5th, 2015 agenda.

CARRIED

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

None

PRESENTATION: LEIGHTON AND BETTY BROWN SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Lee Brown Marsh Management Committee (LBMMC) Chair, T. Haskett introduced the LBMMC members present at the meeting and gave a brief history of the Scholarship. The Scholarship was established in 2006 through donations from hunting patrons to honour the late former Marsh Manager and his wife. Scholarships have been awarded since 2007 to support the recipients with their post-secondary education in a conservation or environmental-related field based on their academic achievement. Chair Haskett introduced this year’s scholarship winner, Jacquie MacCormack, who is an honours graduate from Holy Trinity, a 4-H participant and will be entering the Fish and Wildlife Technology Program at Sir Sanford Fleming College this fall.

DEPUTATIONS

None

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

MOTION A-87/15 moved: D. Brunton seconded: R. Geysens

THAT the minutes of the LPRCA Board of Directors Regular Meeting held June 3rd, 2015 and the Special Conference Call held July 8th, 2015 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING

None

REVIEW OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

MOTION A-88/15 moved: R. Geysens seconded: D. Brunton

THAT the minutes from the Backus Museum Committee meeting of March 6th, 2015 be received as information.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

MOTION A-89/15 moved: R. Geysens seconded: D. Brunton

THAT the correspondence outlined in the Board of Directors' Agenda of August 5th, 2015 be received as information.

CARRIED

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

a) Staff Approved applications

Staff approved 25 applications since the last meeting in June: LPRCA-60/15, LPRCA-61/15, LPRCA-62/15, LPRCA-64/15, LPRCA-65/15, LPRCA-66/15, LPRCA-67/15, LPRCA-68/15, LPRCA-70/15, LPRCA-71/15, LPRCA-72/15, LPRCA-73/15, LPRCA-75/15, LPRCA-76/15, LPRCA-78/15, LPRCA-79/15, LPRCA-80/15, LPRCA-81/15, LPRCA-82/15, LPRCA-83/15, LPRCA-84/15, LPRCA-85/15, LPRCA-86/15, LPRCA-87/15 and LPRCA-88/15. Staff explained the roles of LPRCA staff and the Norfolk Building Department staff regarding LPRCA-68/15 located at South Walsingham, Norfolk.

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MOTION A-90/15

moved: D. Brunton

seconded: R. Geysens

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 four applications. Director Bartlett explained the project being executed at Rainham, Haldimand under application LPRCA-97/15. No further questions or comments.

MOTION A-91/15

moved: R. Geysens

seconded: D. Brunton

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors approves the following Development Applications WITH CONDITIONS contained within the background section of the 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-96/15; LPRCA-97/15
LPRCA-98/15; LPRCA-99/15

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**

There are almost 40 events and activities planned for the month of August. Among them are the very popular Murder Mystery and Blue Grass Jam at Backus and the Children's Fishing Derby at Deer Creek. Staff reported that the Summer Camps at both Backus and Waterford North have been well-attended this summer. P. Gagnon, Lands and Waters Supervisor is speaking at a stop on the ALUS Tour on August 26th. There is no LPRCA Watershed Tour this year due to the September GRCA/LPRCA Biennial Tour.

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MOTION A-92/15

moved: D. Brunton

seconded: R. Geysens

THAT the August Calendar of Events Report be received as information.

CARRIED**b) GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

The GM participated in a number of meetings and events throughout the past two months with many discussions focusing on Source Water Protection and the Risk Management Office. He has also been working with the Southwest Ontario Tourism Corporate and South Central Ontario Region Economic Development Corporation to secure potential funding for campground infrastructure upgrades. He noted that the parks have been having a very good season so far despite any weather issues.

In response to questions, the GM noted that he will be attending upcoming meetings to discuss potential on-going support from the province to fund the implementation of the Source Water Protection Plans.

MOTION A-93/15

moved: R. Geysens

seconded: D. Brunton

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

CARRIED**c) A.D. LATORNELL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION**

The 2015 A.D. Latornell Symposium program was distributed to the Board for review. Typically, LPRCA sends two Board Members and three staff to the symposium each year. The decision as to who will be attending the conference will be discussed at the September Board Meeting.

MOTION A-94/15

moved: R. Geysens

seconded: D. Brunton

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the GM's verbal report regarding the A.D. Latornell Conference Registration as information.

CARRIED**d) 2nd QUARTER FINANCIALS/CAPITAL PROGRAM UPDATE**

The 2nd Quarter Budget Performance Report now includes historical actuals from the

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previous two years. Staff noted that there is currently no need to adjust Contributions from Reserves at this time as overall revenues and expenses are tracking close to the budget. Some of the variances from each department and the statuses of the various capital projects were reviewed and discussed.

MOTION A-95/15 moved: T. Southwick seconded: D. Beres

THAT LPRCA Board of Directors receives the Budget Performance Report as at June 30th, 2015 as information.

CARRIED

e) BACKUS MUSEUM BOARD MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

As per direction from the Board, staff advertised openings for the Backus Museum Committee and received three applications. Staff noted that all three applicants have volunteered in the past and bring a wide range of skill sets.

MOTION A-96/15 moved: T. Southwick seconded: R. Chambers

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors approves the appointments of Ted Mole, Kevin O'Halloran and Trevor Shelly to the Backus Museum Committee.

CARRIED

f) FOREST MANAGEMENT PRESCRIPTIONS/OPERATING PLANS – CALEY/ABBOTT/PALMER TRACT AND DAWES/CHAMBERS/TONTSCH TRACT

Plans are completed annually for each property that will be receiving silvicultural treatment. The Caley/Abbott/Palmer Tract consists of 263 acres split into four or five blocks that will be marked and tendered separately. The property consists of a large amount of ash species and is slated to be harvested due to the Emerald Ash Borer. A salvage operation was completed on this tract in 1979 and was last harvested in 1998/99.

The Dawes/Chambers/Tontsch Tract consists of 75 acres and is comprised of approximately 50% ash. It was last harvested in 1996.

MOTION A-97/15 moved: L. Bartlett seconded: T. Southwick

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors approves the prescription/operating plans for the Dawes/Chambers/Tontsch and Caley/Abbott/Palmer Tracts.

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g) LONG POINT PHRAGMITES ACTION ALLIANCE

The local Long Point Phragmites Action Alliance invited LPRCA to join their group. Due to limited resources, staff offered to act as a resource agency and appointed K. Brown, Lee Brown Marsh Manager as the point of contact.

MOTION A-98/15 moved: L. Bartlett seconded: R. Chambers

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors approves joining the Long Point Phragmites Action Alliance as an information resource.

CARRIED

h) RISK MANAGEMENT OFFICIAL REPORT

The Long Point Region Source Protection Plan was completed and submitted to the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) for approval June 2015. It is expected that the Plan could come into effect as early as April 2016. To implement the policies, the municipality is required to appoint a Risk Management Official (RMO) and Risk Management Inspectors (RMI) and have several options to do so.

The Municipality of Bayham, Norfolk County and the County of Brant requested that LPRCA take on these responsibilities. Factors considered were the scope of work to be done, the size of the area to be regulated, staffing requirements, as well as, implementation and annual costs. There are strong links between the Risk Management Office (the tools in the Clean Water Act) and land use planning indicating a more streamlined process if administered through the municipalities. Staff pointed out that ultimately, municipalities are responsible for safe drinking water.

MOTION A-99/15 moved: R. Chambers seconded: C. Grice

THAT the Long Point Region Conservation Authority respectfully declines the request by Norfolk County, Brant County and the Municipality of Bayham to take on the Risk Management Office responsibilities under the Clean Water Act, 2006 on their behalf.

CARRIED

i) CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES ACT REVIEW

The Province earlier announced that it would be conducting a review of the Conservation Authorities Act and that it would include public consultations. Subsequently, Conservation Ontario organized a working group to determine key messaging and proposed input for the Review. The Act was originally developed in 1946 and the last update was 1990. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry has since circulated a paper to other ministries for comment that focuses on the roles

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and responsibilities, funding and governance of conservation authorities. Staff responded to questions. The GM was requested to make information available and/or a presentation to municipal partners where appropriate.

MOTION A-100/15 moved: L. Bartlett seconded: R. Chambers

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the General Manager's Report regarding the Conservation Authorities Act Review as information.

CARRIED

j) 2015 CHRISTMAS OPERATING SCHEDULE

For a number of years LPRCA has closed down operations (except for emergency response) over the Christmas-New Year's period. LPRCA staff is proposing the same process for 2015. The office would be closed from Friday, December 25th, 2015 to Sunday, January 3rd, 2016 inclusive. The Board has traditionally granted a complimentary day off with pay for those staff working that time of year and LPRCA staff will be required to bank two (2) 2015 vacation days for this shutdown period or take time off without pay.

MOTION A-101/15 moved: L. Bartlett seconded: N. Haydt

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors closes operations (except for emergency response) from December 25/15 to January 3/16 inclusive, AND that staff working at that time be granted one complimentary day off with pay; AND that staff be required to utilize two (2) 2015 vacation days during the closure period or take unpaid leave - along with three statutory holidays.

CARRIED

k) LAKE ERIE WATER LEVELS

As of June, Lake Erie is approximately 1.2m above chart datum and .3m (1ft) higher than it was at this time last year. The level is not as high as 1985/86 when a significant wind event caused major damage at Long Point. However, a minor wind event that causes the water level to reach 1.6m can trigger minor/nuisance flooding in Port Dover, Turkey Point and Long Point, as noticed yesterday in Port Dover when the water level nearly reached The Beach House. If the lake level rises to 2m or 2.1m, there becomes a moderate risk of significant flooding and road closures.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:40pm.

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