

LONG POINT REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES - November 6, 2013
(as approved at the Board Meeting held December 4, 2013)

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

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

Regrets: M. Columbus and D. Travale

The LPRCA Chair called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm Wednesday, November 6th, 2013 in the Tillsonburg Boardroom.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

MOTION A-170/13 moved: D. Beres seconded: R. Sackrider

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors add "Big Otter Marina & Campground Request" under Correspondence as item 8 (e) to the November 6th, 2013 agenda.

CARRIED

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

None

DEPUTATIONS

None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

MOTION A-171/13 moved: R. Sackrider seconded: B. Chanyi

THAT the minutes of the LPRCA Board of Directors regular meeting held October 2nd, 2013 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

MOTION A-172/13 moved: D. Beres seconded: R. Sackrider

THAT the LPRCA Mid-month Development Application approval minutes of October 23rd, 2013 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

There were no questions or comments regarding the above minutes.

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BUSINESS ARISING

a) Cost Analysis of FSC Certification Program

As per the correspondence attached to the report, various stakeholders suggest that FSC certified products command a 5% to 10% premium. The British government is working towards purchasing only FSC certified products and many feel that there is a possibility that other governments will follow suit and therefore, those not certified will be limiting their market share.

The Chair emphasized that FSC certification comes with a cost and the GM reminded the Board of the associated fees.

MOTION A-173/13 moved: R. Sackrider seconded: R. Chambers

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the FSC Cost Analysis Report dated October 28th, 2013 for information.

CARRIED

REVIEW OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

None

CORRESPONDENCE

MOTION A-174/13 moved: D. Beres seconded: B. Chanyi

That correspondence outlined in the Board of Directors' Agenda of November 6th, 2013 with additions be received as information.

CARRIED

The GM recently negotiated the next 5-year term for the 20-year lease with M. Garry, owner/operator of the Big Otter Marina and Campground. M. Garry originally agreed with the 3% annual increases but asked for a reconsideration on the compounding of said increases.

MOTION A-175/13 moved: R. Sackrider seconded: B. Chanyi

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors confirms the Big Otter Marina and Campground fee schedule as per the GM's staff report of September 20th, 2013..

CARRIED

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

a) Staff Approved applications – October 2013

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Staff approved 13 applications over the past month: NC-106/13, NC-107/13, SWO-2/13, NC-108/13, NC-109/13, NC-110/13, TIL-5/13, HC-51/13, NC-111/13, HC-52/13, NC-115/13, NC-118/13, NC-119/13.

MOTION A-176/13 moved: R. Chambers seconded: D. Beres

That the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the Staff Approved Section 28 Regulation Applications report dated October 24th, 2013 as information.

CARRIED

b) **New Applications**

None

NEW BUSINESS

a) **CALENDAR REVIEW**

In addition to the events on the report, there is now two group tours booked at Backus Village. The details of the ALUS tour are not yet finalized.

MOTION A-177/13 moved: R. Chambers seconded: B. Chanyi

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

CARRIED

b) **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

There were no questions or concerns with the GM's report.

MOTION A-178/13 moved: R. Chambers seconded: D. Beres

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the General Manager's Report for October 2013 as information.

CARRIED

c) **EROSION CONTROL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM REQUEST**

LPRCA has offered the Erosion Control Assistance Program (ECAP) for over 30 years. This request is located on a farm property north of Vittoria and the original berm is over 40 years old. Conservation Services has a \$5000 budget for the ECAP.

MOTION A-179/13 moved: B. Chanyi seconded: R. Chambers

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors approves the Terry O'Neill erosion control project

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under LPRCA's Conservation Services – Erosion Control Assistance Program.

CARRIED

d) BACKUS MILL RESTORATION UPDATE

The GM has had regular discussions with Minister Finlay's office to help with potential fundraising for the restoration of the Mill. The engineers from Spriet and Associates have completed a cost assessment and structural integrity review. They reviewed the structure twice this year, once early in the spring and again after the repairs were made by staff and deemed that the mill was safe to conduct tours but suggested a limit of 20 people at any one time. It was also suggested that the grinding stones not be operated.

The question arose as to why funds from the sale of Backus Woods are not being used for the Mill restoration. The GM explained that the Backus Heritage Conservation Area is split into three distinct parts: the Heritage Village and Mill; the Conservation Education Centre and the campground operations. The donors specified that the interest generated from the endowment funds received from the Backus Woods sale be used for the conservation education program. The Mill is part of the Heritage Village and therefore is not included in the endowment fund.

MOTION A-180/13 moved by: R. Chambers seconded: B. Chanyi

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the GM's verbal update regarding the Backus Mill Restoration Project as information.

CARRIED

MOTION A-181/13 moved by: R. Chambers seconded: D. Beres

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

- the security of the property of the Conservation Authority;*
- 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-182/13 moved by: R. Chambers seconded: R. Sackrider

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

CARRIED

MOTION A-183/13 moved by: B. Chanyi seconded: D. Beres

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THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors waives the purchasing policy in order to hire Cyril J. Demeyere Limited to provide professional engineering services required for the repair of the Lehmans Dam bottom draw sluice gate.

CARRIED

MOTION A-184/13 moved by: E. Ketchabaw seconded: R. Sackrider

*THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the confidential staff report regarding the September 21st incident at the Norfolk Conservation Area as information;
AND THAT existing procedures in handling camping issues remain in force.*

CARRIED

MOTION A-185/13 moved by: D. Beres seconded: E. Ketchabaw

*THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors approves the proposed land acquisition as outlined in the General Manager's Confidential Staff Report of November 6th, 2013;
AND THAT said offer stand till 5pm on the 15th day of November 2013;
AND THAT the closing date be set at 5pm on the 11th day of December 2013.*

CARRIED

MOTION A-186/13 moved by: B. Chanyi seconded: D. Beres

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the GM's verbal update regarding the disposition of the Hay Creek Administration Offices as information.

CARRIED

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:50pm.

Roger Geysens
Chairman

Dana McLachlan
Administrative Assistant

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