

LONG POINT REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES - FEBRUARY 22, 2013
(as approved at the Board of Directors meeting held April 3, 2013)

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, D. Holmes, J. Robertson, H. Surette, J. Maxwell, and D. McLachlan.

Auditor: M. Betik, KPMG

Keynote Speaker: G. Beck

Regrets: C. Grice

The LPRCA Chair called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm Friday, February 22nd, 2013 in the LPRCA Boardroom.

WELCOME

Chair Geysens, welcomed everyone to the Long Point Region Conservation Authority's 2013 Annual General Meeting.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

None recorded.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

None recorded.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

MOTION A-40/13 moved: D. Travale seconded: D. Beres

THAT the minutes of the LPRCA Board of Directors regular meeting held February 6th, 2013 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

INTRODUCTIONS

The municipal and provincial partners were introduced as were the guests from neighbouring conservation authorities. Dick Hibma, Chair of Conservation Ontario, summarized the details of the recent Conservation Ontario White Paper sent to the provincial government requesting a review of the roles and responsibilities of the conservation authorities. C. Ashbaugh, Chair of the Source Water Protection Committee, reviewed the work of the Committee and thanked the representatives and staff from

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LPRCA for their contributions.

The Chair acknowledged the contributions of LPRCA staff.

NEW BUSINESS

a) CALENDAR REVIEW

The Board Members were reminded that there will not be a March meeting. Staff will be participating in a variety of activities next month. On March 5th there will be a meeting of Municipal Flood Coordinators at the LPRCA office. The Owl Prowl and Spring Fling for Earth are scheduled for March 9th and 23rd respectively at Backus Heritage Conservation Area. New this year, on March 17th, will be the Backus Survivors, a family event to include activities such as fire building, shelter building and orienteering.

MOTION A-41/13 moved by: D. Travale seconded: D. Beres

That the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the March Calendar Review Report as information.

CARRIED

b) VEHICLE TENDERS

Ads had been placed in local papers advertising for two new ½ ton pickup trucks. Five tenders were received.

MOTION A-42/13 moved by: D. Beres seconded: L. Bartlett

That the LPRCA Board of Directors accepts the tender submitted by Aitken Motors Ltd. for the purchase of two new ½ ton pick-up trucks for a total submitted price of \$41,073.69.

CARRIED

c) NOTICE OF FORMAL MOTIONS

MOTION A-43/13 moved by: D. Beres seconded: D. Travale

That the LPRCA Board of Directors approves the Chair, Vice-Chair, General Manager and Manager of Corporate Services as designated signing officers for Authority business for the year 2013.

CARRIED

MOTION A-44/13 moved: M. Columbus seconded: R. Chambers

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That the LPRCA Board of Directors authorizes the Chairman or Vice-Chairman and the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer or Manager of Corporate Services to borrow funds as required for the day-to-day operations of the Authority.

CARRIED

MOTION A-45/13 moved by: R. Sackrider seconded: M. Columbus

That the LPRCA Board of Directors, pursuant to Section 26 (2) and 27 (2&3) of The Conservation Authorities Act RSO 1990, Chapter 27, designate all Member Municipalities as Benefiting Municipalities for the Administration, Capital and Operations Costs in the same proportion that the current value assessment of the whole Municipality or part thereof bears to the total assessment of the whole area under the jurisdiction of the Authority.

CARRIED

MOTION A-46/13 moved by: R. Sackrider seconded: M. Columbus

That the LPRCA Board of Directors authorizes all members appointed to the Lee Brown Committee from the Community at Large be deemed to be Authority members for the purpose of receiving remuneration for their services on the same basis as regular members of the Authority for 2013.

CARRIED

MOTION A-47/13 moved by: R. Sackrider seconded: B. Chanyi

That the LPRCA Board of Directors designates the Authority Chairman as the Authority's representative to Conservation Ontario (CO), with the Vice-Chairman designated as alternate, and further that the General Manager be directed to participate on appropriate committees of CO, and be authorized to vote in the absence of the designated representatives.

CARRIED

AUDIT COMMITTEE

R. Geysens introduced D. Beres, Chair of the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee met February 12th, 2013 and received a clean audit report from KPMG. D. Beres introduced Matt Betik, Auditor, KPMG. No questions or comments.

MOTION A-48/13 moved by: R. Chambers seconded: D. Beres

THAT the minutes of the LPRCA Audit Committee's meeting held August 23rd, 2012 be received as information.

CARRIED

MOTION A-49/13 moved by: E. Ketchabaw seconded: D. Beres

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MOTION A-50/13 moved by: L. Bartlett seconded: E. Ketchabaw

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors approves the amendments to the Investment Policy.

CARRIED

MOTION A-51/13 moved by: L. Bartlett seconded: D. Travale

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors approves the financial statements for the year ended December 31st, 2012 prepared by KPMG, LLP, Chartered Accountants.

CARRIED

2012 COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) 2012 ANNUAL REPORT

The 2012 annual report was presented by the GM with thanks to staff for their input and participation in the many events throughout the year. He drew everyone's attention to the last page noting that LPRCA receives 31% of its revenue through municipal support, whereas Conservation Ontario statistics show that the average conservation authority receives 45% levy support from its municipal partners.

b) LEE BROWN MARSH MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Chair Haskett commended staff on the Annual Report and in particular approved of the picture of the Lee Brown Marsh on page 14.

The Lee Brown Marsh Management Committee (LBMMC) met three times in 2012. The Lee Brown Waterfowl Management Area is predominantly funded by user fees and a major concern continues to be phragmites. An Argo was purchased in 2012 to help staff manage this invasive species.

Mr. Haskett observed the passing of Leighton Brown, a long-serving LBMMC member. Trevor Brown, Leighton's grandson, has replaced him on the LBMMC.

Mr. Haskett thanked LPRCA for their support and the Chair thanked Mr. Haskett and the LBMMC for their continued work.

MOTION A-52/13 moved by: D. Beres seconded: D. Travale

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THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the 2012 Annual Report and the Lee Brown Marsh Management Committee Report as information.

CARRIED

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Gregor Beck is a wildlife biologist and conservation professional who has worked in the environmental field for 25 years. . For the last 6 years, Gregor has directed the conservation and outreach programs of the Long Point Basin Land Trust, a local conservation charity with a mission to protect and restore the natural environment and biodiversity in the central Carolinian Region.

The Long Point Basin Land Trust (LPBLT) was established in 1996 in the Carolinian region and has made major progress in the areas of nature reserves, habitat restoration, Species at Risk and reptile recovery work, as well as, community outreach and most recently land acquisition.

The LPBLT has become involved with Species at Risk because of their reptile programs. Six out of seven local turtle species and half of the local 12 snake species are listed at risk. They have created over 50 reptile habitat areas, including the current work being done on the Long Point causeway. They helped reduce reptile mortality by 75% at Long Point Provincial Park through a barrier fencing project.

The LPBLT has been collaborating with many partners, including LPRCA, in achieving their goals. Specifically, they have worked with LPRCA through the OPG Forest Corridor program to provide habitat on recently purchased lands. This year, LPRCA is partnering with the LPBLT on three turtle nesting sites and a restoration plan on land near the Turkey Point Watershed Reserve.

The Chair thanked G. Beck for his presentation and for filling in at the last minute due to unforeseen circumstances. The meeting was adjourned at 3:05pm.

Roger Geysens
Chair

Dana McLachlan
Administrative Assistant

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