



**LONG POINT REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
– Minutes of February 24, 2017**

Approved March 8, 2017

Members in attendance: Dave Beres, Doug Brunton, Robert Chambers, Michael Columbus, Roger Geysens, Noel Haydt, David Hayes and John Scholten
Staff in attendance: C. Evanitski, J. Robertson, J. Maxwell, D. Holmes, L. Minshall and D. McLachlan
Keynote Speaker: Natalia Moudrak, Intact Centre on Climate Adaptation
Regrets: Leroy Bartlett, Craig Grice and Tom Southwick

The LPRCA Chair called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm Friday, February 24th 2017 in the LPRCA Boardroom.

WELCOME

Chair Haydt, introduced himself and welcomed everyone to the Long Point Region Conservation Authority's 2017 Annual General Meeting. He commented on the highlights and achievements of LPRCA during 2016 including the restoration of the Dereham Wetlands and 15 other wetland areas, the enhancement of school programming at Backus, and the capital upgrades completed at the parks. Mr. Haydt also noted that for the second year in a row, LPRCA has not used reserves to fund operations.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

None recorded.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

None recorded.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

MOTION A-52/17 moved: D. Beres seconded: R. Chambers

THAT the minutes of the LPRCA Board of Directors regular meeting held February 1st, 2017 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

FULL AUTHORITY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair introduced the members of the Long Point Region Conservation Authority Board of Directors then introduced the various provincial partners in attendance, as well as, the guests from neighbouring conservation authorities. The municipal partners from the watershed were introduced brought greetings from their respective municipalities.

SERVICE AWARDS PRESENTATION

The following staff and board members have reached service milestones with LPRCA this past year.

Frank Schram, Workshop Supervisor	5 years
Leroy Bartlett, LPRCA member from Haldimand County	10 years
Deb Norman, Deer Creek Conservation Area Supervisor	10 years
Cliff Evanitski, General Manager	10 years
Paul Gagnon, Lands & Waters Supervisor	15 years
Bonnie Bravener, Planning Technician	25 years
Ginny Van Louwe	30 years

David Holmes, Field Superintendent was also recognized by the Chair and Toby Barrett, MPP Haldimand Norfolk. Mr. Holmes will be retiring next month after 30 years of service.

CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP AWARD PRESENTATION

LPRCA encourages everyone to help enhance and protect the watershed and supports private land stewardship. The Conservation Stewardship award was created to recognize those individuals who take action to enhance and protect the watershed as well as their own properties. The Chair presented the first annual LPRCA Conservation Stewardship Award to Joe Csoff. Mr. Csoff has made a commitment to positive environmental actions that contribute to a more sustainable and healthier watershed since 2008 as part of the Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS) Norfolk. He has encouraged family and others to follow his lead while also providing guidance and expertise. He is a farmer liaison with ALUS and he contributes native grass seed back into the ALUS program through his own demonstration site. His expertise in tall grass prairie has contributed to the planting of nearly 1000 acres of tall grass prairie within the watershed.

Mr. Csoff thanked LPRCA for the award and told of how he hadn't originally thought of himself as a conservationist. That changed after an incident on his farm that destroyed a wildlife habitat with a pond. With help from LPRCA, ALUS and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry he was able to rehabilitate the pond, He saw the benefits to the land and felt a need to continue with other projects that would enhance both the farm and the environment. "Conservation is definitely worth the effort."

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NEW BUSINESS

a) CALENDAR REVIEW

Activities this coming month include an Owl Prowl at Backus Heritage Conservation Area and exhibitions at the Norfolk Woodlot Owners' Association AGM, Norfolk County Recreation Expo and the London Farm Show.

MOTION A-53/17 moved: D. Beres seconded: R. Chambers

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

CARRIED

b) DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

The Planning Department recommended approval for ten adjacent lots in Port Dover. No questions or comments.

MOTION A-54/17 moved: R. Chambers seconded: D. Beres

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors approves the following Development Applications 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-20/17	LPRCA-31/17	LPRCA-35/17
LPRCA-21/17	LPRCA-32/17	LPRCA-36/17
LPRCA-22/17	LPRCA-33/17	
LPRCA-25/17	LPRCA-34/17	

- 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

c) VEHICLE TENDER

As per the approved 2017 budget, one new ½ ton pick-up truck was tendered through ads placed in local papers and on the LPRCA website. Tender documents were forwarded to seven dealers. Of the four bids received, staff recommended the lowest bidder.

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MOTION A-55/17

moved: R. Chambers

seconded: D. Beres

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors accepts the tender submitted by DeGroot-Hill Chevrolet Buick GMC Ltd. for the purchase of one new ½ ton pick-up truck for \$25,039 plus tax of \$3255.07 for a total submitted price of \$28,294.07.

CARRIED**d) EQUIPMENT TENDER**

As per the approved 2017 budget, one new commercial grade 4-wheel drive sub-compact lawn tractor was tendered through ads placed in local papers and on the LPRCA website. Staff reviewed the various models for the relevant specifications required including 21 HP diesel engine and 60" deck. All of the submissions compared favourably and of the four bids received, staff recommended the lowest bidder.

The tender price was lower than anticipated in the budget therefore staff recommended purchasing two units as the fleet is aging and there was no purchase of a lawn tractor in 2016.

MOTION A-56/17

moved: J. Scholten

seconded: R. Geysens

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors accepts the tender submitted by Blue West Equipment for the purchase of one new sub-compact lawn tractor – 4-wheel drive for \$12,200 plus tax of \$1586 for a total submitted price of \$13,786.

AND THAT a second sub-compact lawn tractor – 4-wheel drive also be purchased at the original submitted tender price.

CARRIED**b) NOTICE OF FORMAL MOTIONS****MOTION A-57/17**

moved by: R. Geysens

seconded: J. Scholten

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-58/17**

moved by: R. Geysens

seconded: D. Hayes

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 2017.

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MOTION A-59/17 moved by: M. Columbus seconded: D. Brunton

That the LRPCA 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-60/17 moved by: M. Columbus seconded: J. Scholten

That the LRPCA 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 2017.

CARRIED

MOTION A-61/17 moved by: M. Columbus seconded: D. Hayes

That the LRPCA 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 AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Chair introduced M. Columbus, Chair of the Audit and Finance Committee. The Audit and Finance Committee met February 14th, 2017 and received and reviewed the financial statements in detail. KPMG issued a clean opinion of the Authority's 2016 financial reports and found that the financial statements fairly presented the Authority's position.

MOTION A-62/17 moved by: D. Brunton seconded: D. Beres

THAT the minutes of the LRPCA Audit and Finance Committee's meeting held June 13th, 2016 be received as information.

CARRIED

MOTION A-63/17 moved by: J. Scholten seconded: R. Geysens

THAT the minutes of the LRPCA Audit and Finance Committee's meeting held February 14th, 2017 be adopted as circulated.

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MOTION A-64/17

moved by: D. Hayes

seconded: J. Scholten

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors approves the financial statements for the year ended December 31st, 2016 prepared by KPMG, LLP, Chartered Accountants.

CARRIED**MOTION A-65/17**

moved by: R. Geysens

seconded: D. Hayes

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors approves the appointment of KPMG, LLP Chartered Accountants as LPRCA's auditors for the 2017 fiscal period as per the 5-year proposal of January 29th, 2013.

CARRIED

M. Columbus thanked municipal partners for helping LPRCA through a difficult time and thanked everyone who worked to achieve zero drawdown on reserves in 2016.

2016 COMMITTEE REPORTS**a) 2016 ANNUAL REPORT**

The GM presented the 2016 annual report which highlights the environmental and social benefits of the Conservation Authority through the various projects and achievements of LPRCA over the past year. The GM thanked staff, the board and the various partners for their participation and efforts in helping LPRCA improve the environment for those living within the LPRCA watershed

b) LEE BROWN MARSH MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Chair Tom Haskett provided some history on the Lee Brown Waterfowl Management Area, and the Lee Brown Marsh Management Committee. Previously, the Lee Brown Marsh Management Committee (LBMMC) focused on the invasive plant *phragmites* that is damaging Ontario's wetlands and beaches. Phragmites is now well-controlled on LPRCA lands and staff are now working with neighbouring land owners to continue to reduce the spread. The Committee continues to monitor the agricultural land at the Marsh to ensure the soil health and that good conservation practices are being followed by the tenant.

Mr. Haskett thanked all staff with special mention to Kim Brown, Lee Brown Marsh Manager and David Holmes, Field Superintendent for their dedication and expertise in their respective fields.

MOTION A-66/17

moved by: R. Geysens

seconded: D. Hayes

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the 2016 Annual Report and the Lee Brown Marsh Management Committee Report as information.

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Natalia Moudrak was introduced by the General Manager. Ms. Moudrak is a Director of the Natural Infrastructure Adaptation Program at the Intact Centre on Climate Adaptation. The Program focuses on the development of best practices for building new residential communities in Canada that are more resilient to flooding.

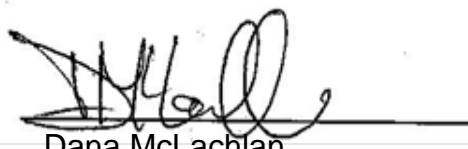
In her presentation “Weather Gone Wild”, Ms. Moudrak provided statistics for various catastrophic insurable loss events. These events damage private property and municipal assets, degrade the environment and can impact public health. The programs being studied and designed at Intact Centre are

1. Home Adaptation Assessment – helps home owners identify, install and maintain cost effective strategies to reduce the risk of flooding; trains building inspectors to identify deficiencies.
2. Natural Infrastructure Adaptation – helps communities reduce the risk of flooding by: studying building design more to be resistant to flooding; studying the impacts of green fields/wetlands to reduce the impacts of flooding; and researching the impact of climate change and extreme weather on financial institutions and the markets.
3. Corporate Specific Adaptation – work with business sector to identify extreme weather risks and establish ways to reduce those risks.

The Chair thanked Ms. Moudrak for her presentation and then adjourned the meeting at 3:00pm.



Noel Haydt
Chair



Dana McLachlan
Administrative Assistant

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