



LONG POINT REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of May 7, 2025
Approved June 4, 2025

Members in attendance:

Dave Beres, Chair	Town of Tillsonburg
Doug Brunton, Vice-Chair	Norfolk County
Shelley Ann Bentley	Haldimand County
Robert Chambers	County of Brant
Michael Columbus	Norfolk County
Tom Masschaele	Norfolk County
Debera McKeen	Haldimand County
Jim Palmer	Township of Norwich
Chris Van Paassen	Norfolk County
Rainey Weisler	Municipality of Bayham/Township of Malahide
Peter Ypma	Township of South-West Oxford

Regrets: None

Staff in attendance:

Judy Maxwell, General Manager
Aaron LeDuc, Manager of Corporate Services
Leigh-Anne Mauthe, Manager of Watershed Services
Saifur Rahman, Manager of Engineering and Infrastructure
Jessica King, Social Media and Marketing Associate
Nicole Sullivan, HR Coordinator/Executive Assistant

1. Welcome and Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m., Wednesday, May 7, 2025.

2. Additional Agenda Items

A-58/25

Moved by M. Columbus
Seconded by R. Weisler

THAT LPRCA Board of Directors add (D), Wind Turbines, under Section 10: New Business.

Carried

Approval of the Agenda

A-59/25

Moved by P. Ypma
Seconded by D. McKeen

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THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors approves the agenda as amended.

Carried

3. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

T. Masschaele, M. Columbus, D. Brunton, and C. Van Paassen declared a conflict with a closed agenda item.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

a) Board of Directors Hearing Board Meeting April 2, 2025

A-60/25

Moved by R. Weisler

Seconded by M. Columbus

THAT the minutes of the LPRCA Board of Directors Hearing Board meeting held April 2, 2025 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

b) Board of Directors Meeting April 2, 2025

A-61/25

Moved by R. Weiser

Seconded by D. McKeen

THAT the minutes of the LPRCA Board of Directors meeting held April 2, 2025 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

5. Business Arising

There was no business arising from the previous minutes.

6. Review of Committee Minutes

No committee minutes presented.

7. Correspondence

A letter of thank you from Minister Mike Harris and Minister Todd McCarthy, along with the media release from Conservation Ontario Board of Directors for 2025 were included in the package.

A-62/25

Moved by S. Bentley

Seconded by J. Palmer

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THAT the correspondences outlined in the Board of Directors agenda of May 7, 2025 be received as information.

Carried

8. Development Applications

a) Section 28 Regulations Approved Permits (L. Mauthe)

Leigh-Anne Mauthe presented the approved permits report.

Jim Palmer asked staff about application #73/25 and for clarification on propeller-wash. Leigh-Anne Mauthe informed the Board that propeller-wash is a practice where a person takes a boat out and spins the propellers of the boat to clear sediment from the area. Doug Brunton asked staff about application #59/25 and asked what the development on the Queensway in Simcoe is. Leigh-Anne Mauthe informed the board that it was for Enbridge gas to add a gas line to the new apartments.

Jim Palmer asked staff about the timelines of doing work and if staff deal with the length of time to do a project. Leigh-Anne Mauthe informed the Board that LPRCA permits are issued for two years and the work is to be done within those two years, but LPRCA staff have no control of the timeline of projects themselves.

A-63/25

Moved by J. Palmer

Seconded by R. Weisler

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the staff approved Section 28 Regulation Approved Permits report dated May 7, 2025 as information.

Carried

9. New Business

a) General Manager's Report (J. Maxwell)

Judy Maxwell provided a report summarizing operations this past month and provided a few recent updates.

Chris Van Paassen asked staff if LPRCA was under the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) again. Judy Maxwell informed the Board that yes, Conservation Authorities have been moved back to the MECP, however no correspondence about the responsibilities or official rollout of information has been shared. Currently, LPRCA is sticking to the status quo for submissions until more information is shared.

Shelley Ann Bentley informed staff and the Board that for Bill 5 there will be public hearings in May.

Peter Ypma asked staff about the restoration at Lower Big Creek and if there was any public activity on the land that was being restored. Judy Maxwell informed the Board that on the other

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side of the Lower Big Creek CA there is a better parking lot and access to the creek.

Mike Columbus asked about the changes to the Conservation Ontario Board of Directors and if staff had noticed quicker changes in the board year over year as none of the names were recognizable. Judy Maxwell informed the Board that with the new appointment process of only 2 years instead of 4 years many of the Board will rotate more.

A-64/25

Moved by T. Masschaele

Seconded by D. McKeen

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the General Manager's Report for March 2025 as information.

Carried

b) Q1 Financial Report (A. LeDuc)

Aaron LeDuc presented the Q1 Financial report.

Doug Brunton asked staff about the lawyer inquiries. Leigh-Anne Mauthe informed the Board those inquiries are in regard to title searches and are meant to show active violations on the property and if the property is regulated by LPRCA. Lawyer's inquiries are up and down depending on the market.

Peter Ypma asked staff if an additional column could be added to the financial reports to show the percentage of the total budget spent to help the members see where the expenses are in regard to the budget for the year. Aaron LeDuc responded in the affirmative.

A-65/25

Moved by R. Weisler

Seconded by P. Ypma

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the Q1 Financial Report – March 31, 2025 for the period up to and including March 31st, 2025 as information.

Carried

c) Lehman Dam – Dam Safety Review (S. Rahman)

Saifur Rahman presented the Lehman Dam, Dam Safety Review tender results to the Board.

Mike Columbus asked staff where the firm is from and what experience does the firm have as AHYDTECH's bid was significantly lower than the others. Saifur Rahman informed the Board that they are from Guelph and that the firm meets all the requirements of the RFP. Judy Maxwell added that another Conservation Authority had also worked with AHYDTECH on a similar project and they gave the firm a positive review, and other references were checked.

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Doug Brunton asked if the WECl funding covers \$50,000 of the \$62,060 of the review cost. Saifur Rahman responded saying that WECl covers 50% of the spent money. Judy Maxwell added that the \$100,000 budget from WECl was a cost estimate based on past experiences, the WECl grant will cover 50% of the spent cost which will be the dam safety review and staff expenses.

A-66/25

Moved by J. Palmer

Seconded by S. Bentley

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors approve retaining AHYDTECH Geomorphic Ltd. for engineering services to undertake a Dam Safety Review of the LPRCA Lehman Dam at a cost of \$62,060.00 exclusive of HST.

Carried

d) Wind Turbines (Added)

Peter Ypma asked Board and Staff for some information on Wind Turbines as there is a proposed development going up in the Township of South-West Oxford. Judy Maxwell informed the Board that LPRCA has never had to review wind turbines, only consulted on the construction of one if they are in a regulated area. Leigh-Anne Mauthe added that LPRCA reviewed the construction of one in Houghton, but only had to view it in regards to the regulated area and to be sure their life span does not exceed the shoreline erosion. From a regulation standpoint, LPRCA only becomes involved if a wind turbine is being built within 30m of a regulated area and LPRCA can only look at the hydraulic function and impact not at the flora and fauna impact.

Shelley Ann Bentley advised Peter Ypma to look at the town of Dresden to see about the issues the town was having with turbines.

Mike Columbus and Chris Van Paassen added that negotiating some good out of the wind turbines going in would benefit the community.

Jim Palmer noted that no complaints have been received in regard to turbines put up in his ward since the wind turbines were installed, before the turbines were installed there was out-cry, but since the construction no complaints to the mayor's office.

The closed session began at 7:15 p.m.

*S. Rahman left the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

10. Closed Meeting

A-67/25

Moved by R. Weisler

Seconded by T. Masschaele

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors does now enter into a closed session to discuss:

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- a) Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals (e.g. Local Planning Appeal Tribunal), affecting the Authority;
- b) Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege.

Carried

The Board reconvened in open session at 7:57p.m.

Next meeting: June 4, 2025, Board of Directors at 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Dave Beres
Chair

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Judy Maxwell
General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer

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