



LAKEHEAD REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Minutes of the Sixth Regular Meeting of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority held on Wednesday, June 29, 2016, in the Authority Boardroom. The Chair called the Meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

PRESENT:	Bill Bartley – Chair	4:30 p.m. – 5:46 p.m.
	Donna Blunt, Vice Chair	4:30 p.m. – 5:46 p.m.
	Grant Arnold	4:30 p.m. – 5:46 p.m.
	Ken Boshcoff	4:30 p.m. – 5:46 p.m.
	Erwin Butikofer	4:30 p.m. – 5:46 p.m.
	Jim Byers	4:30 p.m. – 5:46 p.m.
	Andrew Foulds	4:30 p.m. – 5:46 p.m.
	Linda Rydholm	4:30 p.m. – 5:46 p.m.
	Jim Vezina	4:30 p.m. – 5:46 p.m.
	Wendy Wright	4:30 p.m. – 5:46 p.m.

REGRETS: Ed Chambers

ALSO

PRESENT: Mervi Henttonen, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer
Tammy Cook, Watershed Manager
Ryan Mackett, Community Stewardship/Public Relations Officer
Ryne Gilliam, Field Operations Supervisor
Michael Heath, Finance Manager
Melanie O’Riley, Administrative Clerk/Receptionist, recorder of Minutes
Allan Chow, CDS Consulting, part of Meeting
Andrea Goold, LCF President, part of Meeting

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution #87/16

Moved by Andrew Foulds, Seconded by Linda Rydholm

***"THAT: the Agenda is adopted as amended."* CARRIED.**

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Ken Boshcoff declared a conflict with an item contained in the Treasurer's Report.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolution #88/16

Moved by Andrew Foulds, Seconded by Linda Rydholm

"THAT: the Minutes of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority Fifth Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, May 25, 2016, together with the In-Camera portion are adopted as published." **CARRIED.**

Resolution #89/16

Moved by Andrew Foulds, Seconded by Jim Byers

"THAT: Resolution #76/16 is adopted as amended to note that Grant Arnold was in attendance." **CARRIED.**

4. LAKEHEAD CONSERVATION FOUNDATION (LCF)

Andrea Goold, President of the LCF, on behalf of the Foundation presented their \$18,000.00 cheque to the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority Chair. The funds are for Education and Outreach purposes.

5. IN-CAMERA AGENDA

Resolution #90/16

Moved by Andrew Foulds, Seconded by Linda Rydholm

"THAT: we now go into Committee on the Whole (In-Camera) at 4:36 p.m." **CARRIED.**

Resolution #91/16

Moved by Andrew Foulds, Seconded by Jim Byers

"THAT: we go into Open Meeting at 4:44 p.m." **CARRIED.**

The purpose of the In-Camera Meeting pertained to personnel, property and third party matters.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

(a) File: Waukesha Diversion

Members were provided with an article which appeared in the local newspaper related to the approval of the Waukesha Diversion by the eight American State Governors even though a number of groups/municipalities/organizations were opposed to this proposal. This is a precedent setting action which most likely will open the doors to more requests in the future. Staff will continue to keep this item on the "radar screen" and keep the Members apprised as applicable. Members concurred that we should do all that we can to voice our concerns that we strongly oppose this water taking.

(b) File: Neebing River Floodplain Mapping Project

Members reviewed and discussed the Staff Report related to the Neebing River Floodplain Mapping Project.

Resolution #92/16

Moved by Jim Byers, Seconded by Linda Rydholm

"THAT: the proposal submitted by KGS Group Consulting Engineers dated June 3, 2016 to update the Neebing River Floodplain Mapping Project is accepted for a fixed fee cost of \$205,944.00 not including HST." **CARRIED.**

(c) File: Conservation Authorities Act

Members were provided with background information from the Second Phase Engagement Sessions held in Thunder Bay related to the review of the *Conservation Authorities Act*.

Some of the salient points from the second phase engagement session and discussion at the recent Conservation Ontario meetings are: the need to provide context around some of the proposed recommendations/ideas so people understand why the recommendation has been made and what it would mean (i.e. what problem is the recommendation trying to address, what will the recommendation look like in reality - what does it really mean...); the need for the Province to pay for the service delivery they receive regarding provincial priorities; items that require legislative or regulatory changes (short form wording under Section 28, no OMB approval of per diems, etc.).

It was noted that a clear message has been sent from all CA's that the Act should remain broad and permissive and that much of what is being proposed should be documented or directed through more flexible policy and procedures type documents. We don't want to lose what's great about CAs (flexibility, nimbleness, science-based watershed priorities) while striving for improvements or consistency where needed.

Members are reminded to bring their Appendix "A" and Appendix "B" to the August meeting as this will form the basis of our formal submission to MNRF prior to the EBR deadline date of September 9, 2016. Our Member Municipalities will be copied on this correspondence along with all CA's and CO.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) File: Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change

Correspondence from the Minister, Glen Murray, congratulating all of Ontario's Source Protection Conservation Authorities upon the completion of the Source Protection Plans was noted.

(b) File: Rideau Valley Conservation Authority

Correspondence from the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority regarding their Middle Rideau Subwatershed Report 2015 was provided.

(c) File: Conservation Ontario

Correspondence from Conservation Ontario as detailed in the Agenda was noted.

Clarification of Bill 100 – Supporting *Ontario's Trails Act, 2015* – was noted. If passed, an easement pursuant to Bill 100, would be a voluntary agreement between a landowner and an eligible body or bodies. No property owner would be compelled to provide an easement unless they agreed to do so.

(d) File: Printed Material

Printed material was circulated.

8. MINUTES

(a) Lakehead Conservation Foundation (LCF)

LCF Members were advised that a Members Page will be set up on the website in the section that contains the LCF information where Staff will post items which will be of interest to them.

9. STAFF REPORTS

Members reviewed and discussed the Staff Report related to the Forest Management Plan updates.

Resolution #93/16

Moved by Jim Byers, Seconded by Andrew Foulds

"THAT: the Forest Management Plan Updates covering the period of January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2026 are adopted AND FURTHER THAT the completed plans will be forwarded to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry under the Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program." **CARRIED.**

10. TREASURER'S REPORT

Members were provided with monthly Treasurer's Report for expenses and revenues for May plus totals to date for Administration, Capital and Vehicle and Equipment Program.

Members reviewed and discussed the National Disaster Mitigation Fund.

Resolution #94/16

Moved by Donna Blunt, Seconded by Grant Arnold

"THAT: the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority will submit an application under the National Disaster Mitigation Fund for the 2016/2017 fiscal year to update the Neening River Floodplain Mapping." **CARRIED.**

It was noted that the Consultants preparing the Capital Asset Management Plan should have the final copy in by the first week in July. This will be valuable information for our 20 year forecast.

The 2016 LCF Plant Sale was fairly well attended. It was noted that the 2017 Plant Sale will be held in September and will feature harvest/plant/yard sales in addition to the LRCA Open House.

Staff was asked to investigate the possibility of partnering with Sign Face to place a Billboard sign by the Jim Jessiman Nature Preserve property. In regards to their sign, a Staff Report will be prepared and brought back to the Board who will review all required permits, by-laws, MTO requirements, ability to stipulate content etc.

11. PASSING OF ACCOUNTS

Resolution #95/16

Moved by Donna Blunt, Seconded by Jim Vezina

"THAT: having examined the accounts for the period of May 1, 2016 to May 31, 2016 cheque #505 to #546 for \$102,410.39 and preauthorized payments of \$47,488.62, for a total of \$149,899.01, we approve their payment." **CARRIED.**

12. REGULATORY ROLE – Circulation Binder

The Plan Input and Review for the period from May 26, 2016 to June 29, 2016, was circulated.

The Permits issued for the period from May 26, 2016 to June 29, 2016, was circulated.

13. PROJECTS UPDATE

Members reviewed the written updates on on-going projects/activities as detailed in the Agenda.

14. NEW BUSINESS

It was noted that the Coroner's Inquest into the deaths of the First Nations youths has been completed. The jurors made 145 recommendations in 18 broad areas aimed at preventing a recurrence – mostly directed at the Federal and Ontario governments.

Members received notification that Bill Bartley, long-time Board Member and Chair, would be stepping down as Chair as he will be moving to Canmore, Alberta and will not meet the requirements to sit on the LRCA Board. LRCA Vice-Chair, Donna Blunt (Municipality of Shuniah) was appointed Chair, and Member Jim Vezina, (Township of O'Connor) was appointed as Vice-Chair.

15. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, August 31, 2016, at 4:30 p.m. Preliminary discussion of 2017 budget will take place at this Meeting.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution #96/16

Moved by Grant Arnold, Seconded by Donna Blunt

"THAT: the time being 5:46 p.m. AND FURTHER THAT there being no further business THAT we adjourn." CARRIED.


Chair


Chief Administrative Officer