



LAKEHEAD REGION

CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Minutes of the Eighth Regular Meeting of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority held on Wednesday, September 29, 2021, via Microsoft Teams. The Chair called the Meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Donna Blunt, Chair
Grant Arnold, Vice-Chair
Joel Brown
Rudy Buitenhuis
Andrew Foulds
Trevor Giertuga
Andrea Goold
Umed Panu
Allan Vis

REGRETS: Erwin Butikofer
Jim Vezina

ALSO PRESENT: Tammy Cook, Chief Administrative Officer
Mark Ambrose, Finance Manager
Gail Willis, Watershed Manager
Ryne Gilliam, Lands Manager
Ryan Mackett, Communications Manager
Melanie O'Riley Receptionist/Admin Clerk, recorder of Minutes

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution #93/21

Moved by Grant Arnold, Seconded by Joel Brown

"THAT: the Agenda be adopted as published." **CARRIED.**

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolution #94/21

Moved by Allan Vis, Seconded by Umed Panu

“THAT: the Minutes of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority Seventh Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, August 25, 2021 be adopted as published.” CARRIED.

4. IN-CAMERA AGENDA

An In-Camera meeting was not held.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

(a) File: Draft 2022 Budget

Members were advised that the LRCA received the 2022 Current Value Assessment (CVA) numbers after the presentation of the draft budget in August and were provided with an updated Draft Budget Summary illustrating the impact to each Member Municipalities municipal levy.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

7. STAFF REPORTS

Members reviewed and discussed the Staff Report related to the 2021 Hazelwood Lake Bacteriological Water Quality Report.

Resolution #95/21

Moved by Rudy Buitenhuis, Seconded by Andrew Foulds

“THAT: the Staff Report WM-01-2021 be received AND FURTHER THAT the recommendations contained therein are endorsed.” CARRIED.

Members reviewed and discussed Staff Report LM-06-2021 related to a change to the contract price for the repairs to the Hazelwood Lake Dam.

Resolution #96/21

Moved by Andrea Goold, Seconded by Umed Panu

*“THAT: Change Order #01 for additional concrete repairs on the Hazelwood Lake Dam by Tom Jones Corporation for the amount of \$55,318.93 plus HST be approved **AND FURTHER THAT** funds will be appropriated from the Conservation Areas Major Maintenance Capital Reserve for the project.” **CARRIED.***

8. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

Members were provided with the monthly Treasurer’s Report for August’s Administration and Capital.

Members reviewed and discussed Staff Report POLICY-PP-08-2021 related to amending the Statutory Holiday Policy to recognize September 30 as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

Resolution #97/21

Moved by Andrew Foulds, Seconded by Grant Arnold

*“THAT: Personnel Policy PP-08: Statutory Holidays be amended to recognize September 30 as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.” **CARRIED.***

9. PASSING OF ACCOUNTS

Resolution #98/21

Moved by Rudy Buitenhuis, Seconded by Allan Vis

*“THAT: having examined the accounts for the period of August 1, 2021 to August 31, 2021 cheque #2357 to #2395 for \$27,070.50 and preauthorized payments of \$5,097,993.95 for a total of \$5,125,064.45, we approve their payment.” **CARRIED.***

10. REGULATORY ROLE

Members were provided with the Plan Input and Review Summary for the Period of August to September 22, 2021 a summary of Section 28 Permits issued in 2021 to date.

11. PROJECTS UPDATE

It was noted that Lake Superior water levels have declined (due to dry conditions) and reached the long-term average for the first time since April 2014.

It was noted that the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority declared a Level II Low Water Condition on September 2, 2021.

Members were advised that a film crew from Toronto was granted permission to film background special effects shots at MacKenzie Point Conservation Area on September 22, 2021. The footage was shot for season three of the Apple TV+ original series 'SEE'.

It was noted that approximately 30 metres of shoreline was restored and stabilized at the Mission Island Marsh Conservation Area by Serafini's General Contracting, LRCA staff, and the United Way of Thunder Bay volunteers. The Mission Marsh Shoreline Restoration project was funded through a transfer payment agreement with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.

It was noted that on October 7th and 8th, LRCA staff will host a volunteer day planting event at Fisherman's Park West to restore the park to a naturalized condition by planting native trees, shrubs, and perennials. Once planted, LRCA staff will be hosting outdoor classroom events in partnership with Lakehead University and Confederation College to educate how re-naturalization in urban areas can alleviate the impacts of climate change.

It was noted that on October 1st, LRCA staff will host a community meeting and site tour of the Mountdale/Nestle Boat Launch to introduce the project and discuss the proposed riparian habitat restoration and stormwater management using green infrastructure. The project is being funded by Environment and Climate Change Canada.

12. NEW BUSINESS

It was noted that Courtney Jackson had been hired as the new Education Co-ordinator.

13. NEXT MEETING


Wednesday, October 27, 2021, at 4:30 p.m. via Microsoft Teams.

14. AJOURNMENT

Resolution #99/21

Moved by Andrew Foulds, Seconded by Joel Brown

"THAT: the time being 5:16 p.m. AND FURTHER THAT there being no further business we adjourn." **CARRIED.**


Chair


Chief Administrative Officer