



# LAKEHEAD REGION

CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

## **April LRCA Board Meeting Minutes**

April 20, 2023 at 4:30 PM

130 Conservation Road/Microsoft Teams

### **Members Present:**

Albert Aiello, Grant Arnold, Donna Blunt, Rudy Buitenhuis, Dan Calvert, Sheelagh Hendrick, Brian Kurikka

### **Members Present (Remote):**

Robert Beatty  
Trevor Giertuga  
Jim Vezina

### **Absent:**

Greg Johnsen

### **Also Present:**

Tammy Cook, Chief Administrative Officer  
Ryne Gilliam, Lands Manager  
Ryan Mackett, Communications Manager  
Melissa Hughson, Watershed Manager  
Mark Ambrose, Finance Manager, (Virtual)  
Melanie O'Riley, Administrative Clerk/Receptionist, recorder of Minutes  
Michelle Willows, Environmental Planner, part of meeting  
Rozy Brizi, Auditor, Grant Thornton, part of meeting

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the Meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

### **2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

The Agenda was amended to add 9.2: 2022 Audited Financial Statements.

*THAT: the Agenda be adopted as amended.*

**Motion: #52/23**

Motion moved by Rudy Buitenhuis and motion seconded by Brian Kurikka. **CARRIED.**

**3. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

None.

**4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

*THAT: the Minutes of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority Third Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, March 29, 2023 be adopted as published.*

**Motion: #53/23**

Motion moved by Grant Arnold and motion seconded by Rudy Buitenhuis. **CARRIED.**

**5. IN-CAMERA AGENDA**

No In-Camera Meeting was held.

**6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

None.

**7. CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**8. STAFF REPORTS**

**8.1 Contaminant Levels Found in Fish in Thunder Bay Project**

Michelle Willows, Environmental Planner, gave a brief overview related to the funding received from Environment and Climate Change Canada, to engage communities on building and sharing knowledge around contaminants found in fish within Thunder Bay (Lake Superior).

*THAT: Staff Report STEW-01-2023 be received.*

**Motion: #54/23**

Motion moved by Brian Kurikka and motion seconded by Grant Arnold. **CARRIED.**

## **9. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

### **9.1. Monthly Treasurer's Report**

Members were provided with the monthly Treasurer's Report for March's Administration and Capital.

### **9.2. 2022 Audited Financial Statements**

Members reviewed and discussed Staff Report FIN-08-2023 related to the 2022 Audited Financial Statements. Rozy Brizi, Grant Thornton Auditor, presented the Financial Statements to the Board.

**THAT:** *the 2022 Audit Report and Financial Statements are adopted and presented AND FURTHER THAT each Member Municipality will be forwarded a copy of the final version.*

**Motion: #55/23**

Motion moved by Rudy Buitenhuis and motion seconded by Grant Arnold. **CARRIED.**

## **10. PASSING OF ACCOUNTS**

**THAT:** *having examined the accounts for the period March 1, 2023 to March 31, 2023 cheque #2845 to #2875 for \$65,776.48 and preauthorized payments of \$111,517.77 for a total of \$177,294.25, we approve their payment.*

**Motion: #56/23**

Motion moved by Dan Calvert and motion seconded by Albert Aiello. **CARRIED.**

## **11. REGULATORY ROLE**

Members were provided with the summaries for the Plan Input Review program and Section 28 permits issued since last meeting.

## **12. PROJECTS UPDATE**

### **12.1. Communications Manager Projects Update**

Members reviewed and discussed the 2022 Annual Report.

**THAT:** *the 2022 Lakehead Region Conservation Authority Annual Report be approved.*

**Motion: #57/23**

Motion moved by Albert Aiello and motion seconded by Dan Calvert. **CARRIED.**

It was noted that the Spring Water Awareness Program was administered to 243 students from 11 classes and 7 schools.

It was noted that the LRCA was successful in receiving \$16,000.00 in sponsorship from OPG for various LRCA initiatives.

It was noted that the LRCA was successful in receiving \$17,000.00 in funding from the TD Friends of the Environment Fund for the 2023 Watershed Explorers program. It was also noted that some of the 2023 programs have been modified to become “Two-Eyed Seeing Watershed Explorer” programs as the LRCA has partnered with Indigenous Elders for expert-led guided hike programs, incorporating traditional Indigenous Ways of Knowing alongside Western methods of scientific observation.

It was noted that the CLE Home and Garden Show was very successful. Over 989 people were spoken to over the course of the three-day event.

### **12.2. Lands Manager Projects Update**

Members were provided an update related to the hiring of seasonal maintenance staff.

### **12.3. Watershed Manager Projects Update**

Members were advised that the LRCA has prepared a Watershed Report. This report on watershed conditions is produced every five years and is a summary of the state of the watershed’s forests, wetlands and water resources. It was noted that overall the Lakehead Watershed is in very good condition.

It was noted that the April 1, 2023 snow surveys indicated that the snow survey locations were above average for snow depth and water content, when compared to the historical averages for April 1.

It was noted that a Watershed Conditions Statement - Water Safety was issued on April 11, 2023, and the Spring Melt Meeting was held on April 13, 2023. A Flood Watch was issued on April 14, 2023.

## **13. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

## **14. NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, May 31, 2023.

**15. BOARD TRAINING**

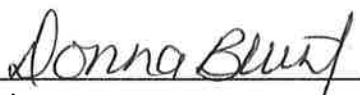
Members were provided with the third session of Board of Directors training. The focus was on Development Regulations and Plan Input and Review Programs.

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

*THAT: the time being 5:52 p.m. AND FURTHER THAT there being no further business we adjourn.*

**Motion: #58/23**

Motion moved by Dan Calvert and motion seconded by Albert Aiello. **CARRIED.**

  
Chair

  
Chief Administrative Officer