



# LAKEHEAD REGION

## CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Minutes of the Third Regular Meeting of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority held on Wednesday, March 27, 2019, in the Authority Boardroom. The Chair called the Meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Donna Blunt, Chair  
Grant Arnold, Vice-Chair  
Rudy Buitenhuis  
Erwin Butikofer  
Ed Chambers  
Andrew Foulds  
Trevor Giertuga  
Andrea Goold  
Umed Panu  
Jim Vezina  
Allan Vis

**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 #39/19

Moved by Grant Arnold, Seconded by Allan Vis

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

### 2. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None.

### 3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolution #40/19

Moved by Allan Vis, Seconded by Grant Arnold

*“THAT: the Minutes of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority Second Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, February 27, 2019, together with the In-Camera portion are adopted as published.” CARRIED.*

### 4. IN-CAMERA AGENDA

Resolution #41/19

Moved by Allan Vis, Seconded by Andrew Foulds

*“THAT: we now go into Committee of the Whole (In-Camera) at 4:32 p.m.” CARRIED.*

Resolution #42/19

Moved by Grant Arnold, Seconded by Andrew Foulds

*“THAT: we go into Open Meeting at 4:37 p.m.” CARRIED.*

The purpose of the In-Camera Meeting pertained to property and legal matters.

### 5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

#### (a) Board Training

The second Board Training Session was held immediately after the Board Meeting. The session focused on the role of the Finance Manager and policies related to the Board and finance.

#### (b) Complaint regarding unmaintained winter trails at Mission Island Marsh Conservation Area

Members were advised that a letter had been sent to the complainant advising her that the Board had considered her request and that trails would not be maintained in the winter. It was confirmed that the Mission Island Marsh trailhead sign did advise that trails were not maintained in the winter.

Waterproof stickers with text regarding using caution, potential conditions that may be encountered and listing some rules have been prepared in-house and placed on additional existing signage at the following locations: Mission Island Marsh Conservation Area parking lot trail sign, Cascades Conservation Area main trail sign, Hazelwood Lake Conservation Area main trail sign and Mills Block Forest main trail sign. When access is available, signage will be added at

Hurkett Cove Conservation Area and Cedar Falls Conservation Area. Little Trout Bay Conservation Area will be added at the next visit.

(c) 2019 LRCA Directory – Appendix “A”

Members were provided an updated version of the 2019 LRCA Directory.

(d) Granite Point-Registered Mining Claim

Members were advised that a “Notice to Surface Rights Owner (SRO) of Intent to Apply for an Exploration Permit” was received regarding the registered mining claim at Granite Point. Staff will be consulting with the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines with regards to what rights surface owners have.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) File: Printed Material

Printed material was circulated.

7. STAFF REPORTS

Members reviewed and discussed Staff Report CONAREA-01-2019 related to a proposed dive park at Silver Harbour Conservation Area.

Resolution #43/19

Moved by Andrew Foulds, Seconded by Grant Arnold

*“THAT: Staff Report CONAREA-01-2019 be received **AND FURTHER THAT** Wally Peterson of Thunder Country Diving be invited to present his proposal regarding a dive park at Silver Harbour Conservation Area to the Board at a future Board Meeting.” **CARRIED.***

Members reviewed and discussed Staff Report KAMEC-02-2019 regarding an engineering scope change authorization request from KGS Group related to the Kaministiquia River Erosion Sites Inventory Project.

Resolution #44/19

Moved by Grant Arnold, Seconded by Andrew Foulds

*“THAT: the Engineering Scope Change Authorization submitted by KGS Group Consulting Engineers dated March 14, 2019 to include two additional erosion sites and fill line around the Kaministiquia River gullies be accepted for a cost of \$8,134.00 not including HST.” **CARRIED.***

## 8. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

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

## 9. PASSING OF ACCOUNTS

Resolution #45/19

Moved by Andrea Goold, Seconded by Jim Vezina

*"THAT: having examined the accounts for the period February 1 to February 28, 2019 cheque #1562 to #1584 for \$67,632.74 and preauthorized payments of \$52,977.91 for a total of \$120,610.65 we approve their payment."* **CARRIED.**

## 10. REGULATORY ROLE

The Plan Input and Review for the period from February 28, 2019 to March 27, 2019, was circulated.

The Permits issued under the Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses for the period from February 28, 2019 to March 27, 2019, were circulated.

## 11. PROJECTS UPDATE

It was noted that an in-ground garbage unit lid was vandalized at Mission Island Marsh Conservation Area which required replacement at a cost of over \$600.00.

Members were advised that the Source Protection Committee (SPC) held a meeting on March 15, 2019 to discuss the fourth annual progress report. A Source Protection Authority Meeting will be held immediately after the May 1, 2019, Board Meeting to receive and adopt the Annual Report that is due to the Director of the MECP on May 1.

Members were provided with the 2018 Lakehead Region Watershed Report Card. In 2012, Conservation Authorities developed Conservation Authority Watershed Report Card Guidelines to assist Conservation Authorities in developing a set of standardized watershed report cards starting in 2013 and released every five years. The Report Card helps Conservation Authorities monitor the health of natural resources in their watersheds and helps to provide a better understanding of local environmental issues, focus action where it is needed the most and track progress over time. The Watershed Manager provided a brief presentation of the Report Card and it was noted that overall, the Lakehead Watershed is considered to be in excellent condition based on the groundwater and surface water testing, measured forested areas and wetland coverage for the watershed.

It was noted that LRCA Staff hosted a Municipality/Agency presentation and public Open House on March 14, 2019 to overview the updates to the McVicar Creek Floodplain Mapping and Fill Regulated Areas. The 2019 Study is an update to the previous 1995 McVicar Creek Flood and Fill Line Mapping Study. The project updates the existing models and maps to current standards using state of the art modelling, GIS techniques and LiDAR topography, taking into account structure and land changes since the last study was completed. Comments are being solicited until April 5, 2019, with final Board approval anticipated at the May 1, 2019 Board Meeting. After approval the approximate regulated area will be updated.

Members were provided with the first draft of the 2018 Annual Report. The Annual Report has been completely redesigned by staff to reflect the LRCA Five-Year Strategic Plan 2018-2022 both visually and in terms of how the information has been reported.

It was noted that a permit was granted to Genevieve Rowe of Wildlife Preservation Canada to continue the bumblebee research that was started during 2018.

It was noted that the Dorion Bird Festival tickets sold out in 1.5 hours.

Members were advised that staff received correspondence from Parks Canada regarding a proposed birding platform/tower at Hurkett Cove Conservation Area as a possible destination amenity of the Lake Superior National Marine Conservation Area (NMCA). Parks Canada indicated that they have allocated funding to pursue a concept for the proposed platform/tower. Funding for the project beyond the concept exploration has not yet been committed by Parks Canada; however, correspondence and meetings with Parks Canada staff indicate that this project is high on their priority list for the near future.

It was noted that the Communications Manager attended Indigenous Engagement Training provided by Conservation Ontario.

It was noted that staff agreed to partner with Stand Up 4 Clean Up to clean up the banks of the Neebing-McIntyre Floodway near the McIntyre Centre. The Watershed Manager will be attending the clean-up event on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

Members reviewed and discussed the 2019 Victor Street Monitoring Program.

Resolution #46/13

Moved by Jim Vezina, Seconded by Rudy Buitenhuis

***“THAT: the proposal submitted by DST Consulting Engineers to complete the 2019 Victor Street Monitoring dated February 20, 2019 is approved.” CARRIED.***

It was noted that the March 15<sup>th</sup> Snow Survey indicated above average snow depth and water content compared to average values typically recorded on that date.

It was noted that a Flood Outlook Statement was issued on March 12 and updated on March 14, in response to rainfall.

12. NEW BUSINESS

None.

13. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, May 1, 2019, at 4:30 p.m. followed by a Source Protection Authority meeting.

Members concurred to changing the April 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting date to May 1<sup>st</sup> to accommodate those going to the NOMA conference in Thunder Bay on April 24 to 26.

14. AJOURNMENT

Resolution # 47/19

Moved by Trevor Giertuga, Seconded by Rudy Buitenhuis

*"THAT: the time being 5:50 p.m. AND FURTHER THAT there being no further business THAT we adjourn." CARRIED.*

  
Chair

  
Chief Administrative Officer