



LAKEHEAD REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Minutes of the Sixth Regular Meeting of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority held on Wednesday, June 26, 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
Trevor Giertuga
Andrea Goold
Umed Panu
Allan Vis

REGRETS: Andrew Foulds
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 #73/19

Moved by Ed Chambers, Seconded by Erwin Butikofer

“THAT: the Agenda is adopted as published.” CARRIED.

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolution #74/19

Moved by Erwin Butikofer, Seconded by Ed Chambers

“THAT: the Minutes of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority Fifth Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, May 29, 2019, together with the In-Camera portion are adopted as published.”
CARRIED.

With concurrence from the Board, Members went into Committee of the Whole (In-Camera) before the Lakehead Conservation Foundation cheque presentation.

4. IN-CAMERA AGENDA

Resolution #75/19

Moved by Erwin Butikofer, Seconded by Ed Chambers

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

Resolution #76/19

Moved by Allan Vis, Seconded by Grant Arnold

“THAT: we go into Open Meeting at 4:40 p.m.” **CARRIED.**

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

5. LAKEHEAD CONSERVATION FOUNDATION

On behalf of the Lakehead Conservation Foundation, Andrea Goold, presented their \$20,000.00 cheque to the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority Chair. The funds are for Education and Outreach purposes, specifically towards funding the contract Environmental Coordinator position during 2019.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

(a) File: Board Training

The fifth and final Board Training Session took place immediately after the Board Meeting. The session overviewed Flood Forecasting, Source Water Protection and other programs undertaken by the Authority.

(b) File: Bill 108

Members reviewed and discussed Staff Report CORP-04-2019, related to the Passage of Bill 108, *More Homes, More Choice Act*.

Resolution #77/19

Moved by Grant Arnold, Seconded by Allan Vis

“THAT: Staff Report CORP-04-2019 be received.” CARRIED.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) File: Printed Material

Printed material was circulated.

8. STAFF REPORTS

Members reviewed and discussed Staff Report CONAREA-02-2019: Dive Park at Silver Harbour Conservation Area.

Resolution #78/19

Moved by Allan Vis, Seconded by Grant Arnold

“THAT: Staff Report CONAREA-02-2019 be received AND FURTHER THAT the activity of SCUBA diving is recognized as a permitted activity at Silver Harbour and Little Trout Bay Conservation Areas AND FURTHER THAT an agreement between the LRCA and Wally Peterson outlining Mr. Peterson’s request to train divers as well as for the development of a dive park at Silver Harbour Conservation Area is drafted for future Board approval.” CARRIED.

Members reviewed and discussed Staff Report COMREL-02-2019: Dorion Birding Festival Update.

Resolution #79/19

Moved by Rudy Buitenhuis, Seconded by Umed Panu

“THAT: Staff Report No. COMREL-02-2019 be received AND FURTHER THAT the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority will commence the planning and implementation of the 2020 Dorion Birding Festival.” CARRIED.

Members reviewed and discussed Staff Report CONAREA-03-2019 regarding the 2018 Traffic Counter Report.

Resolution #80/19

Moved by Umed Panu, Seconded by Rudy Buitenhuis

“THAT: the Staff Report CONAREA-03-2019 be received AND FURTHER THAT the recommendation contained therein be endorsed.” CARRIED.

- *Personnel and funding permitting, continue the annual vehicle counts at the Conservation Areas.*
- *Reinstall the coin box at Mission Island Marsh Conservation Area.*
- *Create a marketing strategy with a focus on improving yearly coin box revenue for Mission Island Marsh Conservation Area and Cascades Conservation Area, and creating public awareness of LRCA owned Conservation Areas and associated costs; and*
- *Continue to promote the sale of Explore Card Parking Passes.*

Members reviewed and discussed Staff Report KAMEC-03-2019 regarding the approval of the Kaministiquia River Erosion Sites Inventory Report.

Resolution #81/19

Moved by Umed Panu, Seconded by Rudy Buitenhuis

“THAT: the Kaministiquia River Erosion Sites Inventory Report completed by KGS Group Consulting Engineers is adopted AND FURTHER THAT the Kaministiquia River regulated area will be updated effective immediately.” CARRIED.

9. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

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

It was noted that the MNRF had advised that the LRCA was not successful in securing Water and Erosion Control Infrastructure (WECI) funding for the 2019 Neebing-McIntyre Floodway dredging project. The project will proceed with 100% funding from the City of Thunder Bay, as a sole benefitting project.

10. PASSING OF ACCOUNTS

Resolution #82/19

Moved by Rudy Buitenhuis, Seconded by Grant Arnold

“THAT: having examined the accounts for the period of May 1, 2019 to May 31, 2019 cheque #1634 to #1668 for \$101,253.40 and preauthorized payments of \$83,502.09 for a total of \$184,755.49, we approve their payment.” CARRIED.

11. REGULATORY ROLE

The Plan Input and Review for the period from May 30, 2019, to June 26, 2019, was circulated.

The Permits issued under the Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses for the period from May 30, 2019, to June 26, 2019, were circulated.

12. PROJECTS UPDATE

It was noted that the Spring Photo Workshop was held on June 13, 2019. There were 19 participants. Funding for this program was provided by the TD Friends of the Environment Fund.

It was noted that the Lakehead Children’s Water Festival was held on June 4, 5 and 6 at the LRCA Administrative Office. Approximately 317 students from 15 grade 3 and 4 classes from 11 different schools participated in the Festival. Financial support was provided by Ontario Power Generation (OPG) and the City of Thunder Bay.

It was noted that Lake Superior Water Levels remain high.

It was noted that on Monday, June 10, staff co-hosted a Walk with Doc event at Boulevard Lake. The event was organized by Dr. Lai’s Northern Hearts Cardiac Foundation and promotes healthy lifestyles in nature.

It was noted that on Saturday, June 15, the LRCA hosted the Thunder Bay Master Gardeners at the LRCA Administrative Office for their annual plant sale and “Look, Listen and Learn” event.

It was noted that on May 30, 2019, the CAO, Lands Manager and Communications Manager met with Parks Canada staff to discuss the possibility of installing a birding tower at Hurkett Cove Conservation Area. This project is part of Parks Canada’s development plans for the Lake Superior National Marine Conservation Area (NMCA). As Hurkett Cove is already a pre-established, publicly accessible access point to the NMCA, Parks Canada has moved it to the top of their list as a potential development site.

It was noted that Hazelwood Lake Family Fun Day will occur on Sunday, July 21, 2019 at Hazelwood Lake Conservation Area. The event will run from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

It was noted that the LRCA will be hosting Silver Harbour Day on Saturday, August 24, 2019 at Silver Harbour Conservation Area. The event will run from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

It was noted that Staff have begun bathing beach sampling at Hazelwood Lake Conservation Area under the Thunder Bay District Health Unit's Beach Program. Members were advised that staff sample weekly between June 1st and August 31st.

It was noted that a Pre-Construction Meeting was held on June 6, 2019 with LRCA staff, LH North Ltd., City of Thunder Bay and Hatch Ltd to commence Floodway dredging between the William Street and Balmoral Bridges. The contractor will begin site work on July 3rd with an anticipated dredging start date of July 8th. It is anticipated that all dredging will be completed by August 19th with the contractor off site by August 26th. Sediment will be hauled off site and the site will be restored by the end of the year.

It was noted that on June 4, 2019, the LRCA issued a Flood Warning message and a subsequent updated message for the Townships of Gillies, O'Connor and the Municipalities of Neebing and Oliver Paipoonge to advise that flooding was occurring on the Whitefish River. Road closures were noted in Nolalu, Township of Gillies, and Municipality of Neebing. Over the event between 16-83 millimetres of precipitation was recorded at area gauges, with the Whitefish River rising 1.41 metres over the event.

13. NEW BUSINESS

None.

14. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, August 28, 2019, at 4:30 p.m.

15. AJOURNMENT

Resolution #83/19

Moved by Rudy Buitenhuis, Seconded by Allan Vis

"THAT: the time being 5:40 p.m. AND FURTHER THAT there being no further business we adjourn." **CARRIED.**


Chair


Chief Administrative Officer