



LAKEHEAD REGION

CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

September LRCA Board Meeting Minutes

September 28, 2022 at 4:30 PM
130 Conservation Road/Microsoft Teams

Members Present:

Donna Blunt, Andrew Foulds

Members Present (Remote):

Grant Arnold, Joel Brown, Rudy Buitenhuis, 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

Roman Augustyn, Information Systems Coordinator

Melanie O'Riley, Administrative Clerk/Receptionist, recorder of Minutes

Members Absent:

Erwin Butikofer, Trevor Giertuga

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

THAT: the Agenda be adopted as published.

Motion: #101/22

Motion moved by Andrea Goold and motion seconded by Joel Brown. **CARRIED.**

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

THAT: the Minutes of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority Seventh Regular Meeting held on August 31, 2022 be adopted as published.

Motion: #102/22

Motion moved by Grant Arnold and motion seconded by Umed Panu. **CARRIED.**

5. IN-CAMERA AGENDA

No In-Camera meeting was held.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.1. Request to Minister for Exception

Members were advised that as per resolution #99/22, the CAO on September 13, 2022, submitted a letter to the Minister requesting an exception to allow the current Chair to continue as Chair in 2023 if so elected.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1. Arthur Shewcuk Memorial Bursary

It was noted that the 2021/2022 recipient of the Arthur Shewchuk Memorial Bursary was Jordan Bevis, who is enrolled in third year Outdoor Recreation and Geography.

8. STAFF REPORTS

8.1. Cascades Parking Lot/Paved Trail Project

Members reviewed and discussed Staff Report CONAREA-03-2022 related to the received bid for the Cascades Parking Lot/Paved Trail Project.

THAT: the Parking Lot and Paved Trail Project at Cascades Conservation Area be deferred to 2023.

Motion: #103/22

Motion moved by Rudy Buitenhuis and motion seconded by Jim Vezina. **CARRIED.**

8.2. Diversion Channel Sediment Removal and Regrading

Members reviewed and discussed Staff Report NMFC-03-2022 related to the Neebing-McIntyre Floodway Diversion Channel Sediment Removal and Regrading project.

***THAT:** the 2022 Neebing-McIntyre Floodway Diversion Channel Sediment Removal and Regrading project be awarded to Bruno's Contracting (thunder bay) Ltd. for the material, equipment, and labour necessary to remove the accumulated sediment for a cost of \$129,000.00, not including HST.*

Motion: #104/22

Motion moved by Andrew Foulds and motion seconded by Allan Vis. **CARRIED.**

9. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

9.1. Monthly Treasurer's Report

Members were provided with the monthly Financial Report for August's Administration and Capital.

9.2. Conservation Authorities Act Progress Report #2

Members reviewed and discussed Staff Report CORP-11-2022 related to the *Conservation Authorities Act Progress Report #2*.

***THAT:** Staff Report CORP-11-2022: Conservation Authorities Act Progress Report #2 be received **AND FURTHER THAT** Progress Report #2 be approved **AND FURTHER THAT** the report be forwarded to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.*

Motion: #105/22

Motion moved by Andrew Foulds and motion seconded by Umed Panu. **CARRIED.**

10. PASSING OF ACCOUNTS

***THAT:** having examined the accounts for the period August 1, 2022 to August 31, 2022 cheque #2660 to #2682 for \$321,803.71 and preauthorized payments of \$108,403.72 for a total of \$430,207.43, we approve their payment.*

Motion: #106/22

Motion moved by Andrea Goold and motion seconded by Grant Arnold. **CARRIED.**

11. REGULATORY ROLE

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

12. PROJECTS UPDATE

12.1. Communications Manager Projects Update

The first Neebing Birding Day was very successful with approximately 24 participants. The event was held in partnership with the Municipality of Neebing, Nature Conservancy of Canada, Ontario Nature and Blue Sky Community Healing Centre.

It was noted that the LRCA in partnership with the Thunder Bay Multicultural Association hosted two "Northern Newcomers" events. All participants were newcomers to Canada and the event provided an opportunity to offer the newcomers their first outdoor experience in Northern Ontario.

12.2. Lands Manager Projects Update

It was noted that a anchoring climbing rope was secured along the steep hill of the LRCA owned section of the James Duncan Trail at Little Trout Bay to assist those who have difficulties ascending or descending the hill.

It was noted that an emergency turnaround area was developed along the trail at Cedar Falls Conservation Area at the request of the O'Connor Fire Department.

12.3. Watershed Manager Projects Update

Lake Superior levels remain above average.

It was noted that Staff received approval for funding from Environment and Climate Change Canada in the amount of \$92,000 through the Great Lakes Protection Initiative Fund. The funds will be used for the restoration of two sites along the Lake Superior shoreline. The project will improve water quality and ecosystem function along key shoreline areas of Thunder Bay.

It was noted that Staff received approval for funding from the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks in the amount of \$60,500 through the Great Lakes Local Action Fund. The funds will be used for the Floodway Habitat Corridor project.

13. NEW BUSINESS

None.

14. NEXT MEETING

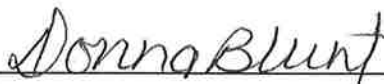
The next meeting will be held on October 26, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.

15. ADJOURNMENT

THAT: the time being 4:44 p.m. AND FURTHER THAT there being no further business we adjourn.

Motion: #107/22

Motion moved by Joel Brown and motion seconded by Allan Vis. **CARRIED.**



Chair



Chief Administrative Officer