



# LAKEHEAD REGION

## CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Minutes of the Fifth Regular Meeting of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority held on Wednesday, May 29, 2019, in the Authority Boardroom. The Chair called the Meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Donna Blunt, Chair  
Rudy Buitenhuis  
Erwin Butikofer  
Ed Chambers  
Andrew Foulds  
Andrea Goold  
Umed Panu  
Allan Vis

**REGRETS:** Grant Arnold, Vice-Chair  
Trevor Giertuga  
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 #65/19

Moved by Allan Vis, Seconded by Umed Panu

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

### 2. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None.

### 3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolution #66/19

Moved by Umed Panu, Seconded by Allan Vis

***“THAT: the Minutes of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority Fourth Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, May 1, 2019, together with the In-Camera portion are adopted as published.”***  
**CARRIED.**

### 4. IN-CAMERA AGENDA

Resolution #67/19

Moved by Ed Chambers, Seconded by Umed Panu

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

Resolution #68/19

Moved by Umed Panu, Seconded by Ed Chambers

***“THAT: we go into Open Meeting at 4:48 p.m.”*** **CARRIED.**

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

### 5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

#### (a) File: Board Training

The fourth Board Training Session was held immediately after the Board Meeting. The session focused on Land Management.

#### (b) File: Proposed Changes to the Conservation Authorities Act

Comments provided from the LRCA on Environmental Registry of Ontario posting ERO 013-4992, focusing conservation authority development permits on the protection of people and property were noted.

Comments provided from the LRCA on Bill 108 and Environmental Registry of Ontario posting ERO 013-5018, modernizing Conservation Authority operations were noted.

A verbal update was provided related to the meeting between MPP, Judith Monteith-Farrell, and the LRCA Chair and CAO.

- (c) File: 2018 Annual Report

Members were provided with the 2018 Annual Report.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) File: Lakehead University Arthur Shewchuck Memorial Bursary

Members were advised that the successful recipient of the Arthur Shewchuck Memorial Bursary, Lakehead University, was Samuel Mancusa, Civil Engineering student.

- (b) File: Conservation Ontario

Members were provided with a copy of Conservation Ontario's 2018 Annual Report.

Minutes from the April 1, 2019, Conservation Ontario Council Meeting were noted.

- (c) File: Printed Material

Printed material was circulated.

### **6. STAFF REPORTS**

Members reviewed and discussed Staff Report WM-02-2019 regarding the approval of the Neebing River and Mosquito Creek Watershed Wetland Evaluation project.

Resolution #69/19

Moved by Andrew Foulds, Seconded by Erwin Butikofer

***"THAT: Staff Report WM-02-2019 be received AND FURTHER THAT the evaluated Neebing River Watershed Wetlands and a 30 metre buffer will be incorporated into the LRCA Regulated Area, effective immediately AND FURTHER THAT the evaluated Mosquito Creek Watershed Wetlands and a 30 metre buffer will be incorporated into the LRCA Regulated Area, effective immediately."***  
**CARRIED.**

Members reviewed and discussed Staff Report NMFC-03-2019 related to the William Street Floodway Channel Dredging Project.

Resolution #70/19

Moved by Andrew Foulds, Seconded by Erwin Butikofer

***"THAT: the Contract for William Street Floodway Channel Dredging – 2019 for the material, equipment and labour necessary for the removal of accumulated sediment be awarded to LH North Ltd. for a cost of \$767,325.75, not including HST."***  
**CARRIED.**

## 7. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

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

Members were advised that Staff have begun the 2020 Budget process, which has included consideration of the recent reduction in the Section 39 Transfer Payment.

It was noted that the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) has contracted the LRCA to conduct five inspections of the Wolf River Sea Lamprey Barrier and portage in the Township of Dorion. The Lands Manager undertakes the inspections in conjunction with work/inspections of Hurkett Cove Conservation Area. After each inspection, a report is forwarded to the DFO.

## 8. PASSING OF ACCOUNTS

Resolution #71/19

Moved by Rudy Buitenhuis, Seconded by Erwin Butikofer

*"THAT: having examined the accounts for the period of April 1, 2019 to April 30, 2019 cheque #1610 to #1633 for \$114,704.41 and preauthorized payments of \$50,642.79 for a total of \$165,347.20, we approve their payment." CARRIED.*

## 9. REGULATORY ROLE

The Plan Input and Review for the period from May 2, 2019 to May 29, 2019, was circulated.

The Permits issued under the Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses for the period from May 2, 2019 to May 29, 2019, were circulated.

## 10. PROJECTS UPDATE

It was noted that on May 7, 2019, the CAO attended the annual Kam River Standing Advisory Committee meeting. The Standing Advisory Committee is made up of representatives from various regulatory agencies as well as various interest and user groups. Copies of the presentations were circulated at the meeting.

It was noted that on April 30, 2019, the CAO and the Watershed Manager met with the City staff from the Infrastructure & Operations Department and EarthCare Thunder Bay to overview current and future LRCA projects and studies, outstanding agreements for completed infrastructure on LRCA lands, access/egress policies, invasive species reporting, trees in rivers and the Floodway.

It was noted that Lake Superior levels continue to be above average.

It was noted that on Tuesday, June 11, 2019, the LRCA will host a Municipality/Agency presentation and Public Open House to overview the Kaministiquia River Erosion Sites Inventory Project. The agency presentation will occur at 1 p.m., and the Public Open House will follow between 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the LRCA's Administrative Office. The Study and maps will be available for public viewing, and LRCA staff with consultants from KGS Group and CDS Consulting will be available to answer any questions related to the Study. The Study estimates the 100-year Erosion Hazard limit and delineates the Fill Line along the Kaministiquia River within the City of Thunder Bay using historical and current imagery, LiDAR and data collected in the field. The 100-year Erosion Hazard Line and associated Fill Regulated Areas will be incorporated in the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority's City of Thunder Bay, Geographic Township of Neebing, Screening Map-5, which depicts the Approximate Regulated Area. Screening Maps are used by the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority in the administration of Ontario Regulation 97/04-180/06: Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses. Subject to Board approval, the 100-year Erosion Hazard Line and Fill Regulated Areas will become effective on June 26, 2019. Additionally, the floodplain mapping is currently being updated as a separate study, which will be completed by March 2020. The floodplain and associated fill regulated area will also be incorporated into the total "Approximate Regulated Area". The erosion hazard and floodplain mapping updates will replace the existing 1978 Kaministiquia River Floodplain Mapping Study.

It was noted that during the month of June, the LRCA will be flying the pride flag alongside the Canada and Ontario flags. This symbolic show of support reaffirms the LRCA's position as a safe, inclusive work environment and non-discriminatory public spaces for all members of the community.

A verbal update of the Dorion Canyon Country Birding Festival was provided at the Meeting. It was a great success with many positive comments from the participants.

It was noted that the Lakehead Children's Water Festival will be held at the LRCA Administrative Office on June 4, 5 and 6.

It was noted that the 2019 Tree Seedling program was very successful with 93 orders (8,151 seedlings sold (6,675 one-year olds and 1,576 two- year olds). To date 151,192 seedlings have been sold and planted in the watershed.

**11. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**12. NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, June 26, 2019, at 4:30 p.m. followed by Board Member Training Session #5 regarding Flood Forecasting, Drinking Water Source Protection and Other Programs.

13. AJOURNMENT

Resolution #72/19

Moved by Erwin Butikofer, Seconded by Rudy Buitenhuis

***"THAT: the time being 5:34 p.m. AND FURTHER THAT there being no further business we adjourn." CARRIED.***

  
Chair

  
Chief Administrative Officer