



LAKEHEAD REGION

CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Minutes of the Second Regular Meeting of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority held on Wednesday, February 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
Ed Chambers
Trevor Giertuga
Umed Panu
Jim Vezina
Allan Vis

REGRETS: Erwin Butikofer
Andrew Foulds
Andrea Goold

ALSO

PRESENT: Tammy Cook, Chief Administrative Officer
Mark Ambrose, Finance Manager
Gail Willis, Watershed Manager
Ryne Gilliam, Field Operations Supervisor
Melanie O'Riley Receptionist/Admin Clerk, recorder of Minutes

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution #23/19

Moved by Ed Chambers, Seconded by Grant Arnold

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

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolution #24/19

Moved by Grant Arnold, Seconded by Allan Vis

“THAT: the Minutes of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority 65th Annual Meeting held on Wednesday, January 30, 2019, together with the In-Camera portion are adopted as published.”
CARRIED.

4. IN-CAMERA AGENDA

Resolution #25/19

Moved by Allan Vis, Seconded by Ed Chambers

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

Resolution #26/19

Moved by Jim Vezina, 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. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

(a) Board Training

Members were provided with a Board Training Schedule. The first session was held after the scheduled Board Meeting. Board Members were requested to bring their Board Member Reference Manuals to each session.

(b) File: 2019 Budget and Levy – Appendix “A”

Members reviewed and discussed the 2019 Budget and Levy.

Resolution #27/19

Moved by Allan Vis, Seconded by Ed Chambers

“THAT: the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority adopts the non-matching levy of \$ 1,371,655 AND FURTHER THAT all member municipalities are designated as benefitting and pay \$723,652 AND FURTHER THAT the City of Thunder Bay is designated as the sole-benefitting municipality for floodplain mapping projects in the City of Thunder Bay, Neebing-McIntyre Floodway projects and Kaministiquia River erosion projects and pays \$ 634,053 AND FURTHER THAT the Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge is designated as sole-benefitting for a portion of the Kaministiquia River and Pennock Creek floodplain mapping projects and pays \$13,950 AND FURTHER THAT each member municipality is to be advised of their apportionment of the non-matching levy.” CARRIED.

Non-Matching Funds Levy Portion - Weighed Recorded Vote Results:

Municipality	Member	Vote %	Vote
Conmee	Grant Arnold	1.52%	Yes
Dorion	Ed Chambers	1.05%	Yes
Gillies	Rudy Buitenhuis	0.86%	Yes
Neebing	Erwin Butikofer	7.82%	Absent
O’Connor	Jim Vezina	1.57%	Yes
Oliver Paipoonge	Allan Vis	19.41%	Yes
Shuniah	Donna Blunt	17.77%	Yes
Thunder Bay	Andrew Foulds	12.50%	Absent
Thunder Bay	Trevor Giertuga	12.50%	Absent
Thunder Bay	Umed Panu	12.50%	Yes
Thunder Bay	Andrea Goold	12.50%	Absent

Resolution #28/19

Moved by Jim Vezina, Seconded by Allan Vis

“THAT: the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority adopts the matching levy of \$292,380 AND FURTHER THAT all member municipalities are designating as benefitting AND FUTHER THAT each member municipality is to be advised of their apportionment of the matching levy.” CARRIED.

Resolution #29/19

Moved by Ed Chambers, Seconded by Allan Vis

“THAT: funds will be taken from the Vehicle and Equipment Reserve during 2019 to purchase a riding mower, two brush cutters, hand held blower and electric motor AND FURTHER THAT the estimated cost is \$6,000.00.” CARRIED.

Resolution #30/19

Moved by Umed Panu, Seconded by Rudy Buitenhuis

“THAT: funds will be taken from the Forest Management Reserve during 2019 for consultant fees and the annual tree subsidy AND FURTHER THAT the estimated cost is \$12,500.00.” CARRIED.

Resolution #31/19

Moved by Rudy Buitenhuis, Seconded by Umed Panu

“THAT: the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority adopts the 2019 Budget Document, Version 2.0 for a total budget of \$2,767,208.” CARRIED.

Members were advised that the levy notice to the member municipalities will be posted by registered mail as per the *Conservation Authorities Act*.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) File: Conservation Ontario

The Conservation Ontario Minutes from Meeting #4/18 held on December 10, 2018, at Black Creek Pioneer Village were noted.

(b) File: Lakehead Conservation Foundation

The Minutes of the Lakehead Conservation Foundation Meeting dated November 5, 2018, which were adopted at their January 21, 2019 Meeting were noted.

(c) File: Complaint regarding unmaintained winter trails at Mission Island Marsh Conservation Area

Members reviewed and discussed a complaint received regarding un-maintained winter trails at Mission Island Marsh Conservation Area. Correspondence will be sent to the complainant stating trails are not maintained during the winter months, as well as an offer to appear before the Board to address the issue if so desired.

7. STAFF REPORTS

Members reviewed and discussed Staff Report KAMEC-01-2019, which summarized the 2019 update to the Kaministiquia River Operation, Maintenance and Surveillance Plan for Victor Broadway.

Resolution #32/19

Moved by Umed Panu, Seconded by Rudy Buitenhuis

“THAT: Staff Report KAMEC-01-2019 be received.” CARRIED.

Members reviewed and discussed Staff Report FORMG-01-2019, related to the 2018 annual summary of activities on the Forest Management properties.

Resolution #33/19

Moved by Rudy Buitenhuis, Seconded by Umed Panu

“THAT: Staff Report FORMG-01-2019 be received.” CARRIED.

Members reviewed and discussed Staff Report LM-01-2019 related to a registered mining claim at Granite Point.

Resolution #34/19

Moved by Umed Panu, Seconded by Rudy Buitenhuis

“THAT: Staff Report LM-01-2019 be received.” CARRIED.

Members reviewed and discussed Staff Report FPMAP-01-2019, related to the Mosquito Creek Floodplain Mapping Update Project Commencement.

Resolution #35/19

Moved by Umed Panu, Seconded by Rudy Buitenhuis

“THAT: the proposal submitted by CDS Consulting for technical support services for the Mosquito Creek Floodplain Mapping Project dated February 7, 2019 is approved.” CARRIED

Members reviewed and discussed Staff Report WM-01-2019, related to the LRCA's support in nominating the Lake Superior to Lake of the Woods (LSLW) river route by taking on the role of River Manager for the Eastern Section.

Resolution #36/19

Moved by Rudy Buitenhuis, Seconded by Umed Panu

“THAT: Staff Report WM-01-2019 be received AND FURTHER THAT if the Boundary Waters Voyageur Waterway is amended to include Lake Superior to Lake of the Woods river route, the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority would take on the role of River Manager for the Eastern Section on the Kaministiquia River from Lake Superior to the French River.” CARRIED.

8. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS

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

Members were provided with the final 2018 Treasurer's Reports for expenses and revenues for the year ending December 31, 2018 for Administration and Capital.

It was noted that the Information and Privacy Commissioner had been advised that the Authority did not receive any Freedom of Information requests in 2018.

Members were provided with the 2019 LRCA Directory.

It was noted that no fee changes were proposed to the 2019 Summary of Fees.

9. PASSING OF ACCOUNTS

Resolution #37/19

Moved by Umed Panu, Seconded by Rudy Buitenhuis

"THAT: having examined the accounts for the period of January 1, 2019 to January 31, 2019 cheque #1538 to #1561 for \$142,480.47 and preauthorized payments of \$49,373.96 for a total of \$191,854.43, we approve their payment." **CARRIED.**

10. REGULATORY ROLE

The Plan Input and Review binder for the period from January 31, 2019 to February 27, 2019 was circulated.

The Permits issued under the Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses for the period January 31, 2019 to February 27, 2019, were circulated.

11. PROJECTS UPDATE

Members were provided with the written updates on on-going projects/activities as detailed in the Agenda.

It was noted that the 2019 Conservation Dinner and Auction was well attended and \$18,500 was raised in net profit.

Members were advised the Lakehead Conservation Foundation (LCF) Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday, March 4, 2019.

Members were advised that Staff are currently planning the 2019 Dorion Birding Festival, which will occur on Saturday, May 25 and Sunday, May 26, 2019. Enbridge has committed to a donation of \$3,500.00 towards the event, which will be utilized to offset the cost of meals and bussing.

Members were advised that the Authority has purchased four tickets to the North Shore Steelhead Association Dinner and Auction as they have been great supporters of the LRCA for a number of years. Two of the tickets will be used by Staff with two tickets available for interested Board Members.

Members were advised that Staff had attended a recent public open house related to ongoing efforts to remediate the North Harbour site. The steering committee is progressing with evaluating the options, one of which proposes to install a berm around the site, followed by capping the site with fill. Staff have advised Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC), that there is potential for available excess fill from maintenance dredging activities within the Neebing-McIntyre Floodway in future years. The volume of required fill far exceeds forecasted volumes from the Floodway; however, Floodway volumes may assist in sourcing required volumes if that option was selected. Additionally, ECCC was provided with a map of the Intake Protection Zones related to the adjacent Bare Point Water Treatment facility and were advised that any considered option must include methods to assess and monitor impacts to the Intake Protection Zone.

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

12. NEW BUSINESS

None.

13. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, March 27, 2019, at 4:30 p.m. followed by Board Member Training Session #2.

14. AJOURNMENT

Resolution #38/19

Moved by Umed Panu, Seconded by Rudy Buitenhuis

“THAT: the time being 5:38 p.m. AND FURTHER THAT there being no further business THAT we adjourn.” CARRIED.


Chair


Chief Administrative Officer