



LAKEHEAD REGION
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

June LRCA Board Meeting Minutes
Lakehead Region Conservation Authority
June 27, 2024 at 4:30 PM
130 Conservation Road/Microsoft Teams

Members Present: Albert Aiello, Grant Arnold, Donna Blunt, Rudy Buitenhuis, Dan Calvert, Trevor Giertuga, Sheelagh Hendrick, Greg Johnsen, Brian Kurikka, Jim Vezina

Members Absent: Robert Beatty

Also Present:

Tammy Cook, Chief Administrative Officer

Mark Ambrose, Finance Officer

Ryne Gilliam, Lands Manager

Melissa Hughson, Watershed Manager

Ryan Mackett, Communications Manager

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The Agenda was amended to reflect that no delegation by Ontario Power Generation (OPG) was to be held.

***THAT:** the Agenda be adopted as amended.*

Motion: #72/24

Motion moved by Dan Calvert and motion seconded by Sheelagh Hendrick. **CARRIED.**

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

THAT: the Minutes of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority 5th Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, May 29, 2024 be adopted as published.

5. IN-CAMERA AGENDA

No In-Camera meeting was held.

6. DELEGATION

The Ontario Power Generation delegation will be rescheduled.

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

None.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

9. STAFF REPORTS

9.1. Neebing-McIntyre Floodway – Floodplain Mapping – Overtopping Banks Assessment – Engineering Services

Members reviewed and discussed Staff Report NMFC-05-2024 related to engineering services for floodplain mapping on the Neebing-McIntyre Floodway.

THAT: KGS's proposal to complete floodplain mapping on the Neebing-McIntyre Floodway at a cost of \$34,900.00 plus HST be accepted AND FURTHER THAT the funds will be appropriated from the Neebing-McIntyre Floodway deferred fund.

Motion: #74/24

Motion moved by Albert Aiello and motion seconded by Dan Calvert. **CARRIED.**

9.2 Neebing-McIntyre Floodway – Installation of Water Level Monitoring System – Engineering Services

Members reviewed and discussed Staff Report NMFC-06-2024 related to engineering services for the installation of a water level monitoring system on the Neebing-McIntyre Floodway.

THAT: *KGS's proposal to complete the installation of a water level monitoring system on the Neebing-McIntyre Floodway at a cost of \$32,300.00 plus HST be accepted AND FURTHER THAT the funds will be appropriated from the Neebing-McIntyre Floodway deferred fund.*

Motion: #75/24

Motion moved by Dan Calvert and motion seconded by Albert Aiello. **CARRIED.**

10. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

10.1 Monthly Treasurer's Report

Members were provided with the monthly Treasurer's Report for May's Administration and Capital.

10.2 Land Acquisition and Disposition Policy

Members reviewed and discussed Staff Report Policy-FIN-12-2024 related to the Land Acquisition and Disposition Policy.

THAT: *Finance Policy FIN-12 2024: Land Acquisition and Disposition Policy be approved.*

Motion: #76/24

Motion moved by Rudy Buitenhuis and motion seconded by Brian Kurikka. **CARRIED.**

10.3 Conservation Lands Strategy and Watershed-Based Resource Management Strategy Consultation Material

Members reviewed and discussed Staff Report CORP-09-2024 related to the Consultation Materials for the Conservation Lands Strategy and Watershed-Based Strategy.

THAT: *the consultation materials for the Conservation Lands Strategy and Watershed-Based Resource Management Strategy are received.*

Motion: #77/24

Motion moved by Brian Kurikka and motion seconded by Rudy Buitenhuis. **CARRIED.**

11. PASSING OF ACCOUNTS

THAT: having examined the accounts for the period May 1, 2024 to May 31, 2024 cheque #3243 to #3262 for \$119,138.05 and preauthorized payments of \$6,642,741.24 for a total of \$6,761,879.29, we approve their payment.

Motion: #78/24

Motion moved by Rudy Buitenhuis and motion seconded by Grant Arnold. **CARRIED.**

12. REGULATORY ROLE

Members were provided with the summaries of the Plan Input Review program and Section 28 permits issued since the last meeting.

13. PROJECTS UPDATE

13.1. Communications Manager Projects Update

It was noted that the 2024 Lakehead Children's Water Festival was a success with 324 students from 10 different schools participating. The Water festival was sponsored by Ontario Power Generation and the City of Thunder Bay paid for the school bus charters.

Members were advised that Board Member, Sheelagh Hendrick arranged for a ceremonial flag raising at City Hall in celebration of the LRCA's 70th Anniversary.

13.2. Lands Manager Projects Update

Members were advised that a floating dock and kayak launch was installed at Little Trout Bay Conservation Area; a portable outhouse shell and portable outhouse unit was installed at the Causeway at Hazelwood Lake Conservation Area; a new 75 metre trail was created off the Orange Trail at Hazelwood Lake Conservation Area; a new entrance sign was installed at Wishart Conservation Area; a dog refuse bag dispenser station was installed at Cascades Conservation Area.

13.3. Watershed Manager Projects Update

It was noted that the Level I Low Water condition was undeclared on June 5, 2024.

It was noted that Bathing Beach Sampling and Cyanobacteria Monitoring had begun.

Members were advised that the City of Thunder Bay Engineering and Operations Division contracted LRCA Staff to complete water sampling along Mosquito Creek and Pennock Creek, within the City.

It was noted that the Watershed Manager attended the Drinking Water Source Protection Project Managers' meeting hosted by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) and Conservation Ontario.

Members were advised that the LRCA has partnered with the City of Thunder Bay to revegetate the Lake Superior Shoreline along the new Waterfront Trail. Over 500 plants have been planted.

It was noted that the stewardship project at Fisherman's West Climate Change Awareness Park has planted over 1,500 plants with over 30 volunteers doing the plantings.

It was noted that the LRCA hosted a native plant sale and raised \$3,500.00.

It was noted that other stewardship projects that are underway include: Partnership with Fort William First Nation consultation on habitat restoration at a few priority sites; Hurkett Cove Cattail project; wetland evaluation on LRCA's Jim Jessiman property; snapping turtle surveys along the Neebing-McIntyre Floodway.

It was also noted that Ashley Agombar was hired as the Watershed Stewardship Technician Intern with funding from the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation for one year.

14. NEW BUSINESS

Greg Johnson requested his comment at the May 29, 2024 meeting regarding that the CAO is to give adequate direction to staff when they deliver presentations to be added to the May Minutes.

15. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, August 28, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.

16. ADJOURNMENT


THAT: the time being 5:08 p.m. AND FURTHER THAT there being no further business we adjourn.

Motion: #79/24

Motion moved by Grant Arnold and motion seconded by Brian Kurikka. **CARRIED.**



Chair



Chief Administrative Officer