



LAKEHEAD REGION

CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Minutes of the Sixth Regular Meeting of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority held on Wednesday, June 23, 2021, via Microsoft Teams. The Chair called the Meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Donna Blunt, Chair
Grant Arnold, Vice-Chair
Rudy Buitenhuis
Erwin Butikofer
Andrew Foulds
Andrea Goold
Umed Panu
Allan Vis

REGRETS: Joel Brown
Trevor Giertuga
Jim Vezina

ALSO PRESENT: Tammy Cook, Chief Administrative Officer
Mark Ambrose, Finance Manager
Ryne Gilliam, Lands Manager
Ryan Mackett, Communications Manager
Melanie O'Riley Receptionist/Admin Clerk, recorder of Minutes

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution #70/21

Moved by Grant Arnold, Seconded by Alan Vis

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

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolution #71/21

Moved by Rudy Buitenhuis, Seconded by Andrew Foulds

“THAT: the Minutes of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority Fifth Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, May 26, 2021, are adopted as published.” CARRIED.

4. IN-CAMERA AGENDA

Resolution #72/21

Moved by Erwin Butikofer, Seconded by Umed Panu

“THAT: we now go into Committee of the Whole (In-Camera) at 4:31 p.m.” CARRIED.

Resolution #73/21

Moved by Andrew Foulds, Seconded by Allan Vis

“THAT: we go into Open Meeting at 4:46 p.m.” CARRIED.

Resolution #74/21

Moved by Andrea Goold, Seconded by Grant Arnold

“THAT: the In-Camera Minutes of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority’s, May 26, 2021 meeting be adopted as published.” CARRIED.

Resolution #75/21

Moved by Allan Vis, Seconded by Andrea Goold

“THAT: the Board of Directors authorizes the disposition of the portion of Wishart Forest south of Olmala Road that is separated from the main land holding.” CARRIED.

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

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

(a) File: Indemnification By-Law

Members reviewed and discussed the final draft Indemnification By-Law that has been updated to be gender neutral.

Resolution #76/21

Moved by Rudy Buitenhuis, Seconded by Grant Arnold

“THAT: The Members of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority authorize the passing of By-Law No. 2/2021: Indemnification.” CARRIED.

Recorded Vote

NAME	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Arnold, Grant	Yes			
Brown, Joel			Absent	
Buitenhuis, Rudy	Yes			
Butikofer, Erwin	Yes			
Foulds, Andrew	Yes			
Giertuga, Trevor			Absent	
Goold, Andrea	Yes			
Panu, Umed	Yes			
Vežina, Jim			Absent	
Vis, Allan	Yes			
Blunt, Donna (Chair)	Yes			

Members reviewed and discussed Staff Report CORP-09-2021 related to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks Environmental Registry of Ontario posting ERO 019-2986: Regulatory proposal (Phase 1) under the *Conservation Authorities Act*.

Resolution #77/21

Moved by Umed Panu, Seconded by Andrew Foulds

“THAT: the Board of Directors of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority approve the draft comments dated June 23, 2021 related to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks Environmental Registry of Ontario posting ERO 019-2986: Regulatory proposal (Phase 1) under the Conservation Authorities Act AND FURTHER THAT a copy of the comments will be posted on the Environmental Registry of Ontario AND FURTHER THAT a copy will be sent to the Member Municipalities of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority; Michael Gravelle, MPP – Thunder Bay Superior North; Judith Monteith-Farrell, MPP- Thunder Bay- Atikokan; and Conservation Ontario.” CARRIED.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) File: Lakehead University Arthur Shewchuk Memorial Bursary

Correspondence received from Lakehead University advising that Allison Farrish, first year mechanical engineering program, was the successful recipient of the Arthur Shewchuk Memorial Bursary was noted.

(b) File: Annual Report

Correspondence from Ms. Rebecca Johnson, Councilor at Large with the City of Thunder Bay, congratulating the LRCA on the 2020 Annual Report was noted.

(c) File: Source Water Protection Program- Private Drinking Water Wells

Three letters received from Fort Erie, Port Colborne and the Township of South Frontenac encouraging the Premier of Ontario to ensure that people who rely on private wells and other private servicing for clean drinking water are afforded the same source water protection as municipal drinking water systems through the Source Water Protection Program were noted.

(d) File: Lakehead Conservation Foundation Membership

Correspondence from Ms. Virginia Lane was received advising of her resignation from the Lakehead Conservation Foundation.

7. STAFF REPORTS

None.

8. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

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

Members were advised that TC Energy has confirmed that the LRCA has been approved to receive \$7,500.00 in funding to support purchasing a new floating dock at Silver Harbour Conservation Area.

Members reviewed and discussed Staff Report CORP-08-2021: Governance Accountability and Transparency Initiative. The initiative led by Conservation Ontario was developed in conjunction with a Steering Committee of Conservation Authority CAOs, to proactively demonstrate commitment to accountability and transparency by all Conservation Authorities in the province.

Resolution #78/21

Moved by Erwin Butikofer, Seconded by Andrea Goold

“WHEREAS the provincial government has passed legislative amendments related to the governance of Conservation Authorities;

AND WHEREAS the Conservation Authorities remain committed to fulfilling accountable and transparent governance;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority endorse the three key actions developed by the Conservation Ontario Steering Committee to update CA Administrative By-laws, to report proactively on priorities, and to promote/demonstrate results;

AND THAT staff be directed to work with Conservation Ontario to implement these actions and to identify additional improvements and best management practices.” CARRIED.

9. PASSING OF ACCOUNTS

Resolution #79/21

Moved by Grant Arnold, Seconded by Andrew Foulds

“THAT: having examined the accounts for the period of May 1, 2021, to May 31, 2021, cheque #2274 to #2295 for \$24,493.29 and preauthorized payments of \$93,273.50 for a total of \$117,766.79, we approve their payment.” CARRIED.

10. REGULATORY ROLE

Members were provided with the Plan Input and Review Summary for the period of May to June 16, 2021 and the summary of Section 28 Permits issued in 2021 to date.

11. PROJECTS UPDATE

Members were advised that Staff have begun bathing beach sampling at Hazelwood Lake Conservation Area under the Thunder Bay District Health Unit’s Beach Program. Between June 1st and August 31st, staff sample weekly. As part of the operation of the bathing beach area, the water is tested to ensure swimmers are advised of current swimming conditions.

Members were advised that on June 14, 2021, the MECP advised that they had received a report of suspected blue green algae near the swimming area at Hazelwood Lake Conservation Area. The ministry sampled and analyzed the water, and it was confirmed that it was blue green algae. In consultation with the Thunder Bay District Health Unit the beach was closed. Beach closure signage was posted at the beach and causeway at Hazelwood Lake Conservation Area.

Members were advised that the LRCA Community Garden will once again be utilized this season by the RFDA.

Members were advised that staff have granted permission for Dr. Adam Algar, Associate Professor from the Department of Biology at Lakehead University, to conduct ecological research on the gray treefrog at Hazelwood Lake Conservation Area.

The Dorion Birding Festival took place via a Microsoft Teams Live Event on Friday, May 28, 2021. 73 participants logged in to the virtual event.

Members were advised that Staff provided teachers with a virtual version of the Water Festival in lieu of the regular, in-person Festival typically held the first week of June at the LRCA Administrative Office.

It was noted that the Hazelwood Lake Family Fun Day and Silver Harbour Day public events that were tentatively scheduled for Sunday, July 18 and Saturday, August 28 respectively will likely not be held due to COVID-19.

12. NEW BUSINESS

None.

13. NEXT MEETING


Special Meeting Wednesday, July 14, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. via Microsoft Teams.

14. AJOURNMENT

Resolution #80/21

Moved by Grant Arnold, Seconded by Allan Vis

"THAT: the time being 5:20 p.m. AND FURTHER THAT there being no further business we adjourn." CARRIED.


Chair


Chief Administrative Officer