



LAKEHEAD REGION
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

LRCA Board Meeting Minutes
Lakehead Region Conservation Authority
March 30, 2022 at 4:30 PM
via Microsoft Teams

Members Present:

Grant Arnold, Donna Blunt, Joel Brown, Erwin Butikofer, Andrew Foulds, 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
Ryan Mackett, Communications Manager
Melanie O'Riley, Administrative Clerk/Receptionist, recorder of Minutes

Regrets:

Rudy Buitenhuis, 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: #37/22

Motion moved by Allan Vis and motion seconded by Grant Arnold. **CARRIED.**

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None.

4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

THAT: the Minutes of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority Second Regular Meeting held on February 23, 2022 be adopted as published.

Motion: #38/22

Motion moved by Jim Vezina and motion seconded by Joel Brown. **CARRIED.**

5. **IN-CAMERA AGENDA**

THAT: we now go into Committee of the Whole (In-Camera) at 4:34 p.m.

Motion: #39/22

Motion moved by Umed Panu and motion seconded by Joel Brown. **CARRIED.**

THAT: we go into Open Meeting at 4:38 p.m.

Motion: #40/22

Motion moved by Andrea Goold and motion seconded by Erwin Butikofer. **CARRIED.**

THAT: the In-Camera Minutes of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority February 23, 2022 meeting be adopted as published.

Motion: #41/22

Motion moved by Andrew Foulds and motion seconded by Erwin Butikofer. **CARRIED.**

*THAT: the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority will accept the donation of land located at 330 Beaver Avenue, Thunder Bay **AND FURTHER THAT** a charitable tax receipt will be issued to the owners **AND FURTHER THAT** the CAO is authorized to take such action and execute such acknowledgements and agreements as may be necessary for the aforementioned purposes.*

Motion: #42/22

Motion moved by Grant Arnold and motion seconded by Joel Brown. **CARRIED.**

THAT: expenses incurred to facilitate acquiring the donated land located at 330 Beaver Avenue, Thunder Bay will be appropriated from the Land Acquisition Reserve.

Motion: #43/22

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

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

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

None.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

8. STAFF REPORTS

8.1. Electric Charging Station at LRCA Office

Members reviewed and discussed Staff Report LM-03-2022.

***THAT:** the Chair and CAO are authorized to enter into a funding Agreement with Plug-In Thunder Bay to purchase and install an Electric Vehicle charging station at the LRCA administrative office for the intended use of the public, staff and potential future electric LRCA fleet vehicles.*

Motion: #44/22

Motion moved by Andrea Goold and motion seconded by Umed Panu. **CARRIED.**

8.2. Memorandum of Understanding Hurkett Cove Conservation Area "Lake Superior Trail Experiences"

Members reviewed and discussed Staff Report LM-04-2022.

***THAT:** the Chair and CAO are authorized to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Parks Canada Agency (Lake Superior National Marine Conservation Area) in regards to "Lake Superior Trail Experiences" at Hurkett Cove Conservation Area.*

Motion: #45/22

Motion moved by Jim Vezina and motion seconded by Allan Vis. **CARRIED.**

9. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS

9.1. Monthly Treasurer's Report

Members were provided with the Monthly Treasurer's Report for January's Administration and Capital.

9.2. Policy BOD 6: Remuneration of Members Update

Members reviewed and discussed Staff Report BOD-06-2022, and confirmed that the Per Diem increased will be based on the previous year's Consumer Price Index.

***THAT:** Board of Directors Policy BOD-06: Remuneration of Members, be amended as outlined in Staff Report PP-BOD-06-2022, as amended.*

Motion: #46/22

Motion moved by Allan Vis and motion seconded by Grant Arnold. **CARRIED.**

9.3. Policies related to COVID-19

Members reviewed and discussed Staff Report CORP-06-2022.

***THAT:** Health and Safety Policy HS-COVID-6: Vaccines be rescinded.*

Motion: #47/22

Motion moved by Jim Vezina and motion seconded by Joel Brown. **CARRIED.**

9.4. OnBoard Agenda Software

Demonstration and discussion of the new Board Meeting Agenda format using OnBoard Software took place.

10. PASSING OF ACCOUNTS

***THAT:** having examined the accounts for the period February 1, 2022 to February 28, 2022 cheque #2499 to #2521 for \$82,527.59 and preauthorized payments of \$5,194,395.62 for a total of \$5,276,923.21, we approve their payment.*

Motion: #48/22

Motion moved by Umed Panu and motion seconded by Erwin Butikofer. **CARRIED.**

11. REGULATORY ROLE

Members were provided with the Plan Input and Review Summary for the period of February 1 to March 22, 2022 and a summary of Section 28 permits issued in 2022.

12. PROJECTS UPDATE

12.1. Communication Manager Projects Update

Members were provided with Project Updates from the Communications Manager.

12.2. Watershed Manager Projects Update

Members were advised that the Watershed Manager successfully completed the advanced level 2 Provincial Offences Training Course.

Members were advised that the Source Protection Committee (SPC) held their meeting and discussed the seventh annual progress report, which is due to the MECP on May 1, 2022. Members were also provided with the Source Protection Committee Meeting Minutes from the March 16, 2021 meeting.

It was noted that the March 15, 2022 snow surveyys indicated that the snow survey locations were above average for snow depth and water content when compared to historical averages for March 15.

It was noted that Lake Superior's water levels were 9 centimeters below its period-of-record and remains the lowest since 2013.

It was noted that the Authority held its 33rd Annual Spring Melt Meeting on April 7, 2022.

It was noted that environmental improvements green infrastructure, asphalt removal and riparian vegetation enhancement are planned for habitat restoration at the Moundale Boat Launch with funding from Environment and Climate Change Canada and the City of Thunder Bay.

13. NEW BUSINESS

None.

14. NEXT MEETING

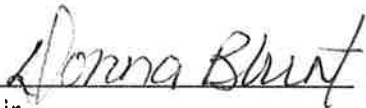
The next meeting will be held on April 27, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. in person.

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

THAT: the time being 5:31 p.m. AND FURTHER THAT there being no further business we adjourn.

Motion: #49/22

Motion moved by Jim Vezina and motion seconded by Grant Arnold. **CARRIED**



Chair



Chief Administrative Officer