



LAKEHEAD REGION

CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Minutes of the Sixth Regular Meeting of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority held on Wednesday, June 27, 2018, in the Authority Boardroom. The Chair called the Meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Donna Blunt, Chair
Grant Arnold
Erwin Butikofer
Ed Chambers
Andrew Foulds
Andrea Goold
Linda Rydholm
Jim Vezina
Wendy Wright

REGRETS: Jim Byers
Umed Panu

ALSO

PRESENT: Tammy Cook, Chief Administrative Officer
Simon Shankie, Watershed Manager
Ryne Gilliam, Field Operations Supervisor
Ryan Mackett, Community Stewardship/Public Relations Officer
Melanie O'Riley Receptionist/Admin Clerk, recorder of Minutes
Kestrel Wraggett, LCF Board Member, part of Meeting
Ken Boshcoff, part of Meeting

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution #79/18

Moved by Grant Arnold, Seconded by Jim Vezina

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

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolution #80/18

Moved by Ed Chambers, Seconded by Erwin Butikofer

“THAT: the Minutes of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority Fifth Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, May 30, 2018, together with the In-Camera portion are adopted as published.”
CARRIED.

4. LAKEHEAD CONSERVATION FOUNDATION

On behalf of the Lakehead Conservation Foundation, Kestrel Wraggett presented their \$18,000.00 cheque to the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority Chair. The funds are for Education and Outreach purposes, specifically towards funding the contract Environmental Coordinator position during 2018.

5. ELECTION OF AUTHORITY VICE CHAIR

An election was held to fill the position of Vice-Chair as the term of the current Vice-Chair expired in November 2017. His replacement, Andrea Goold, began her term at the June 2018 Meeting. The Chair conducted the election.

The Chair requested nominations for the position of Vice-Chair.

Grant Arnold nominated Linda Rydholm for the position of Vice-Chair. Linda agreed to let her name stand.

Nominations for the position of Vice-Chair were called three times.

Moved by Erwin Butikofer, Seconded by Grant Arnold

“THAT: nominations for the position of Vice-Chair be closed.” **CARRIED.**

Linda Rydholm was acclaimed to the position of Vice-Chair.

Resolution #81/18

Moved by Ed Chambers, Seconded by Jim Vezina

“THAT: Linda Rydholm, Vice-Chair be appointed as a signing officer on behalf of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority until the 2019 Annual Meeting.” **CARRIED.**

Resolution #82/18

Moved by Grant Arnold, Seconded by Jim Vezina

“THAT: Linda Rydholm, Vice-Chair be appointed as the alternate voting representative to the Conservation Ontario Council for the remainder of 2018.” CARRIED.

6. IN-CAMERA AGENDA

Resolution #83/18

Moved by Ed Chambers, Seconded by Andrea Goold

“THAT: we now go into Committee of the Whole (In-Camera) at 4:38 p.m.” CARRIED.

Resolution #84/18

Moved by Jim Vezina, Seconded by Ed Chambers

“THAT: we go into Open Meeting at 5:23 p.m.” CARRIED.

The purpose of the In-Camera Meeting pertained to personnel, property and third party matters.

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

None.

At the permission of the Chair, Ken Boshcoff was presented a plaque for his years of service on the LRCA Board.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) File: 2018 – 2022 Five-Year Strategic Plan

Correspondence received from the Honorable Patty Hajdu, P.C., M.P., Thunder Bay-Superior acknowledging receipt of our 2018 – 2022 Five-Year Strategic Plan was noted.

(b) File: Printed Material

Printed material was circulated.

9. STAFF REPORTS

Members reviewed and discussed Staff Report COMREL-01-2018, regarding the LRCA taking over the planning and implementation of the Dorion Birding Festival, beginning in 2019.

Resolution #85/18

Moved by Ed Chambers, Seconded by Grant Arnold

“THAT: Staff Report No. COMREL-01-2018 be received AND FURTHER THAT the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority will commence the planning and implementation of the Dorion Birding Festival beginning in 2019.” CARRIED.

10. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

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

Members reviewed and discussed Staff Report FIN-07-2018 regarding enrolling in the One Investment Program.

Resolution #86/18

Moved by Linda Rydholm, Seconded by Erwin Butikofer

“THAT: Lakehead Region Conservation Authority will enroll and when warranted invest in the One Investment Program’s High Interest Savings Account, following the Authority’s approved Investment Policy.” CARRIED.

For discussion purposes, Members were provided with Staff Report FIN-08-2018 regarding the preliminary 2019 budget.

Members reviewed and discussed Staff Report CORP-03-2018 regarding officially designating the CAO as the Secretary-Treasurer of the Authority.

Resolution #87/18

Moved by Linda Rydholm, Seconded by Jim Vezina

“THAT: the Chief Administrative Officer is appointed as the Secretary-Treasurer of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority, per Section 18(1) of the Conservation Authorities Act.” CARRIED.

Members reviewed and discussed Staff Report CORP-04-2018 related to the 1st Reading of the Administrative By-Law for the LRCA. Second Reading and Third Reading/Approval will occur in August and September, respectively.

11. PASSING OF ACCOUNTS

Resolution #88/18

Moved by Grant Arnold, Seconded by Ed Chambers

“THAT: having examined the accounts for the period of May 1, 2018 to May 31, 2018 cheque #1245 to #1280 for \$75,107.41 and preauthorized payments of \$64,027.76 for a total of \$139,135.17, we approve their payment.” CARRIED.

12. REGULATORY ROLE

The Plan Input and Review for the period from May 31, 2018, to June 27, 2018, was circulated.

The Permits issued under the Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses for the period from May 31, 2018, to June 27, 2018, were circulated.

13. PROJECTS UPDATE

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

TBT Engineering Limited on behalf of the City of Thunder Bay has commenced an Environmental Assessment, regarding the proposed multi-use active transportation bridge over the Neebing-McIntyre Floodway to establish a north-south cycling corridor as part of the City of Thunder Bay Active Transportation Plan. It was noted that Board approval will be required for any development on Authority owned land. A subsequent report will be brought forward upon a formal request from the City for the development.

It was noted that on Thursday, June 6, 2018, public consultation was held at the LRCA Administrative Office related to the McIntyre River Watershed Wetland Evaluation Study.

It was noted that with funds obtained by EcoSuperior, LRCA Staff and EcoSuperior Staff participated in Indigenous Cultural Awareness Training led by Mr. Bob Baxter.

It was noted that a Low Water meeting was held on June 1, 2018 with members of the Water Response Team. The meeting was held to review the program, the current conditions, as well as confirm membership from the various agencies that are part of the Water Response Team. Monthly Low Water Summaries are posted to the LRCA website.

A Level II Low Water Condition for the LRCA Area of Jurisdiction was declared on June 1, 2018 with consensus from the Water Response Team. Staff notified the MNR of the declaration and issued a press release.

Members were advised that funding from Environment Canada and Climate Change (ECCC) to complete an evaluation of wetlands in the Neebing River watershed has been received. As the project costs were below the approved budget, ECCC has approved the LRCA to expand the scope to complete wetland evaluations in the nearby Mosquito Creek watershed, located within the City of Thunder Bay, Municipalities of Neebing and Oliver Paipoonge and Fort William First Nation.

Resolution #89/18

Moved by Jim Vezina, Seconded by Erwin Butikofer

“THAT: the scope of work for the Neebing River watershed wetland evaluation project be revised to include wetland evaluations in the Mosquito Creek watershed AND FURTHER THAT the revised quote submitted by Northern Bioscience Ecological Consulting dated June 13, 2018 to complete the Mosquito Creek watershed wetland evaluations be accepted for a cost of \$17,315.00, not including HST.” CARRIED.

Members were advised that the Regional Food Distribution Association (RFDA) will once again be utilizing the community garden and raised beds; and will pay the rental fee for the accessible port-a-potty located adjacent to the garden for this season.

14. NEW BUSINESS

None.

15. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, August 29, 2018, at 4:30 p.m.

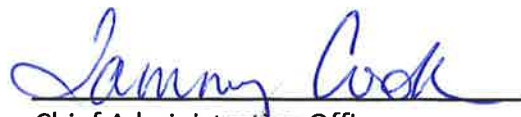
16. AJOURNMENT

Resolution #90/18

Moved by Jim Vezina, Seconded by Grant Arnold

“THAT: the time being 6:10 p.m. AND FURTHER THAT there being no further business we adjourn.” CARRIED.


Chair


Chief Administrative Officer