



# LAKEHEAD REGION

## CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Minutes of the Fifth Regular Meeting of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority held on Wednesday, May 26, 2021, via Microsoft Teams. The Chair called the Meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Donna Blunt, Chair  
Grant Arnold, Vice-Chair  
Joel Brown  
Rudy Buitenhuis  
Erwin Butikofer  
Andrew Foulds  
Trevor Giertuga  
Andrea Goold  
Umed Panu  
Allan Vis  
Jim Vezina

**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 Receptionist/Admin Clerk, recorder of Minutes

### 1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution #60/21

Moved by Grant Arnold, Seconded by Joel Brown

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

### 2. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None.

**3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Resolution #61/21

Moved by Rudy Buitenhuis, Seconded by Erwin Butikofer

***“THAT: the Minutes of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority Fourth Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, April 28, 2021, are adopted as published.” CARRIED.***

**4. IN-CAMERA AGENDA**

Resolution #62/21

Moved by Andrew Foulds, Seconded by Umed Panu

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

Resolution #63/21

Moved by Andrea Goold, Seconded by Allan Vis

***“THAT: we go into Open Meeting at 4:54 p.m.” CARRIED.***

Resolution #64/21

Moved by Jim Vezina, Seconded by Joel Brown

***“THAT: the In-Camera Minutes of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority’s, April 28, 2021 meeting be adopted as published.” CARRIED.***

Resolution #65/21

Moved by Grant Arnold, Seconded by Andrea Goold

***“THAT: the Staff Report FIN-08-2021 be adopted AND FURTHER THAT the recommendation contained therein be endorsed.” CARRIED.***

The purpose of the In-Camera Meeting pertained to personnel.

**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

(a) File: 2020 Annual Report

It was noted that the 2020 LRCA Annual Report had been printed and was distributed to residents via the Chronicle Journal on Saturday, May 29, 2021.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

7. **STAFF REPORTS**

None.

8. **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT**

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

It was noted that Staff have begun the 2022 budget process. The draft 2022 budget will be presented at the August Board Meeting, with approval in November.

Members were advised that the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) has contracted the LRCA to conduct five inspections of the Wolf River Sea Lamprey Barrier and portage in the Township of Dorion.

Members reviewed and discussed Staff Report CORP-06-2021 related to the MECP Discussion Paper: *Regulations Defining Core Mandate and Improving Governance, Oversight and Accountability of Conservation Authorities*. The CAO provided a brief presentation outlining the paper. Members were advised that Conservation Ontario is compiling comments and will submit comments of behalf of the collective. Members were encouraged to submit their own comments through their Municipalities. Additional information will be sent to the Member Municipalities outlining the main issues and concerns identified by staff. Draft comments from the LRCA will be presented at the next meeting for consideration and approval prior to submission to the Environmental Registry of Ontario posting which closes on June 27, 2021.

Resolution #66/21

Moved by Grant Arnold, Seconded by Joel Brown

***"THAT: Staff Report CORP-06-2021 be received." CARRIED.***

Members discussed and reviewed Staff Report CORP-07-2021 related to the draft Indemnification By-Law. Staff were directed to update the document to be gender neutral.

Resolution #67/21

Moved by Andrew Foulds, Seconded by Jim Vezina

***"THAT: By-Law No. 2/2021: Indemnification approval be deferred to the June 23, 2021 Meeting for approval." CARRIED.***

**9. PASSING OF ACCOUNTS**

Resolution #68/21

Moved by Grant Arnold, Seconded by Andrew Foulds

*“THAT: having examined the accounts for the period of April 1, 2021 to April 30, 2021 cheque #2261 to #2273 for \$75,305.49 and preauthorized payments of \$122,766.88 for a total of \$198,072.37, we approve their payment.” CARRIED.*

**10. REGULATORY ROLE**

Members were provided with the Plan Input and Review Summary for the period of April to May 19, 2021 and a summary of Section 28 permits issued to date in 2021.

**11. PROJECTS UPDATE**

It was noted that on May 4, 2021, the CAO attended virtually the annual Kam River Standing Advisory Committee meeting.

Members were advised the LRCA participated in the Kam River Dam Safety Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan call test related to the Dam Safety program for the Kakabeka Falls hydro generation dam on May 18, 2021.

It was noted that Lake Superior water levels remained above average.

It was noted that during the month of June, the LRCA will be flying the pride flag alongside the Canada and Ontario flags.

It was noted that Staff will be providing some form of virtual Children’s Water Festival in June.

It was noted that 132 people had signed up for the Virtual Dorion Birding Festival as of the day of the meeting.

It was noted that the LRCA is partnering with the City of Thunder Bay as part of their larger Canada Day weekend celebrations. The City of Thunder Bay will be contributing \$2,000.00 to the LRCA for this project, and the LRCA will be offering free access to all Conservation Areas from July 1-4, 2021.

**12. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

13. NEXT MEETING

It was the consensus of the Board to move the next meeting date from June 30, 2021 to June 23, 2021, at 4:30 p.m. in order to provide the opportunity for the Board to review and approve comments from the LRCA on the MECP discussion paper related to Conservation Authorities, prior to the June 27, 2021 Environmental Registry of Ontario commenting deadline.

14. AJOURNMENT

Resolution #69/21

Moved by Allan Vis, Seconded by Andrea Goold

*"THAT: the time being 6:01 p.m. AND FURTHER THAT there being no further business we adjourn."* **CARRIED.**

  
Chair

  
Chief Administrative Officer