



LAKEHEAD REGION

CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Minutes of the Seventh Regular Meeting of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority held on Wednesday, August 25, 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
Andrea Goold
Umed Panu
Allan Vis

REGRETS: Trevor Giertuga
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 #84/21

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 #85/21

Moved by Rudy Buitenhuis, Seconded by Erwin Butikofer

“THAT: the Minutes of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority Sixth Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, June 23, 2021, are adopted as published.” CARRIED.

Resolution #86/21

Moved by Andrew Foulds, Seconded by Grant Arnold

“THAT: the Minutes of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority First Special Meeting held on Wednesday, July 14, 2021, are adopted as published.” CARRIED.

4. IN-CAMERA AGENDA

An In-Camera meeting was not held.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

None.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

7. STAFF REPORTS

Members reviewed and discussed Staff Report ENVEDU-01-2021: LRCA Environmental Education Program 2020/21 School Year Summary.

Resolution #87/21

Moved by Andrea Goold, Seconded by Umed Panu

“THAT: Staff Report ENVEDU-01-2021 be received for information.” CARRIED.

Members reviewed and discussed Staff Report CONAREA-01-2021 summarizing the 2020 Traffic Counter Report.

Resolution #88/21

Moved by Joel Brown, Seconded by Allan Vis

“THAT: Staff Report CONAREA-01-2021 be received AND FURTHER THAT the recommendations contained therein be endorsed.” CARRIED

8. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

Members were provided with the monthly Treasurer’s Report for June and July’s Administration and Capital.

Members reviewed and discussed Staff Report CORP-10-2021 related to a request from EOS Positioning Systems to install a base station at the LRCA Administrative Office.

Resolution #89/21

Moved by Joel Brown, Seconded by Grant Arnold

“THAT: the CAO and Chair are authorized to enter into an Agreement with EOS Positioning Systems to host an RTK Base Station.” CARRIED.

Members reviewed and discussed the 2022 Draft LRCA Budget. It was noted that the 2022 Current Value Assessment (CVA) numbers had not been provided from the MECP at the time of writing.

Member were requested to advise if their Township/Municipality would like a visit to a Council Meeting during September/October related to the 2022 Draft Budget.

The final 2022 budget will be presented to the Board at the November Meeting for approval.

9. PASSING OF ACCOUNTS

Resolution #90/21

Moved by Erwin Butikofer, Seconded by Rudy Buitenhuis

“THAT: having examined the accounts for the period of June 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021 cheque #2296 to #2325 for \$62,609.88 and preauthorized payments of \$117,935.23 for a total of \$180,545.11 we approve their payment.” CARRIED.

Resolution #91/21

Moved by Andrea Goold, Seconded by Andrew Foulds

“THAT: having examined the accounts for the period of July 1, 2021 to July 31, 2021 cheque #2326 to #2356 for \$72,026.30 and preauthorized payments of \$102,053.35 for a total of \$174,079.65, we approve their payment.” CARRIED.

10. REGULATORY ROLE

Members were provided with the Plan Input and Review Summary for the Period of June to August 18, 2021 and a summary of Section 28 Permits issued in 2021 to date.

11. PROJECTS UPDATE

It was noted that both the Hazelwood Lake Family Fun Day and the Silver Harbour Day were cancelled due to COVID-19.

Members were provided with a list of programs that the LRCA will be hosting as part of the TD Friends of the Environment Fund Watershed Explorer and Junior Explorer programs.

It was noted that the LRCA will be conducting two paid programs for the Girl Guides this fall, tentatively scheduled for Saturday, October 16 and Saturday, November 6.

It was noted that the LRCA will be conducting two paid programs for the Alzheimer Society, tentatively scheduled for Thursday, October 14 and Thursday, October 21.

It was noted the LRCA's five health and safety topics as part of the 2020/21 WSIB Health and Safety Excellence Program have been validated, and that the LRCA received the full allowable rebate of \$5,000.00.

Members were advised that staff have received approval for funding from Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) through the Great Lakes Protection Initiative fund (Thunder Bay Area of Concern) in the amount of \$47,480, including HST, to restore the riparian habitat at the Mountdale Boat Launch and \$66,700 including HST for wildlife habitat restoration along the Neebing-McIntyre Floodway corridor.

It was noted that the LRCA's Mission Marsh Shoreline Restoration project which was funded through a transfer payment agreement with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry was completed to restore and stabilize the shoreline and create a naturalized vegetated buffer zone between the waters edge and the parking lot.

It was noted that the Lake Superior water level continues to be above average.

Members were advised that staff declared a Level I Low Water Condition on July 29, 2021 based on the observed low flow conditions in area streams.

It was noted that Tom Jones Corporation commenced repair work on the Hazelwood Lake Dam on Tuesday, August 17, 2021.

12. NEW BUSINESS

Members were advised that the LRCA Administrative Office will be used as a polling station for the Federal Election on September 20, 2021.

13. NEXT MEETING


Wednesday, September 29, 2021, at 4:30 p.m.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution #92/21

Moved by Umed Panu, Seconded by Allan Vis

"THAT: the time being 5:13 p.m. AND FURTHER THAT there being no further business we adjourn." CARRIED.


Chair


Chief Administrative Officer