



June LRCA Board Meeting Minutes
June 21, 2023 at 4:30 PM
130 Conservation Road

Members Present:

Albert Aiello, Donna Blunt, Rudy Buitenhuis, Dan Calvert, Sheelagh Hendrick, Greg Johnsen, Jim Vezina

Absent:

Grant Arnold
Robert Beatty
Brian Kurikka
Trevor Giertuga

Also Present:

Tammy Cook, Chief Administrative Officer
Ryne Gilliam, Lands Manager
Ryan Mackett, Communications Manager
Melissa Hughson, Watershed Manager
Mark Ambrose, Finance Manager
Rachael Zacharias Bezanson, Education Coordinator
Melanie O'Riley, Administrative Clerk/Receptionist, recorder of Minutes

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: #70/23

Motion moved by Greg Johnsen and motion seconded by Rudy Buitenhuis. **CARRIED.**

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

THAT: the Minutes of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority Fifth Regular Meeting held on May 31, 2023 be adopted as published.

Motion: #71/23

Motion moved by Rudy Buitenhuis and motion seconded by Greg Johnsen. **CARRIED.**

5. IN-CAMERA AGENDA

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

Motion: #72/23

Motion moved by Sheelagh Hendrick and motion seconded by Albert Aiello. **CARRIED.**

THAT: we go into Open Meeting at 4:44 p.m.

Motion: #73/23

Motion moved by Jim Vezina and motion seconded by Rudy Buitenhuis. **CARRIED.**

THAT: the In-Camera Minutes of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority May 31, 2023 meeting be adopted as published.

Motion: #74/23

Motion moved by Rudy Buitenhuis and motion seconded by Jim Vezina. **CARRIED.**

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

None.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

8. STAFF REPORTS

8.1. Neebing – McIntyre Floodway 2023 Integrity Study

Members reviewed and discussed Staff Report NMFC - 02-2023 related to the Neebing-McIntyre Floodway 2023 Integrity Study. Members discussed the proposal review and scoring and Staff's rationale for recommending the selected consultant.

THAT: the proposal submitted by KGS Group for technical services for the Neebing-McIntyre Floodway Integrity Evaluation Study dated June 13, 2023 is accepted for a fixed fee cost of \$173,066.95, not including HST.

Motion: #75/23

Motion moved by Jim Vezina and motion seconded by Rudy Buitenhuis. **CARRIED.**

9. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

9.1. Monthly Treasurer's Report

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

9.2. Conservation Authorities Act – Progress Report #5

Members reviewed and discussed Staff Report CORP-08-2023 related to the *Conservation Authorities Act Progress Report #5*.

THAT: Staff Report CORP-08-2023: *Conservation Authorities Act Progress Report #5* be received **AND FURTHER THAT** Progress Report #5 be approved **AND FURTHER THAT** the report be forwarded to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.

Motion: #76/23

Motion moved by Dan Calvert and motion seconded by Albert Aiello. **CARRIED.**

9.3. Preliminary 2024 Budget – Levy Review

Members discussed the preliminary 2024 Budget and Levy.

10. PASSING OF ACCOUNTS

THAT: having examined the accounts for the period May 1, 2023 to May 31, 2023 cheque #2897 to #2919 for \$55,231.29 and preauthorized payments of \$6,130,913.73 for a total of \$6,186,145.02, we approve their payment.

Motion: #77/23

Motion moved by Dan Calvert and motion seconded by Sheelagh Hendrick. **CARRIED.**

11. REGULATORY ROLE

Members were provided with the summaries for the Plan Input Review program and Section 28 permits issued since last meeting.

12. PROJECTS UPDATE

12.1. Communications Manager Projects Update

Members were advised that the Children's Water Festival was a success. A total of 317 students from 8 different schools attended the Festival.

It was noted that Hazelwood Lake Family Fun Day which was going to be held on July 23, 2023 has been cancelled and that Silver Harbour Day will be held in conjunction with the Municipality of Shuniah on August 26, 2023.

12.2. Lands Manager Projects Update

Verbal updates provided at the Meeting included that Cascades Conservation Area will be closed on July 4, 2023, for approximately 3 weeks for the re-paving of the parking lot, and re-paving of the existing paved loop trail for wheelchair-accessibility in compliance with Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA). Public notification using signage, LRCA Website and Social media is being conducted.

At Silver Harbour Conservation Area several large boulders were relocated at the Shoreline allowing easier and safer access for the divers using the Dive Park.

A floating dock and kayak launch were installed at Hazelwood Lake Conservation Area which was well received by the public.

A new partnership with Greenworks has been formed. Greenworks is the manufacturer of battery-powered outdoor power tools and landscaping equipment and machinery.

12.3. Watershed Manager Projects Update

Members were advised that funding was received from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry through the Water and Erosion Control Infrastructure (WECI) Program to complete the Neebing-McIntyre Floodway Integrity Study. The funding will contribute approximately 50% of the costs.

Members were advised that the Bathing Beach sampling at Hazelwood Lake and Mission Island Marsh Conservation Areas under the direction of the Thunder Bay District Health Unit's Beach Program has begun. It was also noted that Cyanobacteria (previously known as blue-green algae) monitoring, sampling, and cyanotoxin testing will also be conducted as part of the Bathing Beach Program. In addition to Hazelwood Lake and Mission Island Marsh Conservation Areas, Cyanobacteria sampling will also take place at Silver Harbour and Hurkett Cove Conservation Areas.

It was noted that Staff attended the Lake Superior Partner Working Group held in Thunder Bay this year which had representatives from both sides of the border.

13. NEW BUSINESS

None.

14. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, August 30, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

15. BOARD TRAINING

Members were provided with the fifth session of Board of Directors training. The focus was on the Provincial Groundwater Monitoring Program (PGMN), Provincial Water Quality Monitory Program (PWQMN) and Education Program.

16. ADJOURNMENT

THAT: the time being 5:55 p.m. AND FURTHER THAT there being no further business we adjourn.

Motion: #78/23

Motion moved by Albert Aiello and motion seconded by Dan Calvert. **CARRIED.**



Chair



Chief Administrative Officer