



# LAKEHEAD REGION

## CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Minutes of the Tenth Regular Meeting of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority held on Wednesday, November 30, 2016, in the Authority Boardroom. The Chair called the Meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Donna Blunt, Chair  
Jim Vezina, Vice Chair  
Grant Arnold  
Ken Boshcoff  
Erwin Butikofer  
Jim Byers  
Ed Chambers  
Umed Panu  
Linda Rydholm  
Wendy Wright

**ABSENT:** Andrew Foulds

**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, Administrative Clerk/Receptionist, recorder of Minutes

A Member requested that the time of arrival and departure of the Board Members be removed from the record of Minutes. All Members concurred with the request.

### **1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Resolution #127/16

Moved by Jim Vezina, Seconded by Ed Chambers

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

**2. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

None.

**3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Resolution #128/16

Moved by Wendy Wright, Seconded by Ed Chambers

***“THAT: the Minutes of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority Eighth Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, October 26, 2016, together with the In-Camera portion are adopted as amended”***  
**CARRIED.**

**4. IN-CAMERA AGENDA**

Resolution #129/16

Moved by Umed Panu, Seconded by Jim Vezina

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

Resolution #130/16

Moved by Jim Vezina, Seconded by Umed Panu

***“THAT: we go into Open Meeting at 4:42 p.m.”*** **CARRIED.**

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

It was noted that Linda Rydholm arrived after the In-Camera Session.

**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

(a) File: 2017 Budget

Members were provided an update regarding the 2017 LRCA Draft Budget. It was noted that the CAO had met with Shuniah, Dorion and Oliver Paipoonge regarding the budget.

(b) File: Weighted Budget Vote

Members will be provided with a full staff report outlining O. Reg. 139/96, the regulation regarding municipal levies and weighted majority voting, in the January Agenda prior to the Budget vote in February.

## 6. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) File: A Wetland Strategy for Ontario 2016- 2030

Correspondence received regarding Conservation Ontario comments related to MNRF's "A Wetland Conservation Strategy for Ontario 2016-2030" (EBR #012-7675) was noted.

- (b) File: City of Thunder Bay's 2015 Report to the Community

It was noted that the City of Thunder Bay's 2015 Report to the Community was received.

- (c) File: Environmental Commissioner of Ontario's report Small Steps Forward

Correspondence received from the Environmental Commissioner of Ontario who has released a report entitled "Small Steps Forward" was discussed.

## 7. MINUTES

- (a) File: Lakehead Conservation Foundation

Minutes of the Lakehead Conservation Foundation dated June 20, 2016, which were adopted at their November 7, 2016, Meeting was noted.

## 8. STAFF REPORTS

Members reviewed and discussed the Staff Report WM-04-2016 related to the Waukesha Diversion.

Resolution #131/16

Moved by Ken Boshcoff, Seconded by Ed Chambers

***"THAT: the Staff Report WM-04-2016 is received."*** **CARRIED.**

Resolution #132/16

Moved by Ken Boshcoff, Seconded by Ed Chambers

***"WHEREAS, the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin represents approximately 20% of the world's surface freshwater resource and supports the third largest economy in the world; and***

***WHEREAS, on December 13, 2005, the Great Lakes Governors of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, and the Premiers of Ontario and Quebec signed the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Sustainable Water Resources Agreement (the "Agreement"), and the Governors endorsed the companion Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact (the "Compact"), which was later approved by the United States Congress and signed by the President, banning new water diversions from the Basin except in communities***

*located in counties straddling the water division line between the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Basin and other basins; and*

***WHEREAS***, *the City of Waukesha, WI, is located in Waukesha County, a county straddling the basin division line; and*

***WHEREAS***, *the City of Waukesha applied to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources under the exception for a "Community within a Straddling County" to use Lake Michigan as its source of drinking water (the "Waukesha Application"); and*

***WHEREAS***, *the Compact requires proposals for diversions to satisfy seven specific conditions; and*

***WHEREAS***, *the Regional Body, after having reached an agreement on a Declaration of Finding and a set of conditions for the application, forwarded its recommendation to the Compact Council, and that all eight Great Lakes states voted in favor of the Waukesha Application; and*

***WHEREAS***, *on June 21, 2016, the Compact Council issued its Final Decision approving the Waukesha Application with Conditions; and*

***WHEREAS***, *the Waukesha Application does not meet the terms of the Agreement nor the Compact, and the precedent-setting nature of the Final Decision to approve the Application is of great concern to the Mayors of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative; and*

***WHEREAS***, *the approved service area still contains parts of communities which are not part of the City of Waukesha and which have not demonstrated a need for the water, amounting to a clear violation of the Compact; and*

***WHEREAS***, *this broader service area is not a "Community within a Straddling County" as defined and required by the exception conditions in the Agreement and Compact; and*

***WHEREAS***, *there are reasonable water supply alternatives to meet the drinking water quantity and quality needs of the City of Waukesha; and*

***WHEREAS***, *the impacts of the proposed return flow of water through the Root River to Lake Michigan are likely to have adverse impacts on the ecosystem and to the urban shores of the mouth of the River; and*

***WHEREAS***, *the Conditions for Approval were not subject to public comment while debated by the Regional Body and Compact Council despite the Compact's requirement that all relevant information be available to the public for comment; and*

***WHEREAS***, *the Regional Body review process did not provide adequate opportunity for public comment as only one public meeting was held in the City of Waukesha, and that hundreds of public comments against the Application did not appear to be considered during the Regional Body or Compact Council process.*

***THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority affirms its commitment to the protection of our water resources by calling on the Governors of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, and their representatives on the Compact Council to reconsider their Final Decision to approve the Waukesha Application; and

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, that the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority supports challenges by the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative to the Compact Council's approval of the Waukesha Application under procedures adopted by the Compact Council, which may include requesting a hearing and initiating judicial review of the Final Decision; and

***BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED***, that the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority urges the Governors and Premiers of the Regional Body and Compact Council, consistent with good public policy, to reverse its approval of the Waukesha diversion application and ensure that the provisions of the Compact are strictly applied in this and any future application in order to protect the finite water resources of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River basin." **CARRIED.**

Members reviewed and discussed the Staff Report LM-02-2016 which provided a summary of the 2016 annual minor maintenance completed on the Neebing-McIntyre Floodway.

Resolution #133/16

Moved by Erwin Butikofer, Seconded by Wendy Wright

***"THAT: Staff Report No. LM-02-2016 is received for information."*** **CARRIED.**

Members reviewed and discussed Staff Report LM-03-2016 which provided a summary of the 2016 tree planting on the LRCA owned Clayte/Hartvikson Property.

Resolution #134/16

Moved by Wendy Wright, Seconded by Erwin Butikofer

***"THAT: Staff Report No. LM-03-2016 is received for information."*** **CARRIED.**

Members reviewed and discussed the Staff Report LM-04-2016 which provided a summary of the 2016 River Clean-Up program.

Resolution #135/16

Moved by Jim Byers, Seconded by Wendy Wright

***"THAT: Staff Report No. LM-04-2016 is received for information."*** **CARRIED.**

Members reviewed and discussed the Staff Report POLICY-PP01-2016 outlining the proposed Staff Recognition Policy.

Resolution #136/16

Moved by Ed Chambers, Seconded by Jim Byers

***"THAT: Personnel Policy PP-01: Staff Recognition is adopted."*** **CARRIED.**

Members reviewed and discussed the Staff Report FORMG-03-2016 related to the Wishart Forest Harvesting Report.

Resolution #137/16

Moved by Jim Byers, Seconded by Ken Boshcoff

***“THAT: Staff Report FORMG-03-2016 is adopted AND FURTHER THAT the recommendations contained therein are endorsed as amended.” CARRIED.***

## **9. TREASURER’S REPORT**

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

Members reviewed and discussed amending the Fee Schedule for the Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alteration to Shorelines and Watercourses, O. Reg. 180/06.

Resolution #138/16

Moved by Ed Chambers, Seconded by Jim Byers

***“THAT: The Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Fee Schedule be amended moving Shoreline Alteration/Natural Erosion activity < / > 50 metres to the Small Works and Standard Works Categories respectively.” CARRIED.***

## **10. PASSING OF ACCOUNTS**

Resolution #139/16

Moved by Wendy Wright, Seconded by Erwin Butikofer

***“THAT: having examined the accounts for the period of October 1, 2016 to October 31, 2016 cheque #670 to #699 for \$49,280.77 and preauthorized payments of \$56,160.14 for a total of \$105,440.91, we approve their payment.” CARRIED.***

## **11. REGULATORY ROLE**

The Plan Input and Review for the period from October 27, 2016, to November 30, 2016, was circulated.

The Permits issued for the period from October 27, 2016, to November 30, 2016, were circulated.

**12. PROJECTS UPDATE**

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

Members were provided with the draft 2016 Annual Report.

**13. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**14. NEXT MEETING**

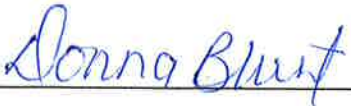
**ANNUAL MEETING - WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2017, STARTING AT 5:00 P.M.**

**15. AJOURNMENT**

Resolution #140/16

Moved by Erwin Butikofer, Seconded by Wendy Wright

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

  
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Chair

  
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Chief Administrative Officer