



LAKEHEAD REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

March LRCA Board Meeting
Lakehead Region Conservation Authority
March 27, 2024 at 4:30 PM
130 Conservation Road/Microsoft Teams

Members Present: Robert Beatty, Donna Blunt, Dan Calvert, Sheelagh Hendrick, Greg Johnsen, Brian Kurikka, Jim Vezina

Members Absent: Albert Aiello, Grant Arnold, Rudy Buitenhuis, Trevor Giertuga

Also Present:

Tammy Cook, Chief Administrative Officer

Mark Ambrose, Finance Officer

Ryne Gilliam, Lands Manager

Melissa Hughson, Watershed Manager

Ryan Mackett, Communications Manager

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: #40/24

Motion moved by Greg Johnsen and motion seconded by Jim Vezina. **CARRIED.**

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

THAT: the Minutes of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority 2nd Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, February 28, 2024 be adopted as published.

Motion: #41/24

Motion moved by Jim Vezina and motion seconded by Greg Johnsen. **CARRIED.**

5. IN-CAMERA AGENDA

No In-Camera Meeting was held.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

None.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

8. STAFF REPORTS

8.1. 2022/2023 Asset Management Plan Strategy Update

Members reviewed and discussed Staff Report LM-02-2024 summarizing work completed as part of the Asset Management Plan in 2022 and 2023.

THAT: Staff Report LM-02-2024 be received for information.

Motion: #42/24

Motion moved by Brian Kurikka and motion seconded by Robert Beatty. **CARRIED.**

8.2. 2023 Health and Safety Summary

Members reviewed and discussed Staff Report CORP-06-2024 summarizing the 2023 Health and Safety program.

THAT: Staff Report CORP-06-2024 be received for information.

Motion: #43/24

Motion moved by Robert Beatty and motion seconded by Brian Kurikka. **CARRIED.**

9. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

9.1. Monthly Treasurer's Report

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

9.2. Legislative and Regulatory Changes Affecting Development Permitting

Members reviewed and discussed Staff Report DEVREG-02-2024 which summarized recent legislative and regulatory changes affecting development permitting.

THAT: Rules of Procedure for Permit Application Review and Approval Version 5.0 be adopted with an effective date of April 1, 2024.

Motion: #44/24

Motion moved by Brian Kurikka and motion seconded by Jim Vezina. **CARRIED.**

THAT: Policy DEVREG-02: Interim Guidelines for the Administration and Implementation of Ontario Regulation 41/24 be approved.

Motion: #45/24

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

THAT: Policy DEVREG-03: Transitional Procedures and Guidelines (O. Reg. 180/06 to O. Reg. 41/24) be approved.

Motion: #46/24

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

THAT: Lakehead Region Conservation Authority Screening Maps 1 to 15 depicting the approximate area subject to Prohibited Activities, Exemptions and Permits Ontario Regulation 41/24 be approved with an effective date of April 1, 2024.

Motion: #47/24

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

10. PASSING OF ACCOUNTS

THAT: having examined the accounts for the period February 1, 2024 to February 29, 2024 cheque #3155 to #3182 for \$127,513.60 and preauthorized payments of \$121,855.77 for a total of \$229,369.37, we approve their payment.

Motion: #48/24

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

11. REGULATORY ROLE

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

12. PROJECTS UPDATE

12.1. Communications Manager Projects Update

Members were provided with a draft copy of the 2023 Annual Report for review and comment.

It was noted that the LRCA would be participating in the CLE Spring Home and Garden Show.

12.2. Lands Manager Projects Update

None.

12.3. Watershed Manager Projects Update

Members were advised that the Source Protection Committee (SPC) held a meeting and discussed the draft ninth annual progress report, which is due to Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) on May 1, 2024 as required by the *Clean Water Act*. A Source Protection Authority Meeting will be held on April 24, 2024 to receive and adopt the ninth Annual Progress Report for submission to the Director of MECP.

It was noted that the March 15, 2024 snow surveys indicated that the snow survey locations were well below average for snow depth and water content when compared to historical averages for March 15 and that the Level II low water advisory was still in effect.

13. NEW BUSINESS

Members were advised that the Authority's Insurance has been renewed with a 3% savings compared to previous years.

Members were advised that KGS Group will be presenting the Neebing-McIntyre Floodway Integrity Study at the April Board Meeting.

It was noted that a Source Protection Authority Meeting will be held immediately after the LRCA Board Meeting on April 24, 2024.

Members were advised that the LRCA in partnership with Dawson Trail Craft Brewery have collaborated on a new beer called Trail Blazer. To celebrate LRCA will be hosting a trivia night at the Dawson Trail Brewery on April 20, 2024. The Dawson Trail Brewery will be donating \$1 per litre to the LRCA.

14. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.

15. ADJOURNMENT

THAT: the time being 5:15 p.m. AND FURTHER THAT there being no further business we adjourn.

Motion: #49/24

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

Donna Blunt
Chair

Jammy Cook
Chief Administrative Officer