



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

Members Present: Albert Aiello, Grant Arnold, Robert Beatty, Donna Blunt, Rudy Buitenhuis, Dan Calvert, Sheelagh Hendrick, Brian Kurikka

Members Present Virtually: Trevor Giertuga, Jim Vezina

Members Absent: Greg Johnsen

Also Present:

Tammy Cook, Chief Administrative Officer

Mark Ambrose, Finance Officer

Ryne Gilliam, Lands Manager

Ryan Mackett, Communications Manager

Melissa Hughson, Watershed 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: #105/24

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

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

THAT: the Minutes of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority Eighth Regular Meeting held on September 25, 2024 be adopted as published.

Motion: #106/24

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

5. IN-CAMERA AGENDA

THAT: we now go into Committee of the Whole (In-Camera) at 4:35 p.m.

Motion: #107/24

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

THAT: we go into Open Meeting at 4:50 p.m.

Motion: #108/24

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

THAT: the In-Camera Minutes of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority September 25, 2024 meeting be adopted as published.

Motion: #109/24

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

THAT: a new full-time permanent position will be created to assist with the mandatory Natural Hazard programs.

Motion: 110/24

Motion moved by Rudy Buitenhuis and motion seconded by Robert Beatty. **CARRIED.**

THAT: the CAO is authorized to apply for funding under the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation, under the Workforce Development Stream, to hire an intern to assist with Natural Hazard programs.

Motion: #111/24

Motion moved by Robert Beatty and motion seconded by Rudy Buitenhuis. **CARRIED.**

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

It was noted that the one day event hosted by Mr. Leo Desmoulin on LRCA's "Triangle" property located off Fort William Road, was a success. About 25 people attended. There were no issues with the neighbors and the site was cleaned up after the event.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

8. STAFF REPORTS

8.1. Pre-Submission Consultation and Complete Application Policy

Members reviewed and discussed Staff Report Policy DEVREG-05-2024 related to the Development Regulations Pre-Submission Consultation and Complete Application Policy.

THAT: Development Regulations Policy DEVREG-05-2024, Pre-Submission Consultation and Complete Application Policy under O. Reg. 41/24 be adopted.

Motion: #112/24

Motion moved by Grant Arnold 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 September's Administration and Capital.

9.2. Watershed-Based Resource Management Strategy

Members reviewed and discussed Staff Report CORP-11-2024 related to the Draft Watershed-Based Resource Management Strategy which was out for public consultation. Tammy Cook, CAO, gave a brief overview of the strategy.

THAT: Staff Report CORP-11-2024 be received.

Motion: #113/24

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

9.3. Application to Renew Chair and Vice-Chair Term Exceptions

Members reviewed and discussed Staff Report CORP-11-2024 related to reapplying to the Minister of Natural Resources to request an exception to the rotation and maximum term of the Chair and Vice-Chair positions for the 2025 and 2026 elections.

THAT: the LRCA reapply to the Minister of Natural Resources requesting an exception to the rotation and maximum term of the Chair and Vice-Chair positions for the 2025 and 2026 elections thereby permitting all members to be eligible to hold the positions, if so elected at the annual elections by the Members of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority.

Recorded Vote:

Municipality	Member	YES	NO	ABSENT
Conmee	Grant Arnold	Yes		
Dorion	Robert Beatty	Yes		
Gillies	Rudy Buitenhuis	Yes		
Needing	Brian Kurikka	Yes		
O'Connor	Jim Vezina	Yes		
Oliver Paipoonge	Dan Calvert	Yes		
Shuniah	Donna Blunt	Yes		
Thunder Bay	Sheelagh Hendrick	Yes		
Thunder Bay	Trevor Giertuga	Yes		
Thunder Bay	Albert Aiello	Yes		
Thunder Bay	Greg Johnsen			Absent

Motion: #114/24

Motion moved by Sheelagh Hendrick and motion seconded by Robert Beatty. **CARRIED.**

10. PASSING OF ACCOUNTS

THAT: having examined the accounts for the period September 1, 2024 to September 30, 2024 cheque #3349 to #3377 for \$29,306.93 and preauthorized payments of \$142,221.84 for a total of \$171,528.77, we approve their payment.

Motion: #115/24

Motion moved by Rudy Buitenhuis and motion seconded by Brian Kurikka. **CARRIED.**

11. REGULATORY ROLE

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

12. PROJECTS UPDATE

12.1. Communications Manager Projects Update

Members were advised that the Communications Manager, Field Operations Lead Hand, and Environmental Planner attended the annual Conservation Areas Workshop. It was noted that the LRCA won the “Inspiration Award”, awarded in recognition of inspiring achievement in conservation, for the LRCA’s Seeds for Conservation program.

It was noted that the CAO and Communications Manager attended the 2024 Latornell Conservation Symposium. The CAO also attended the pre-Latornell session.

It was noted that the Archaeology Workshop was very successful with 30 participants.

It was noted that Fall Waterfowl Viewing Day was very successful. This event in 2025 will have a rebranded name of “Fall Migratory Bird Day”, as this will reflect participant expectations and bird observations.

12.2. Lands Manager Projects Update

Members were advised that the Mills Block Conservation Area Redevelopment project was progressing well.

It was noted that the Diversion Structure had been painted using colors to reflect the LRCA’s Flood Warning System. In the event of a Flood occurrence, the colors will assist in documenting water levels and calibration of future floodplain modeling.

12.3. Watershed Manager Projects Update

Members were advised that a Level I Low Water Condition advisory was declared for the LRCA Area of Jurisdiction to the Ministry of Natural Resources by the LRCA on October 10, 2024.

It was noted that Lake Superior water levels continue to be drier than average for the month of September.

Members were advised that the GIS/Water Resources Technologist attended the Flood Forecasting Workshop.

It was noted that the CAO, Watershed Manager, Development Regulations Officer and the GIS/Water Resources Technologist attended the 2024 Planning Workshop hosted by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

It was noted that 5,300, LRCA grown, native seeds were planted at Boulevard Lake for the Boulevard Lake Wetland project.

Members were advised that the LRCA received \$15,000 from Enbridge and another \$5,000 from TD Friends of the Environment for the 2025 Shoreline Restoration project at Hazelwood Lake Conservation Area which will enhance shoreline vegetation and increase filtration of runoff.

13. NEW BUSINESS

Board Member, Albert Aiello, City Councilor and Executive Director for the Boys and Girls Club Thunder Bay (BGCTB), requested the presence of the LRCA Staff to attend an event at the BGCTB with a booth or activity on December 30, 2024.

14. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on November 27, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.

15. ADJOURNMENT

THAT: the time being 5:27 p.m. AND FURTHER THAT there being no further business we adjourn.

Motion: #116/24

Motion moved by Robert Beatty and motion seconded by Rudy Buitenhuis. **CARRIED.**

Chair

Donna Burt

Jammy Cook

Chief Administrative Officer