



LONG POINT REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of December 7, 2022
Approved January 11, 2023

Members in attendance:

John Scholten, Chair	Township of Norwich
Michael Columbus, Vice-Chair	Norfolk County
Dave Beres	Town of Tillsonburg
Doug Brunton	Norfolk County
Robert Chambers	County of Brant
Valerie Donnell	Municipality of Bayham/Township of Malahide
Tom Masschaele	Norfolk County
Stewart Patterson	Haldimand County
Chris Van Paassen	Norfolk County
Peter Ypma	Township of South-West Oxford

Regrets:

Ken Hewitt	Haldimand County
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* S. Patterson advised in advance he would be late to the meeting

Staff in attendance:

Judy Maxwell, General Manager
Aaron LeDuc, Manager of Corporate Services
Leigh-Anne Mauthe, Interim Manager of Watershed Services
Zachary Cox, Marketing Coordinator
Dana McLachlan, Executive Assistant

1. Welcome and Call to Order

The chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, December 7, 2022.

2. Additional Agenda Items

There were no additional agenda items.

3. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

None were declared.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

a) Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of November 2, 2022

There were no questions or comments.

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A-107/22

Moved by P. Ypma

Seconded by V. Donnell

THAT the minutes of the LPRCA Board of Directors Meeting held November 2, 2022 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

b) Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of November 9, 2022

There were no questions or comments.

A-108/22

Moved by D. Beres

Seconded by M. Columbus

THAT the minutes of the LPRCA Board of Directors Budget Meeting held November 9, 2022 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Business Arising

There was no business arising from the previous minutes.

6. Review of Committee Minutes

a) Backus Museum Committee Meeting of September 20, 2022

There were no questions or comments.

A-109/22

Moved by T. Masschaele

Seconded by D. Brunton

THAT the minutes of the Backus Museum Committee meeting of September 20 2022 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

7. Correspondence

a) From Brant Waterways re: Support for local CAs and municipalities concerning Bill 23

b) From County of Brant re: LPRCA Board Appointment

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c) From Norfolk County re: LPRCA Board Appointments

d) From Peter Ypma re: 2022 Latornell Conference

Mr. Ypma found the symposium very enjoyable, although somewhat technical. Of particular interest to Mr. Ypma was the concurrent session entitled Climate Change Impacts on Barrier Beaches and Coastal Wetlands, North Shore of Lake Erie presented by Peter Zuzek.

Mr. Ypma thanked the Board for the opportunity to attend event.

A-110/22

Moved by P. Ypma

Seconded by D. Beres

THAT the correspondence outlined in the Board of Directors Amended Agenda of December 7, 2022 be received as information.

CARRIED

8. Development Applications

a) Section 28 Regulations Approved Permits

Through the General Manager's delegating authority, 30 applications were approved in the past month. LPRCA-227/22, LPRCA-233/22, LPRCA-235/22, LPRCA-236/22, LPRCA-237/22, LPRCA-238/22, LPRCA-239/22, LPRCA-240/22, LPRCA-241/22, LPRCA-242/22, LPRCA-243/22, LPRCA-244/22, LPRCA-245/22, LPRCA-246/22, LPRCA-247/22, LPRCA-210/22-revised, LPRCA-248/22, LPRCA-249/22, LPRCA-187/22-revised, LPRCA-250/22, LPRCA-251/22, LPRCA-253/22, LPRCA-254/22, LPRCA-255/22, LPRCA-256/22, LPRCA-257/22, LPRCA-258/22, LPRCA-259/22, LPRCA-260/22, and LPRCA-261/22.

All of the staff-approved applications met the requirements as set out in Section 28 of the *Conservation Authorities Act*.

A-111/22

Moved by T. Masschaele

Seconded by V. Donnell

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the Section 28 Regulations Approved Permits report dated December 7, 2022 as information.

CARRIED

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9. New Business

a) General Manager's Report

The General Manager provided an overview of operations this past month.

On November 28, Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, received Royal Assent. However, comments continue to be accepted for Bill 23 through the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) until Friday, December 8, 2022. Staff will continue submitting comments that apply to LPRCA through the ERO.

It appears that the impacts to LPRCA plan reviews may be minimal and until a regulation is released, the overall impact can not be assessed. The permitting processes remain the same with the exception of the new Minister's Zoning Orders, and Community Infrastructure and Housing Accelerator Orders being added to the *Conservation Authorities Act*, Section 28.0.1.

The Planning Department will continue with current processes until the new regulation is released.

A-112/22

Moved by M. Columbus

Seconded by D. Brunton

That the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the General Manager's Update for November 2022 as information.

CARRIED

b) Ecological Surveys of Selected LPRCA Properties

LPRCA contracts a qualified ecologist to survey properties for species at risk and species of concern on an annual basis. Staff retained the services of Natural Resource Solutions Inc., as approved by the Board earlier this year, to complete the 2022 surveys at four LPRCA properties.

Recommendations within the report will be implemented during the marking and timber harvesting process to ensure that sensitive species are not impacted, and to continue LPRCA's focus on ecologically sustainable forest management.

Approximately 60%, or 7,600 acres, of LPRCA properties in the Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program have been surveyed to date.

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A-113/22

Moved by P. Ypma

Seconded by T. Masschaele

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the Ecological Survey Report as information.

CARRIED

c) Forest Management Prescriptions/Operating Plans

Using information provided in the ecological surveys, staff prepared prescriptions/operating plans for four forest tracts that will receive some form of silvicultural treatment in 2023 or 2024. Plans for the Harris Floyd (Block #4), Livsey, Abbott-Townsend, and the McKonkey Tracts were presented for approval.

Marking will be completed in preparation for tendering early next year or the following year.

A-114/22

Moved by D. Beres

Seconded by V. Donnell

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors approves the prescription/operating plans for the Harris Floyd (Block #4) Tract at 856 5th Concession of Houghton Township, Livsey Tract at 847 Windham Road 12 of Windham Township, Abbott Townsend Tract at 1065 1st Concession Road of Middleton Township and the McKonkey Tract at 4545 Hwy #59 of Middleton Township.

CARRIED

Stewart Patterson arrived at 7:05 p.m. No conflict declared.

d) Invasive Species Program Management Report

In 2020, a number of environmental groups in Norfolk County formed a working group to manage and improve upland habitat. Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) approved funding to the working group for a three-year period.

In 2021, LPRCA staff surveyed and mapped 548 acres on 18 forest tracts. In 2022, 14 tracts were treated for invasive species with the remaining four tracts to be completed in 2023.

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A-115/22

Moved by C. Van Paassen

Seconded by D. Brunton

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the Invasive Species Manage Program Report as information.

CARRIED

e) Healthy Watershed Services 2022 Update

Leigh-Anne Mauthe presented an overview of the Healthy Watershed Services Department's program responsibilities and the 2022 accomplishments.

The department partners with various agencies to help deliver its programs and services.

Some the projects completed in 2022 include approximately 73,000 trees planted under the Private Tree Planting program, four erosion control projects, approximately 1,000 acres of cover crops funded with support from Environment and Climate Change Canada, and staff assisted on one Clean Water project.

Water Quality Monitoring is completed in partnership with various provincial government agencies and Benthic Invertebrate sampling is undertaken to provide data for the LPRCA Watershed Report Card and helps with restoration efforts.

A-116/22

Moved by P. Ypma

Seconded by S. Patterson

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the Healthy Watershed Services 2022 Update as information.

CARRIED

f) Lake Erie Conditions Update

A standing flood watch for Lake Erie was issued on May 15, 2019 due to the high static water levels at the time. The flood watch was downgraded to a standing shoreline conditions statement when the lake levels dropped slightly.

Throughout the last three years, the Lake Erie static water levels remained high. Numerous records were set and a number of flood watches and warnings were issued.

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Lake levels have now dropped below the threshold for a standing Lake Flood Outlook statement and the statement has been terminated as of November 28, 2022. Lake Erie water levels are predicted to continue to drop.

A-117/22

Moved by T. Masschaele

Seconded by D. Beres

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the termination of the standing Lake Erie shoreline condition statement and Lake Erie Conditions Update report as information.

CARRIED

g) Fee Policy

As discussed at the November 9 meeting, the amended *Conservation Authorities Act* now requires conservation authorities to have a Fee Policy in place by January 1, 2023, along with posted fee schedules.

The 2022 fees were approved January 5, 2022 as part of the 2022 Budget. Going forward, all fee schedules will be included as part of the budget package for approval.

A-118/22

Moved by R. Chambers

Seconded by P. Ypma

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors approves the LPRCA Fee Policy as presented.

CARRIED

h) Christmas Season Staff Appreciation

As in the past, management requested approval to present LPRCA staff with a gift card in appreciation of their work throughout the year and to mark the Christmas season. The expense was incorporated into the 2022 budget.

A-119/22

Moved by D. Beres

Seconded by R. Chambers

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors authorizes the General Manager to purchase gift cards for staff in appreciation for their efforts of \$50.

CARRIED

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Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

John Scholten
Chair

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Judy Maxwell
General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer

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