



LONG POINT REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of October 2, 2024
Approved November 6, 2024

Members in attendance:

Robert Chambers, Chair	County of Brant
Dave Beres, Vice-Chair	Town of Tillsonburg
Shelley Ann Bentley	Haldimand County
Doug Brunton	Norfolk County
Michael Columbus	Norfolk County
Tom Masschaele	Norfolk County
Jim Palmer	Township of Norwich
Chris Van Paassen	Norfolk County
Rainey Weisler	Municipality of Bayham/Township of Malahide
Peter Ypma	Township of South-West Oxford

Regrets:

Stewart Patterson	Haldimand County
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Staff in attendance:

Judy Maxwell, General Manager
Aaron LeDuc, Manager of Corporate Services
Leigh-Anne Mauthe, Manager of Watershed Services
Jessica King, Social Media and Marketing Associate
Dana McLachlan, Executive Assistant

*S. Bentley joined the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Chair, Robert Chambers called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 2, 2024.

The Chair acknowledged the passing of former Board Member, Chair of the Backus Museum Committee, and Norfolk County Councilor, Betty Chanyi. Betty was a supporter of the conservation authority and an active supporter of the community. Betty will be dearly missed.

2. Additional Agenda Items

There were no items added to the agenda.

3. Approval of the Agenda

A-110/24

Moved by J. Palmer
Seconded by P. Ypma

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors approves the agenda as circulated.

Carried

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4. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

None were declared.

5. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

a) Hearing Board Meeting Minutes – September 4, 2024

A-111/24

Moved by M. Columbus
Seconded by T. Masschaele

THAT the minutes of the LPRCA Hearing Board Meeting held September 4, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

b) Board of Directors Meeting Minutes - September 4, 2024

A-112/24

Moved by R. Weisler
Seconded by P Ypma

THAT the minutes of the LPRCA Board of Directors Meeting held September 4, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

6. Business Arising

There was no business arising from the previous minutes.

7. Review of Committee Minutes

a) Lee Brown Marsh Management Committee Meeting - May 10, 2024

A-113/24

Moved by D. Brunton
Seconded by R. Weisler

THAT the minutes of the Lee Brown Marsh Management Committee Meeting held May 10, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

8. Correspondence

There was no correspondence to discuss.

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9. Planning Department

a) Section 28 Regulations Approved Permits (L. Mauthe)

Michael Columbus asked the reason for fewer applications this year compared to last year. Leigh-Anne Mauthe will be completing an annual analysis but stated that part of the reason could be the change to the regulation which reduced the regulated area around Provincially Significant Wetlands from 120 metres to 30 metres.

A-114/24

Moved by M. Columbus

Seconded by J. Palmer

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the Section 28 Regulations Approved Permits report dated October 2, 2024 as information.

Carried

Shelley Ann Bentley joined the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

10. New Business

a) General Manager's Report (J. Maxwell)

Judy Maxwell provided a report summarizing operations this past month and provided a few recent updates.

The General Manager and Chair were unable to attend the Conservation Ontario Meeting in September. Vice-chair, Dave Beres, attended the meeting and reported the main topics of discussion included the importance of keeping the conservation authorities flood mapping up-to-date as a result of climate change and the flooding issues in Toronto this past summer; and setting up foundations for conservation authorities. In discussions with LPRCA and other conservation authority staff, setting up a foundation may not be in the best interest of LPRCA at this time.

Michael Columbus asked is the Hemlock Wooley Adelgid is spreading rapidly. Judy Maxwell replied that it is currently located at Haldimand Conservation Area and on the properties of the adjacent landowners. It is isolated around that area at this time.

A-115/24

Moved by C. Van Paassen

Seconded by P. Ypma

That the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the General Manager's Report for September 2024 as information.

Carried

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b) Updated Multi-Year Accessibility Plan 2025-2029 (A. LeDuc)

The report was presented by Aaron LeDuc. There were no questions from the Board.

A-116/24

Moved by T. Masschaele

Seconded by R. Weisler

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors repeals the LPRCA Multi-Year Accessibility Plan 2020-2024, Resolution #A-123;

And,

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors approves the LPRCA Multi-Year Accessibility Plan 2025-2029 as **presented**.

Carried

c) Land Committee Terms of Reference (J. Maxwell)

Judy Maxwell reviewed the report noting this is a requirement of the new regulations. A follow-up report will be presented at the next meeting.

Chris Van Paassen suggested appointing an additional member from the municipality where the land under consideration is located at the discretion of the Chair.

Michael Columbus suggested advertising that LPRCA is open to accepting donated property and asked if there are funding programs available to the Authority. Judy replied that funding has been available for land purchases and an application was submitted.

A-117/24

Moved by R. Weisler

Seconded by J. Palmer

THAT the Land Acquisition Committee Terms of Reference Part 2 Section 32.2 of the LPRCA Personnel Policy be removed;

And,

THAT the Lands Committee Terms of Reference be approved as amended.

Carried

d) WECl Projects Update (J. Maxwell)

Judy Maxwell updated the Board on the WECl Projects and the successful bidders who were awarded the contracts.

Doug Brunton asked why there was a special levy to Norfolk County for the Hay Creek Dam. Judy replied the studies and safety related items are funded on a watershed basis whereas

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design, repairs, and decommissioning is the responsibility of the municipality to which the dam is located. Staff apply to WECl funding to offset the costs of dam work annually.

Peter Ypma asked why the repairs were completed to the Deer Creek dam prior to the completion of the Dam Safety Review (DSR). Judy stated that previous applications to WECl to commission a DSR for Deer Creek were not successful. The repairs were considered necessary and will now be reflected within the DSR.

A-118/24

Moved by M. Columbus
Seconded by J. Palmer

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the update on the WECl projects as information.

Carried

e) Great Lakes Freshwater Ecosystem Initiative Funding (L. Mauthe)

Leigh-Anne Mauthe presented a summary of the funding requested and granted by the Great Lakes Freshwater Ecosystem Initiative (FEI) program.

A-119/24

Moved by S. Bentley
Seconded by T. Masschaele

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the FEI funding report as information.

Carried

11. Closed Session

A-120/24

Moved by R. Weisler
Seconded by D. Brunton

THAT the LPRCA Hearing Board does now enter into a closed session to discuss:

- Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals (e.g. Local Planning Appeal Tribunal), affecting the Authority.

Carried

The members entered the closed session at 7:13 p.m. and reconvened in open session at 7:15 p.m.

Next meeting: November 6, 2024, Board of Directors, 6:30 p.m.
November 13, 2024, Budget, 9:30 a.m.

There was a discussion concerning a conflict with the November 13, Budget meeting and a Norfolk County Council-In-Committee meeting scheduled for the same day at 1 p.m. It was agreed to tentatively re-schedule the start time of the meeting to 9:00 a.m. The time change will be discussed and finalized at the next meeting.

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Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

Robert Chambers
Chair

Judy Maxwell
General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer

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