



Board of Directors Meeting

MINUTES

The meeting of the Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority's Board of Directors was held remotely via the LTVCA's Administration Office at 100 Thames Street, Chatham, at 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, December 10, 2020. The following directors were in attendance: L. McKinlay, T. Thompson, A. Finn, M. Hentz, P. Tiessen, C. Cowell, S. Emons, S. Hipple and R. Leatham. J. Wright and J. Frawley were unable to attend the meeting.

1. First Nations Acknowledgment

M. Peacock read the First Nations acknowledgement.

2. Call to Order

Chair, Linda McKinlay called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for their continued patience and cooperation during these difficult times.

M. Peacock took a roll call of Board members.

3. Adoption of Agenda

BD-2020-75 C. Cowell – M. Hentz

Moved that the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

4. Disclosures of Conflicts of Interest

None Declared.

5. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

BD-2020-76 S. Hipple – S. Emons

Moved that the Board of Directors remote meeting minutes of October 15, 2020 and November 19, 2020 be approved.

CARRIED

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

None declared.

7. Presentations

7.1) Shared Waters Approach - M. Peacock

M. Peacock provided a Power Point Presentation to the Board of Directors with an update on the Thames Clear Water Revival, Shared Waters Approach document.

7.2) Winter Forecast - J. Homewood

J. Homewood provided a Power Point Presentation to the Board of Directors with the forecast for the upcoming season.

BD-2020-77 R. Leatham – S. Hipple

Moved that the Board of Directors receive presentations 7.1) and 7.2) for information.

CARRIED

8. New Business

8.1) Update on Bill 229

BD-2020-78 S. Emons – T. Thompson

WHEREAS the Province in third reading has passed Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID 19 Act - Schedule 6

WHEREAS all municipalities of the Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority have passed resolutions expressing major concerns and have requested reconsideration of amendments made to the Conservation Authorities Act under Schedule 6 of Bill 229

WHEREAS the Legislation as amended still introduces a number of changes and new sections that could remove and/or significantly hinder the conservation authorities' role in regulating development, permit the appeal process and engaging in review and appeal of planning applications

WHEREAS the Legislation as amended still allows the Minister to make decisions without CA watershed data and expertise

WHEREAS the Legislation as amended still impacts the important and historic role that conservation authorities play in watershed management

WHEREAS the LTVCA board believes that changes to the Conservation Authorities Act will create more red tape and costs for the conservation authorities' member municipal partners, and potentially result in delays in the development approval process

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- THAT the LTVCA Board of Directors continues to request that the Province of Ontario repeal Schedule 6 of the Budget Measures Act (Bill 229)
- THAT the LTVCA Board of Directors directs staff to work with the Province to find workable solutions through the development of regulations with an aim to reduce red tape and create conditions for growth
- THAT in the development of regulations the Province respect the current conservation authority/municipal relationships and the important role conservation authorities play in watershed management
- AND THAT the Province provide conservation authorities the financial resources needed to address the significant requirements and administrative burden resulting from passage of Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID 19 Act including Schedule 6 as amended.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all member municipalities, Conservation Ontario, the Premier, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry and Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.

CARRIED

9. Business for Approval

9.1) Income and Expenditure vs Budget to October 31, 2020

BD-2020-79 M. Hentz – P. Tiessen

Moved that the Board of Directors receives the Budget vs Revenue and Expenditures report for the period ended October 31st, 2020.

CARRIED

9.2) Draft Budget Consultation

BD-2020-80 S. Emons – S. Hipple

Moved that the Board of Directors receive this report for information.

CARRIED

9.3) 2021 Preliminary Budget and Levy

BD-2020-81 C. Cowell – R. Leatham

Moved that the 2021 preliminary budget totalling \$3,319,396 be adopted, and that the member municipalities be advised of the budget and their share of the proposed levy as calculated; it being

noted that the Authority is required to provide 30 days' notice of its intention to adopt a final budget and levy.

CARRIED

10. New Business

10.1) CAO's Report

10.2) Shared Water Approach

BD-2020-82 P. Tiessen – T. Thompson

Moved that the Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority Board of Directors receives the Thames River (Deshkan Ziibi) Shared Waters Approach to Water Quality and Quantity (SWA) created by the Thames River Clear Water Revival (TRCWR) project steering committee.

And Further that this report will be brought back to the next Board of Directors meeting for endorsement.

CARRIED

10.3) Water Management

10.4) Planning and Regulations

10.5) Conservation Area Lands

10.6) Conservation Services

10.7) Communications, Outreach and Education

10.8) Joint Health & Safety Committee Meeting Minutes – November 30, 2020

10.9) Wheatley Two Creeks Association Minutes – October 1, 2020

BD-2020-83 S. Emons – T. Thompson

Moved that the above reports under New Business, 10.1) and 10.3) through to 10.9), be received for information.

CARRIED

11. Correspondence

11.1) Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act (Budget Measures), 2020

11.2) Examples of Press Coverage - Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act (Budget Measures), 2020

11.3) Maitland Conservation Re: Voting Delegates and Alternative to CO Council

BD-2020-84 M. Hentz – C. Cowell

Moved that Correspondence items 11.1) to 11.3) be received for information.

CARRIED

12. Other Business

None noted.

13. Adjournment

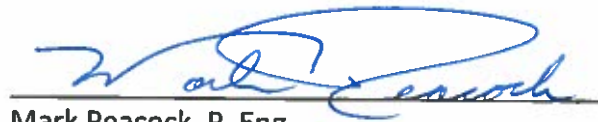
BD-2020-85 C. Cowell – R. Leatham

Moved that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED



Linda McKinlay
Chair



Mark Peacock, P. Eng.
CAO/Secretary-Treasurer

