

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, April 15, 2021. The following directors were in attendance: T. Thompson, L. McKinlay, A. Finn, M. Hentz, P. Tiessen, C. Cowell, S. Emons, R. Leatham, H. Aerts. S. Hipple and J. Wright were unable to attend the meeting.

1. First Nations Acknowledgment

M. Peacock read the First Nations acknowledgement.

2. Call to Order

Chair, Trevor Thompson called the meeting to order and introduced the new member from Middlesex Centre, Councillor Hugh Aerts.

3. Adoption of Agenda

BD-2021-01 C. Cowell – L. McKinlay

Moved that the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

4. Disclosures of Conflicts of Interest

None Declared.

5. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

BD-2021-2 S. Emons – M. Hentz

Moved that the Board of Directors remote meeting minutes of February 25, 2021 be approved.

CARRIED

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

None declared.

7. Presentations

7.1) Boundary Adjustment between UTRCA and LTVCA

M. Peacock provided a Power Point Presentation outlining the current and proposed boundary line and the process required to change it.

BD-2021-3 P. Tiessen – S. Emons

Moved that the Board of Directors receive presentation 7.1).

CARRIED

8. New Business

8.1) Conservation Ontario Governance Accountability and Transparency

Board of Directors had received a written report and M. Peacock provided a power point presentation.

BD-2021-4 L. McKinlay – R. Leatham

WHEREAS the provincial government has passed legislative amendments related to the governance of Conservation Authorities;

AND WHEREAS the Conservation Authorities remain committed to fulfilling accountable and transparent governance;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority endorses the three key actions developed by the Conservation Ontario Steering Committee to update CA Administrative By-laws, to report proactively on priorities, and to promote/demonstrate results;

AND THAT staff be directed to work with Conservation Ontario to implement these actions and to identify additional improvements and best management practices.

CARRIED

9. Business for Approval

9.1) Income and Expenditure vs Budget to February 28, 2021

BD-2021-5 M. Hentz – P. Tiessen

Moved that the Board of Directors receives the Budget vs Revenue and Expenditures report for the period ended February 28, 2021.

CARRIED

9.2) Mill Stream Trail Boardwalk Construction and Contract Increased Cost

BD-2021-6 C. Cowell – R. Leatham

Moved that the LTVCA Board of Directors directs staff to provide additional funding in the amount of \$11,125.00 for completion of the Mill Stream Trail Boardwalk Construction to Millworks Custom Carpentry and Stone.

CARRIED

10. New Business

- 10.1) CAO's Report
- 10.2) Water Management
- 10.3) Planning and Regulations
- 10.4) Conservation Area Lands
- 10.5) Conservation Services
- 10.6) Communications, Outreach and Education
- 10.7) Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – March 4, 2021
- 10.8) Joint Health & Safety Committee Meeting Minutes – March 2, 2021

BD-2021-7 S. Emons – C. Cowell

Moved that the New Business items 10.1) to 10.8) be received for information.

CARRIED

11. Correspondence

- 11.1) Statement on Bill 257 regarding legislation to exempt MZO's from planning laws and policy | Ontario Nature
- 11.2) Sydenham Field Naturalists Re: Removal of Forest Habitat in Chatham-Kent
- 11.3) City of London Re: Climate Action Plan
- 11.4) Letter to Minister Yurek regarding compliance of Section 14 of the CA Act

BD-2021-8 L. McKinlay – T. Thompson

Moved that Correspondence items 11.1) to 11.4) be received for information.

CARRIED

12. In Camera Session

BD-2021-9 M. Hentz – L. McKinlay

Moved that the Board of Directors meet 'in camera'.

CARRIED

BD-2021-10 R. Leatham – S. Emons

Moved that the Board of Directors move out of the 'in camera' session.

CARRIED

13. Other Business

None noted.

14. Adjournment

BD-2021-11 M. Hentz – P. Tiessen

Moved that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED



Trevor Thompson
Chair



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