

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 1:00 P.M. on Tuesday, June 2, 2021. The following directors were in attendance: T. Thompson, L. McKinlay, M. Hentz, P. Tiessen, C. Cowell, S. Emons, H. Aerts, S. Hipple and J. Wright. A. Finn and R. Leatham 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.

3. Adoption of Agenda

BD-2021-12 C. Cowell – P. Tiessen

Moved that the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

4. Disclosures of Conflicts of Interest

None Declared.

5. Presentation

5.1) Phase 1 REGULATORY PROPOSAL CONSULTATION GUIDE for the Conservation Authorities Act

M. Peacock provided a Power Point Presentation, reviewing the Discussion Paper and providing comments made by staff and other Conservation Authorities received to date.

Directors Comments

Agree with comments of presentation and further comments/questions include:

Is there enough funding to provide for a replacement for the resource technician who will be working on the transition to the new levy system?

How apprised are municipal councils of these changes?

MOU with each municipality, each with different interests, how do you save non-mandatory programs?

MOU for maintenance in Conservation Areas – will this increase levy or be maintained in current funding levels?

2022 municipal election- new faces on council will create significant work for LTVCA and for councils.

Who pays for Community Advisory board?

Section 29 compliance – concern having LTVCA staff have to enforce new powers.

Recreation and Education has to become mandatory, to be sustained over the years otherwise with each new council it has to be fought for. Can't have on and off funding.

When / how is CAO to come to municipalities without being bogged down?

Municipalities with more than one CA – would both/all CA's be at a municipal council meeting at the same time? LTVCA trying to coordinate with neighbouring CA's to have same MOU for those municipalities

Advisory Committees – concern over structure – who and what interests would be served?

Governance – council members only for CA representative – text on member responsibilities mudding the waters – vote for/with CA or for/with their municipality

Board representation – you are supporting the board you are sitting on which does not always support your municipality.

BD-2021-13 P. Tiessen – S. Emons

Moved that the Board of Directors receives the presentation entitled "Phase 1 REGULATORY PROPOSAL CONSULTATION GUIDE for the Conservation Authorities Act" and endorses the comments discussed, and further, the Board of Directors directs staff to prepare a letter with these comments to be provided to Conservation Ontario and the Province of Ontario.

CARRIED

6. New Business

6.1) Phase 1 REGULATORY PROPOSAL CONSULTATION GUIDE for the Conservation Authorities Act

BD-2021-14 M. Hentz – S. Hipple

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

CARRIED

12. Adjournment

BD-2021-15 C. Cowell - J. Wright

Moved that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED



Trevor Thompson
Chair



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