



Board of Directors Meeting

MINUTES

The meeting of the Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority's Board of Directors was held in person and remotely via the LTVCA's Administration Office at 100 Thames Street, Chatham, at 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, August 17, 2023. The following directors were in attendance: S. Emons, K. Loveland, P. Tiessen, L. Vogler, H. Aerts, R. Leatham, A. Finn, T. Thompson and P. Van Meerbergen. M. Vink, S. Hipple and M. Bondy sent their regrets.

1. First Nations Acknowledgment

Mark Peacock read the First Nations acknowledgement.

2. Call to Order

3. Adoption of Agenda

BD-2023-31 L. Vogler – R. Leatham

Moved that the agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

4. Disclosures of Conflicts of Interest

None Declared.

5. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

BD-2023-32 P. Tiessen – K. Loveland

Moved that the Board of Directors meeting minutes of June 15, 2023 be approved.

CARRIED

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

None declared.

7. Delegation

7.1) Mr. Jim Crane Re: Crane Conservation Area sale

Mr. Crane presented a detailed history of the Crane Conservation Area. This included previous owners, conditions for donation and the involvement of his family in the land transfers. Mr. Crane expressed his concern regarding the LTVCA sale of the area. He requested that staff work with him and the current owner to plant 2,500 Carolinian species trees on the site.

8. Presentation

8.1) LTVCA Multi Year Budget

BD-2023-33 P. Tiessen – L. Vogler

Moved that the Board of Directors receive presentation 8.1).

CARRIED

9. New Business

None noted.

10. Business for Approval

10.1) Income and Expenditure vs Budget to June 30, 2023

BD-2023-34 K. Loveland – H. Aerts

Moved that the Board of Directors receives the Budget vs Revenue and Expenditures report for the period ended June 30, 2023.

CARRIED

10.2) 2024 Preliminary Budget Preparation and Assumptions Report

BD-2023-35 P. Tiessen – L. Vogler

Moved that the Board approve the budget assumption of a 5% general levy increase, and That staff bring the preliminary 2024 budget to the October meeting for review and approval.

CARRIED

10.3) Municipal / LTVCA Category Agreements

BD-2023-36 K. Loveland – R. Leatham

Moved that the Board of Directors endorse the Chair and CAO signing of the Category Agreement received from the Municipality of Dutton Dunwich, the Municipality of West Elgin, the Township of Southwold and the Municipality of Middlesex Centre; and that the Agreements be posted on the Governance section of the LTVCA's website.

CARRIED

11. Business for Information

11.1) C.A.O.'s Report

BD-2023-37 L. Vogler – P. Tiessen

Moved that the C.A.O. / Secretary Treasurer report be received for information.

CARRIED

11.2) Water Management

11.3) Planning and Regulations

11.4) Conservation Area Lands

11.5) Conservation Services

11.6) Communications, Outreach and Education

11.7) Wheatley Two Creeks Association Minutes - June 1, 2023

11.8) Wheatley Two Creeks Association Minutes - June 29, 2023

BD-2023-38 R. Leatham – H. Aerts

Moved that New Business items 11.2) to 11.8) be received for information.

CARRIED

12. Correspondence

12.1) Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks to Thames-Sydenham Conservation Authorities and Protection Committee

12.2) Conservation Ontario's Comments on the Review of proposed policies adapted from A Place to Grow and Provincial Policy Statement to form a new provincial planning policy instrument

12.3) MVCA's comments on the Review of proposed policies adapted from A Place to Grow and Provincial Policy Statement to form a new provincial planning policy instrument

BD-2023-39 T. Thompson – A. Finn

Moved that Correspondence items 12.1) to 12.3) be received for information.

CARRIED

13. In Camera Session

BD-2023-40 K. Loveland – P. Tiessen

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

CARRIED

BD-2023-41 R. Leatham – H. Aerts

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

CARRIED

BD-2023-42 L. Vogler – P. Tiessen

Be it Resolved: That the Board of Directors authorize the Chair to sign a 5 year contract with the CAO / Secretary-Treasurer based on the conditions as reviewed in the in camera portion of this meeting.

CARRIED

14 Other Business

None noted.

15. Adjournment

BD-2023-43 H. Aerts – L. Vogler

Moved that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED



Sarah Emons
Chair



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