

Board of Directors Meeting

MINUTES

A meeting of the Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority's Board of Directors was held in person and remotely via the C.M. Wilson Learning Centre, 21799 Fargo Road, Blenheim, ON at 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, April 17, 2025. The following directors were in attendance: P. Tiessen, S. Emons, K. Loveland, L. Vogler, H. Aerts, M. Vink, A. Finn, R. Leatham, S. Hipple and P. Van Meerbergen. T. Thompson 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-2025-27 A. Finn – K. Loveland

Moved that the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

4. Disclosures of Conflicts of Interest

None Declared.

5. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

BD-2025-28 R. Leatham – S. Emons

Moved that the Board of Directors meeting minutes of February 20, 2025 be approved.

CARRIED

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

None declared.

7. Presentations

7.1) 2024 Audited Financial Statements

Jennifer Libbrecht, from Baker Tilly, provided information around the 2024 Audited Financial Statements.

7.2) C.M. Wilson Learning Centre Strategic Plan

Mariah Alexander presented the Draft C.M. Wilson Learning Centre Strategic Plan

7.3) Summary of Spring 2025 Flood Conditions

Jason Wintermute provided to the Board of Directors a summary of 2025 spring flood conditions.

BD-2025-29 S. Hipple – L. Vogler

Moved that presentations 7.1) to 7.3) be received.

CARRIED

8. New Business

None noted.

9. Business for Approval

9.1) 2024 Audited Financial Statements

BD-2025-30 H. Aerts – K. Loveland

Moved that LTVCA's 2024 Audited Financial Statements be approved as presented.

CARRIED

9.2) C.M. Wilson Learning Centre Strategic Plan - Draft

BD-2025-31 S. Hipple – A. Finn

Moved that C.M. Wilson Learning Centre Strategic Plan Report and preliminary draft C.M. Wilson Learning Centre Strategic Plan be received for information purposes, and

That the Board direct staff to begin public consultation of the plan, and

That staff bring results of the consultation back to the board together with the plan for approval.

CARRIED

9.3) Appointment to Committees

BD-2025-32 M. Vink – K. Loveland

Moved that Amy Finn be appointed to the Ice Management and C.M. Wilson Learning Centre Committees.

CARRIED

9.4) Update to the Administration By-law – 2025-03 – 3rd and Final Reading

BD-2025-33 A. Finn – S. Emons

Moved that By-law 2023-02 be repealed on April 17, 2025; and

That the Board of Directors approves the third and final reading of the Administrative By-law and Code of Conduct, Conflict of Interest Guidelines and Procedure for Election of Officers Policy – 2025-03, to take effect on April 17, 2025; and

That a copy of the By-law be forwarded to the Ministry of Natural Resources and posted publicly on the LTVCA's website under the 'governance' section.

CARRIED

9.5) Appointment of a New Provincial Offences Officer

BD-2025-34 L. Vogler – K. Loveland

Moved that the Board of Directors designate Genevieve Champagne as a Provincial Offences Officer (P.O.O.), on behalf of the Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority, under the Conservation Authorities Act and associated relevant Regulations. Genevieve Champagne is designated as a P.O.O. for enforcement of Section 28 and Section 29 of the Conservation Authorities Act.

CARRIED

9.6) Income and Expenditure vs Budget to February 28, 2025

BD-2025-35 H. Aerts – R. Leatham

Moved that the Board of Directors received the Budget vs Revenue and Expenditures report for the period ending February 28, 2025.

CARRIED

10. Business for Information

10.1) LTVCA and SCRCA Compensation Review

BD-2025-36 S. Hipple – M. Vink

Moved that the LTVCA and SCRCA Salary Compensation Review Report be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

10.2) C.A.O. / Secretary Treasurer Report

BD-2025-37 A. Finn – K. Loveland

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

CARRIED

10.3) Water Management

10.4) Planning and Regulations

10.5) Conservation Area Lands

10.6) Conservation Services

10.7) Communications, Education and Outreach

10.8) Ska-Nah-Doht Advisory Committee Minutes March 20, 2025

10.9) Wheatley Two Creeks Association February 13, Minutes

10.10) Wheatley Two Creeks Association March 6, Minutes

BD-2025-38 S. Emons – L. Vogler

Moved that Business for Information items 10.3) to 10.10) be received for information.

CARRIED

11. Correspondence

11.1) Muskoka first in Ontario to call for provincial action on road salt pollution

11.2) City of London 2026 Budget

Mark provided the Board of Directors with a brief outline of the City of London request. It was noted that the Chair, Paul Tiessen and CAO, Mark Peacock will request a meeting with the Mayor of London to discuss the request to lower our budget percentage.

BD-2025-39 L. Vogler – A. Finn

Moved that Correspondence items 11.1) and 11.2) be received for information.

CARRIED

12. In Camera Session

BD-2025-40 K. Loveland – H. Aerts

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

CARRIED

BD-2025-41 K. Loveland – M. Vink

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

CARRIED

BD-2025-42 L. Vogler – K. Loveland

Moved that the Board of Directors approve the donation of the property, 3182 Talbot Trail, Wheatley On., to the Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority based on the reviewed conditions; and

That the CAO and Chair be authorized to sign documents to permit this donation.

CARRIED

Regarding BD-2025-42: Board member Martin Vink requested that it be recorded in the minutes that he voted against this resolution.

BD-2025-43 S. Emons – K. Loveland

Moved that the board approve the negotiation of a donation agreement; and

That the LTVCA receive the lands known as Parts 2 and 4 of Part Lot 15, Concession South of the North Branch of Talbot Road, Township of Southwold, County of Elgin, Plan 11R-11349; and

That the Board directs the Chair and CAO to sign legal documents to allow for this donation.

CARRIED

13. Other Business

None noted.

14. Adjournment

BD-2025-44 K. Loveland – M. Vink

Moved that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED



P. Tiessen
Chair



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

