

LONG POINT REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of November 6, 2024 Approved December 5, 2024

Members in attendance:

Robert Chambers, Chair
Dave Beres, Vice-Chair
Shelley Ann Bentley
Doug Brunton
Michael Columbus
Tom Masschaele
Jim Palmer

County of Brant
Town of Tillsonburg
Haldimand County
Norfolk County
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Jim PalmerTownship of NorwichStewart PattersonHaldimand CountyChris Van PaassenNorfolk County

Peter Ypma Township of South-West Oxford

Regrets:

Rainey Weisler Municipality of Bayham/Township of Malahide

Staff in attendance:

Judy Maxwell, General Manager
Aaron LeDuc, Manager of Corporate Services
Leigh-Anne Mauthe, Manager of Watershed Services
Saifur Rahman, Manager of Engineering and Infrastructure
Jessica King, Social Media and Marketing Associate
Dana McLachlan, Executive Assistant
Nicole Sullivan, HR Associate/Receptionist

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Chair, Robert Chambers, called the meeting to order at 7:52 p.m., Wednesday, November 6, 2024.

Doug Brunton informed the Board that he attended the Turkey Mountain Bike Club appreciation dinner along with Chris Van Paassen and Tom Masschaele.

2. Additional Agenda Items

Item 6 a) proposed change of November 13th Budget meeting start time to be added to the November 6, 2024 agenda under Business Arising.

3. Approval of the Agenda

A-126/24

Moved by D. Beres Seconded by P. Ypma

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors approves the agenda as amended.

4. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

None were declared.

5. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

a) Board of Directors Meeting Minutes - October 2, 2024

A-127/24

Moved by M. Columbus Seconded by D. Beres

THAT the minutes of the LPRCA Board of Directors Meeting held October 2, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

6. Business Arising

a) Budget Meeting Start time

A-128/24

Moved by C. Van Paassen Seconded by S. Patterson

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors approve the start time of the November 13th Budget meeting to be 9:00am.

Carried

7. Review of Committee Minutes

a) Backus Museum Committee Meeting - July 22, 2024

A-129/24

Moved by T. Masschaele Seconded by J. Palmer

THAT the minutes of the Backus Museum Committee Meeting held July 22, 2024 be approved as circulated.

Carried

8. Correspondence

There was no correspondence to discuss.

9. Planning Department

a) Section 28 Regulations Approved Permits (L. Mauthe)

Peter Ypma asked staff about permit 139/24 and what portion of the water was being dredged. Leigh-Anne Mauthe responded that the dredging was happening at the entrance of the marina channel.

A-130/24

Moved by P. Ypma Seconded by C. Van Paassen

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the staff approved Section 28 Regulation Approved Permits report dated November 6, 2024 as information.

Carried

10. New Business

a) General Manager's Report (J. Maxwell)

Judy Maxwell provided a report summarizing operations this past month and provided a few recent updates.

Judy Maxwell informed the Board that the Decoy Museum proposed for the Education Centre will proceed and will be a nice addition to the Centre. The Decoy museum, funded by Tom Davidson Sr., will house 30 to 40 decoys with a focus on Long Point Region craftsmanship with a few from surrounding areas.

Jim Palmer asked staff if the safety boom in Norwich would need to be removed in the winter? Saifur Rahman informed the Board that the safety boom is permanent.

A-131/24

Moved by M. Columbus Seconded by J. Palmer

That the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the General Manager's Report for October 2024 as information.

Carried

b) 3rd Quarter Financial Report (A. LeDuc)

The report was presented by Aaron LeDuc.

Dave Beres asked if there are restrictions on planning applications fees this year. Aaron Leduc informed the Board that the Authority has not been informed of any restrictions. Leigh-Anne Mauthe elaborated that the fees for planning have been frozen for two years.

Mike Columbus asked staff about the Administrative Office upgrades in the capital sheet and if the project was going ahead in 2024. Aaron LeDuc informed the Board that the Authority has a design along with three or four requests out for quotes out and have quotes for electrical and flooring. The project will be completed in 2025.

Peter Ypma asked staff why the upgrades were being done when the Authority does not own the building. Aaron LeDuc said that current furniture is a mismatched set of old furniture, and is an investment ergonomically for staff.

A-132/24

Moved by S. Patterson Seconded by J. Palmer

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the Q3 Financial Report – September 30, 2024 for the fiscal period up to and including September 30th, 2024 as information.

Carried

c) Teeterville Dam Class Environmental Assessment - Progress Report and Committee Appointment (S. Rahman)

Saifur Rahman reviewed the report. The Board Members discussed the member appointment.

A-133/24

Moved by S. Bentley Seconded by J. Palmer

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the Teeterville Dam Class Environmental Assessment Progress Report as information,

AND

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors approves the following appointment:

Michael Columbus as a member of the Teeterville Dam Class Environment Assessment Community Liaison Committee

Carried

d) Conservation Land Strategy (J. Maxwell)

Judy Maxwell updated the Board on the finalized Conservation Land Strategy.

A-134/24

Moved by T. Masschaele Seconded by P. Ypma

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors approves the final draft Conservation Land Strategy;

AND.

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors direct staff to provide a copy of the Conservation Land Strategy to the Ministry of Natural Resources and make it available on the LPRCA website.

Carried

e) Watershed-based Resource Management Strategy (J. Maxwell)

Judy Maxwell presented the finalized Watershed-based Resource Management Strategy and staff report.

Doug Brunton asked Staff if this report was completed in house. Judy Maxwell confirmed that it was completed by LPRCA staff.

A-135/24

Moved by S. Bentley Seconded by M. Columbus

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors approves the final draft Watershed-based Resource Management Strategy;

AND.

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors direct staff to provide a copy of the Watershed-based Resource Management Strategy to the Ministry of Natural Resources and make it available on the LPRCA website.

Carried

f) Provincial Planning Statement Update (L. Mauthe)

Leigh-Anne Mauthe updated the Board on the new Provincial Planning Statement.

A-136/24

Moved by S. Patterson Seconded by P. Ypma

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives this report as information.

g) Backus Museum Committee Member Appointment (J. Maxwell)

Judy Maxwell presented the Backus Museum Committee Member appointment to the Board.

A-137/24

Moved by J. Palmer Seconded by T. Masschaele

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors appoints Mary Charles as a Community Representative to the Backus Museum Committee.

Carried

11. Closed Session

A-138/24

Moved by D. Brunton Seconded by J. Palmer

THAT the LPRCA Hearing Board does now enter into a closed session to discuss:

• Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege.

Carried

The members entered the closed session at 8:23 p.m. and reconvened in open session at 8:31 p.m.

Next meeting: November 13, 2024, Budget, 9:00 a.m.

December 4, 2024, Board of Directors, 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:31 p.m.	
Robert Chambers Chair	Judy Maxwell General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer
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