



LONG POINT REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of February 5, 2025
Approved March 7, 2025

Members in attendance:

Dave Beres, Chair	Town of Tillsonburg
Doug Brunton, Vice-Chair	Norfolk County
Shelley Ann Bentley	Haldimand County
Robert Chambers	County of Brant
Michael Columbus	Norfolk County
Tom Masschaele	Norfolk County
Jim Palmer	Township of Norwich
Chris Van Paassen	Norfolk County
Rainey Weisler	Municipality of Bayham/Township of Malahide

Regrets:

Peter Ypma	Township of South-West Oxford
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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
Nicole Sullivan, HR Coordinator/Executive Assistant

1. Welcome and Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, February 5, 2025.

2. Additional Agenda Items

There were no additional agenda items.

3. Approval of the Agenda

A-17/25

Moved by J. Palmer
Seconded by S. Bentley

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

Carried

4. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

None were declared.

FULL AUTHORITY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Shelley Ann Bentley, Dave Beres, Doug Brunton, Robert Chambers, Michael Columbus,
Tom Masschaele, Jim Palmer, Chris Van Paassen, Rainey Weisler, Peter Ypma

5. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

a) Board of Directors Meeting of January 8, 2025

A-18/25

Moved by R. Weisler

Seconded by C. Van Paassen

THAT the minutes of the LPRCA Board of Directors Meeting held January 8, 2025 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

6. Business Arising

a) Letter to Honourable Graydon Smith Re: Extensions to Minister's Direction

Mike Columbus asked the Chair, Dave Beres, if there was any discussion at the ROMA conference about the Minister's Direction. Dave Beres replied that there was no opportunity to bring the issue forward.

Judy Maxwell informed the Board that during a Conservation Ontario General Manager's meeting it was made clear at ROMA that Minister Graydon had no plans on changing his direction. Robert Chambers echoed this sentiment.

A-19/25

Moved by T. Masschaele

Seconded by S. Bentley

THAT the Letter outlined in the Board of Directors agenda of February 5, 2025 be received as information.

Carried

7. Review of Committee Minutes

a) Lee Brown Marsh Management Committee, August 20, 2024

A-20/25

Moved by M. Columbus

Seconded by D. Brunton

THAT the minutes of the Lee Brown Marsh Management Committee meeting held August 20, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

8. Correspondence

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Tom Masschaele, Jim Palmer, Chris Van Paassen, Rainey Weisler, Peter Ypma

There was no correspondence to discuss.

9. Development Applications

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

A-21/25

Moved by S. Bentley
Seconded by R. Weisler

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the staff approved Section 28 Regulation Approved Permits report dated January 29, 2025 as information

Carried

b) 2024 Permit Application Turnaround Times (L. Mauthe)

Leigh-Anne Mauthe presented the report. Dave Beres asked Leigh-Anne Mauthe if the Authority received many complaints about the turnaround times last year. Leigh-Anne Mauthe replied that there were only a few that occurred during a Resource Planner vacancy.

A-22/25

Moved by M. Columbus
Seconded by J. Palmer

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the 2024 Permit Application Turnaround Times Report as information.

Carried

10. New Business

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

Judy Maxwell presented the report. There were no questions.

A-23/25

Moved by T. Masschaele
Seconded by R. Weisler

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the General Manager's Report for January 2025 as information.

Carried

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Tom Masschaele, Jim Palmer, Chris Van Paassen, Rainey Weisler, Peter Ypma

b) Service Recognition Program (J. Maxwell)

Judy Maxwell presented the Service Recognition Report. There were no questions.

A-24/25

Moved by J. Palmer

Seconded by R. Chambers

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the Service Recognition Report as information.

Carried

c) Timber Tender Results – McKonkey Tract (J. Maxwell)

Judy Maxwell presented the McKonkey Tract report. Mike Columbus asked staff what the budget for forestry was in 2025. Judy Maxwell informed the Board that the budget for 2025 is \$310,000.

A-25/25

Moved by S. Bentley

Seconded by M. Columbus

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the Timber Tender report for the McKonkey Tract Block 1 and Block 2 as information.

Carried

d) LPRCA Riverine Flood Hydrology Study Update RFP (S. Rahman)

Saifur Rahman presented the Flood Hydrology Study report. Dave Beres asked if Water's Edge Environmental Solutions were the highest ranked based on the decision matrix. Saifur Rahman informed the Board that Water's Edge were the highest ranked.

A-26/25

Moved by M. Columbus

Seconded by J. Palmer

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors approve retaining Water's Edge Environmental Solutions Team Ltd. for engineering services to update the hydrology model for the LPRCA watershed at a cost of \$49,985.00 exclusive of HST.

Carried

The closed session began at 6:48 p.m.

11. Closed Meeting

A-27/25

Moved by T. Masschaele

FULL AUTHORITY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Shelley Ann Bentley, Dave Beres, Doug Brunton, Robert Chambers, Michael Columbus,
Tom Masschaele, Jim Palmer, Chris Van Paassen, Rainey Weisler, Peter Ypma

Seconded by C. Van Paassen

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

- A Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals (e.g. Local Planning Appeal Tribunal), affecting the Authority.

Carried

The Board reconvened in open session at 6:51 p.m.

The closed meeting minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of January 8, 2025 was approved in closed session.

Next meeting: March 7, 2025, Board of Directors, Annual General Meeting

Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

Dave Beres
Chair

Judy Maxwell
General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer

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