



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: June 27, 2024

Time: 1:00 p.m.

St. Clair Township Municipal Office

1155 Emily Street, Mooretown N0N 1M0

Directors Present: John Brennan, Pat Brown, Chair; Terry Burrell, Sue Cates, Greg Grimes, Aaron Hall, Emery Huszka, Rhonda Jubenville, Frank Kennes, Adam Kilner, Don McCabe, Don McCallum, Mary Lynne McCallum, Steve Miller, Ross O'Hara, Kristen Rodrigues, Jerry Westgate

Directors Remote: Al Broad (1:19 p.m.), Anne Marie Gillis, Betty Ann MacKinnon

Directors Regrets: Lorie Scott, Vice Chair

Staff Present: Donna Blue, Manager of Communications; Melissa Deisley, Director of Planning and Regulations; Chris Durand, Manager of IT and GIS; Emily Febrey, Communication and Education Technician; Ashley Fletcher, Administrative Assistant and Board Coordinator; Kate Jamieson, Payroll/Accounting Clerk; Chunning Li, Director of Corporate Services; Tim Payne, Manager of Forestry; Girish Sankar, Director of Water Resources; Kelli Smith, Lands Technician; Greg Wilcox, Manager of Lands

Staff Remote: Ken Phillips, General Manager

1. Land Acknowledgement

A land acknowledgment was read by Chair, Pat Brown which recognized the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority watershed as part of the traditional territories of the Anishinaabeg, Haudenosaunee, Lūnaapéewak and Chonnonton Nations, who have a sacred responsibility to preserve the land and water of southwestern Ontario. Also acknowledged are the Treaties that allow the SCRCA to work alongside the First Nation Communities of Kettle and Stony Point, Aamjiwnaang and Bkejwanong to ensure we share the responsibility of preserving the land and water.

2. Call to Order and Chair's Remarks

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Pat Brown, who welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked St. Clair Region Conservation Authority (SCRCA) staff for their efforts in organizing the project tour.

3. Adoption of Agenda

BD-24-46

Burrell – MacKinnon

“That the Board of Directors adopts the agenda for the meeting, as presented.”

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests

Director Emery Huszka declared a pecuniary interest pertaining to budgetary items, as per the terms of his appointment as agricultural representative through the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry.

5. Minutes

BD-24-47

Miller – Grimes

“That the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting, held April 18, 2024, be approved as distributed.”

CARRIED

6. Reports

6.1 General Manager’s Report

Verbal update:

General Manager (GM), Ken Phillips provided an update on the status of the class action lawsuit involving private landowners vs. the Mayor and Town of Oakville, Town of Milton, Halton Region and Conservation Halton alleging that overdevelopment of the area has led to increased flood risk and lowered property values. A settlement of \$1,000,000.00 is proposed to cover legal/expert fees and to initiate flood preparedness education program, is yet to be approved by the court.

The GM provided a reminder to Directors regarding the July 1, 2024 deadline for the completion of Municipal natural asset management plans. Municipalities are invited to contact SCRCA if they require assistance meeting this requirement.

For information, the Provincial government has asked that Conservation Authorities pause public consultation/information sessions on floodplain mapping for the time being.

BD-24-48

Kilner – O’Hara

“That the Board of Directors acknowledges the General Manager’s report, dated June 12, 2024.”

CARRIED

6.2 Vehicle Disposal

BD-24-49

Cates – Westgate

“That the Board of Directors acknowledges the report dated May 31, 2024 regarding the disposal of assets and further approves the disposal of the 2014 Chevrolet Traverse (Fleet Vehicle #6) and 2011 Chevrolet Silverado (Fleet Vehicle #7) from the SCRCA fleet inventory..”

CARRIED

6.3 WECl Projects 2024-2026

BD-24-50

Burrell – Gillis

“That the Board of Directors acknowledges the report dated June 7, 2024 on Water and Erosion Control Infrastructure Projects and approves the projects submitted for funding in 2024-2026, and further will assist staff in obtaining matching funds, where required, to support these projects upon confirmation of funding approval.

CARRIED

6.4 Appointment of Regulations Officer

BD-24-51

Grimes – Hall

“That the Board of Directors acknowledges the report, dated June 5, 2024 regarding the appointment of an officer and further, appoints Merrick Van Der Vaart as an Enforcement Officer in accordance with Section 30.1 of the Conservation Authorities Act, for the purpose of enforcing the regulations made under Section 28 of the Conservation Authorities Act.”

CARRIED

7. Consent Items

- 7.1 (a) Business Arising**
- (b) Current Watershed Conditions**
- (c) Regulations Report**
- (d) Planning Report**
- (e) Revenue and Expenditure Report**
- (f) Disbursements**
- (g) 2024 General Levy Update**
- (h) Investments**
- (i) Communications Update**
- (j) Education Report**
- (k) Scholarship Report**

**(l) AOC Report
(m) Agriculture Lands**

BD-24-52

Jubenville – Brennan

“That the Board of Directors approves the consent agenda and receives the accompanying items 7.1 (a) through 7.1 (m) as information.”

CARRIED

8. Correspondence

8.1 Correspondence from Shaun Antle regarding the protection of species

Comments:

Directors request that the correspondence be acknowledged and that the writer be referred to the relevant agencies as well as the local Member of Parliament.

BD-24-53

McCallum, Mary Lynne – Cates

“That the Board of Directors acknowledge the correspondence from Mr. Shaun Antle, dated May 1, 2024 regarding concerns for the protection of killdeer species in Sarnia, ON.

CARRIED

8.2 Correspondence from the Long Point Region Conservation Authority regarding the recommended phase out of free well water testing

Comments:

It was noted that the Ontario Minister of Health has since assured the public that the Province will not be phasing out the testing of private well-water. Directors request that a response be drafted to the Long Point Region Conservation Authority acknowledging their correspondence.

BD-24-54

Burrell – Kilner

“That the Board of Directors acknowledge the correspondence from the Long Point Region Conservation Authority, dated May 2, 2024 regarding the 2023 Auditor General report recommendation to phase out free well water testing.

CARRIED

9. New Business

Directors thanked SCRCA staff for their hard work in coordinating the project tour.

Director Anne Marie Gillis was wished a happy birthday.

Chair, Pat Brown wished Directors and staff a safe and happy summer.

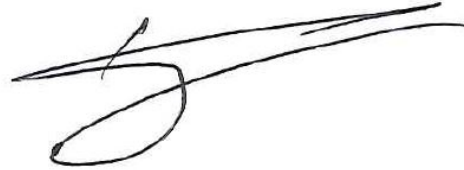
10. Adjournment

BD-24-55

Huszka – Burrell

“That the Board of Directors Meeting be adjourned.”

CARRIED



Pat Brown
Chair

Ken Phillips
General Manager

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