



MINUTES

Minutes for Meeting of the Board of Directors held Thursday, June 21, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, Essex County Civic Centre, 360 Fairview Avenue West, Essex, ON.*

Members Present:	Terry Burns	Tania Jobin	Hilary Payne
	Susanne Coghill	Irek Kusmierczyk	Jeff Renaud
	Al Fazio	Rick Masse	Ed Sleiman
	Fred Francis	Rita Ossington	Larry Snively
	Rick Fryer (Chair)	Larry Patterson	Ron Sutherland
	John Jacobs		Larry Verbeke

Absent:

Regrets: Steve Bjorkman Len Janisse

Staff: Richard Wyma, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer
Candice Kondratowicz, Corporate Services: Administrative Associate
Tim Byrne, Director, Watershed Management Services
Shelley McMullen, Director, Finance & Corporate Services
Kevin Money, Director, Conservation Services
Danielle Stuebing, Director, Community Outreach Services

Guests: Assorted Media
Joe McCarthy
Tamara Stomp
Andrea Shaughnessy
Jacquie Lang

1. Call to Order

Good evening everyone. We have regrets from Councillor Steve Bjorkman and Councillor Len Janisse this evening.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

None

3. Approval of Agenda

Resolution BD47/18 Moved by Ron Sutherland

Seconded by Al Fazio

THAT the Agenda for the Thursday, June 21, 2018, Meeting of the Board of Directors be approved.

- CARRIED

4. Adoption of Minutes

(a). ERCA Board of Directors

Resolution BD48/18 Moved by Tania Jobin

Seconded by Larry Verbeke

THAT the Minutes of the Thursday, April 12, 2018 Meeting of the Board of Directors and the recommendations therein be approved as distributed.

- CARRIED

(b). John R. Park Homestead Advisory Committee (JRPAC)

Resolution BD49/18 Moved by Rick Masse

Seconded by Larry Verbeke

THAT the Minutes of the February 12, 2018 Meeting of the John R. Park Homestead Advisory Committee be received.

- CARRIED

(c). **Conservation Ontario**

Resolution BD50/18 Moved by Fred Francis

Seconded by Ed Sleiman

THAT the Minutes of the December 11, 2017 and Agenda and Minutes of the April 16, 2018 Conservation Ontario Council meetings* be received.

- CARRIED

5. Announcements

(a). Comments from the Chair, Rick Fryer

Despite a very soggy spring with many delays, the restoration crew wrapped up the planting and distribution of 108,000 trees last week. In this season of weather extremes, staff are now doing a 'rain dance' to ensure the survivability of these trees.

This past Monday, on June 18, the John R. Park Homestead celebrated its 40th anniversary of being operated as a museum.

On behalf of the Board, we'd like to extend our congratulations to all athletes who completed this Saturday's 70 Kilometre South Coast Adventure Race, and to the 30 volunteers who ensured a safe and enjoyable race course.

I also hope everyone has had a chance to register for the Foundation's 30th Anniversary Golf Tournament on July 12. We are hoping to raise over \$30,000 at this milestone tournament for the projects which make this region our Place for Life, and hope we can count on your support.

6. Delegations

Ms Andrea Shaughnessy, Ms Jacquie Lan & Ms Tamara Stomp

(attached)

Re: National Marine Conservation, Western Basin of Lake Erie

Resolution BD51/18 Moved by Rick Masse

Seconded by Tania Jobin

THAT Administration prepare a letter of support addressed to the Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of the Environment and Climate Change and Daniel Watson, CEO of Parks Canada to request

- CARRIED

that a feasibility study be completed on the Western Basin of Lake Erie for a Marine Refuge/Park; and further,

THAT copies be sent to the Member Municipalities for information.

Mr. Joe McCarthy, South Western Ontario Trail Association (SWOTA)

Re: Greenway/Cypher Singletrack Possibilities

7. Presentations

8. Reports for Approval

- (a) BD23/18 Greenway Uses Update: Equestrian and Single Track Cycling Uses

Resolution BD52/18 Moved by Fred Francis

Seconded by Susanne Coghill

THAT BD23/18 be received; and further,

THAT Administration report to the Board of Directors on options and opportunities related to single track cycling on the Greenways and other ERCA properties where appropriate; and considering how local Municipalities are addressing single track biking in the region.

-CARRIED

- (b) BD24/18 Conservation Areas as Opportunities for Scientific Research

Resolution BD53/18 Moved by Fred Francis

Seconded by Larry Patterson

THAT report BD24/18 be received for information.

- CARRIED

- (c) BD25/18 Clean Water~Green Spaces grant programs

Resolution BD54/18 Moved by Ed Sleiman

Seconded by Tania Jobin

THAT administration modify its Clean Water~Green Spaces landowner stewardship program to reflect external levels of funding and external funding interests yearly; and further,

THAT ERCA review its Clean Water~Green Spaces program and related capacity as part of its next 5-Year Sustainability/Business Plan, expected to be presented and discussed with the Board in mid-2018. - CARRIED

- (d) BD26/18 2017 Draft Audited Financial Statements, Financial Sustainability and Condition

Resolution BD55/18 Moved by Fred Francis

Seconded by Rick Masse

THAT Report BD26/18, 2017 Draft Audited Financial Statements and Financial Condition Review, be received as distributed, for Member's information and further,

THAT the draft audited Financial Statements of the Essex Region Conservation Authority, for the year ended December 31, 2017, be approved and released as final audited Financial Statements. - CARRIED

- (e) BD27/18 Essex Region Conservation Authority Administrative By-Laws

Resolution BD56/18 Moved by Rita Ossington

Seconded by Tania Jobin

THAT the ERCA Board of Directors endorse, in principle, the draft Essex Region Conservation Authority administrative by-laws; and further,

THAT ERCA Administration finalize policies/terms of reference for Committees, etc.

THAT ERCA Administration undertake a legal review of ERCA-specific changes to the draft by-laws; and further, - CARRIED

THAT ERCA Administration prepare a final draft of the Administrative By-Laws and related policies and best practices for final approval by the Board of Directors in September, 2018.

9. Environmental Registry Reports for Comment

10. Reports for Information

- (a) BD28/18 Watershed Management Services Activities Report for April and May, 2018

Resolution BD57/18 Moved by Larry Verbeke

Seconded by Ed Sleiman

THAT the review of Regulations and Planning Applications, as presented in Report BD28/18 be received for Members' information. - CARRIED

- (b) Correspondence

Letter, Jeff Leal, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, dated, April 23, 2018

Re: Agricultural Soil Health and Conservation Strategy

Resolution BD58/18 Moved by Jeff Renaud

Seconded by Ron Sutherland

THAT the correspondence be received. - CARRIED

11. Closed Session – In Camera

None

12. New Business

13. Other Business

- (a) The next meeting of the ERCA Board of Directors will be held on Thursday, September 13, 2018 starting at 6:00PM in Council Chambers, Essex County Civic Centre, 360 Fairview Avenue West, Essex, ON.

14. Adjournment

Resolution BD59/18

Moved by Larry Patterson

Seconded by John Jacobs

THAT the Meeting be adjourned.

- CARRIED

Richard J.H. Wyma
General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer