



MINUTES

Minutes for the Board of Directors Meeting held **Thursday, September 10, 2020**, at 6:00 p.m. held via Zoom web conferencing.

Members Present	Tania Jobin (Vice-Chair)	Kieran McKenzie	Joe Bachetti
	Chris Vander Doelen	Ed Sleiman	John Jacobs
	Morley Bowman	Jim Morrison	Larry Verbeke
	Marolyn Morrison	Tracey Bailey	Sue Desjarlais
	Larry Patterson	Len Janisse	Peter Courtney
	Laura Lucier	Dayne Malloch	

Member Regrets Mark Carrick

Members Absent TBD, City of Windsor

Staff Present Tim Byrne, Interim General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer
Nicole Kupnicki, Corporate Services, Executive Assistant
Kevin Money, Director, Conservation Services
Danielle Stuebing, Director, Community Outreach Services
Claire Sanders, Climate Change Specialist
James Bryant, Water Resources Engineer
Aaron Zimmer, Multimedia Specialist

Guests Assorted Media

1. Call to Order

Good evening. Welcome to the September 10, 2020 meeting of the ERCA Board of Directors.

We will start by taking a roll call of all Board Members to confirm attendance. We do have regrets from:

- Councillor Mark Carrick, LaSalle

We will be in alphabetical order by municipality. We have found that muting your line when you are not speaking helps, so please be prepared to unmute your microphone when your name is called and return to mute after you have answered:

- Councillor Peter Courtney, Amherstburg
- Marolyn Morrison, Amherstburg
- Councillor Morley Bowman, Essex
- Councillor Chris Vander Doelen, Essex
- Councillor Laura Lucier, Kingsville
- Councillor Larry Patterson, Kingsville
- Deputy Mayor Tracey Bailey, Lakeshore
- Councillor Len Janisse, Lakeshore
- Councillor Sue Desjarlais, LaSalle
- Councillor John Jacobs, Leamington
- Deputy Mayor Larry Verbeke, Leamington
- Councillor Dayne Meloch, Pelee Island
- Deputy Mayor, Joe Bachetti, Tecumseh
- Councillor, Tania Jobin, Tecumseh
- Councillor James Morrison, Windsor
- Councillor Ed Sleiman, Windsor

Thank you.

2. Land Acknowledgement

I'd like to begin by acknowledging that this land is the traditional territory of the Three Fires Confederacy of First Nations, comprised of the Ojibway, the Odawa, and the Potawatomie <pa-te-wa-temi:> Peoples.

We value the significant historical and contemporary contributions of local and regional First Nations and all of the Original Peoples of Turtle Island - North America who have been living and working on the land from time immemorial.

3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

None

THAT the Minutes of the June 23, 2020, July 8, 2020 and August 13, 2020 Meetings of the Executive Committee and the recommendations therein be approved as distributed.

Resolution BD 60/20	Moved by	Morley Bowman	
	Seconded by	Ed Sleiman	-CARRIED

7. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

None

8. Announcements

While we will hear more about the Essex County Regional Energy Plan tonight, I would like to urge all members to encourage your constituents to take the Regional Energy Plan Survey. The more voices we hear, the more valuable the data will be in helping to plan for our communities' energy needs well into the future.

I'd also like to note that the Essex Region Conservation Foundation's Bike Tour has shifted to a virtual format this year, and will take place from September 18 – 28 to maximize flexibility and participation. We continue to thank the members of the Foundation and the Bike Tour committee for their commitment to raising funds for important conservation work, and to all those participants who have already signed up for this great event.

Finally, I'd like to extend my sincere appreciation to the Board members for your assistance over the past challenging week and I would like to extend that thanks to member of the staff and Administration.

9. Delegations

None

10. Presentations

WEC3: Essex County Regional Energy Plan – Vision, Goals and Principles
Claire Sanders, Climate Change Specialist

(d) BD 25/20 Holiday Beach Capital Investment Feasibility Study

THAT BD 25/20 be received for information; and further,

THAT ERCA continue to replace infrastructure at Holiday Beach Conservation Area through its Asset Management Plan; and further,

THAT the Holiday Beach Capital Investment Feasibility Study be used in support of future funding applications to increase visitor attendance and generate additional tourism-related revenues

Resolution BD 64/20 Moved by Sue Desjarlais

Seconded by Len Janisse

-CARRIED

(e) BD 26/20 Update on ERCA's Programs and Services in Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic

THAT ERCA continue to implement its Plan for the New Normal in keeping with provincial and local guidance to ensure the continued safety of staff and public

Resolution BD 65/20 Moved by John Jacob

Seconded by Peter Courtney

-CARRIED

12. Reports for Information

(a) BD 27/20 Water and Erosion Control Infrastructure (WECI) Projects 2020-21

THAT the projects described below which have received funding through the WECI Program for 2020-21 be carried out as described; and further

THAT, in light of local and provincial need, ERCA continue to advocate for increased WECI funding and supports through stimulus funding programs.

Resolution BD 66/20 Moved by Laura Lucier

Seconded by Larry Verbeke

-CARRIED

- (b) BD 28/20 Watershed Management Services Activities Report for June, July and August 2020

THAT the review of Regulations and Planning Applications, as presented in Report BD28/20 be received for Members' information.

Resolution BD 67/20	Moved by	Tracey Bailey	
	Seconded by	Peter Courtney	-CARRIED

- (c) Environmental Registry Reports

Environmental assessment modernization: amendment proposals for Class Environmental Assessments (ERO#019-1712) and the Proposed Major Amendments to the Class Environmental Assessment for Remedial Flood and Erosion Control Projects (2020)

THAT the Environmental Registry Report be received for Members' information.

Resolution BD 68/20	Moved by	Ed Sleiman	
	Seconded by	Tania Jobin	-CARRIED

- (d) Correspondence

I would like to highlight the work of Russ Jones and Tim Baxter, two of ERCA's Conservation Area Technicians who were among several ERCA staff that contributed to the success of the project at Spring Garden in Windsor, as outlined in our first piece of correspondence this evening

- i. Email from Season Snyder, John Wood Group PLC to Kevin Money, ERCA (et. al) on June 26, 2020 RE: European Reed (Phragmites) Control at Spring Garden Naturalized Area
- ii. Email from Conservation Ontario to AMO, BLD, OHBA, RESCON and all Conservation Area CAO's on June 29, 2020 RE: Conservation Ontario Client Service and Streaming Initiative
- iii. Email from Conservation Ontario to the Honourable Minister Yakabuski, MNFR, the Honourable Premier Ford and all Conservation Area CAO's on June 26, 2020 RE: Update on Conservation Ontario's Client Service

and Streamlining Initiative – Reporting on the Timeliness of Section 28 Reviews

- iv. Letter from the Honourable John Yakabuski, MNFR to Wayne Emmerson, Chair, Conservation Ontario on August 11, 2020
Re: Conservation Ontario’s Client Service and Streamlining Initiative
- v. Corporation of the Town of Renfrew, Resolution No. 2020-06-44, June 24, 2020

THAT the correspondence be received for Members’ information.

Resolution BD 69/20	Moved by	Marolyn Morrison	
	Seconded by	Morley Bowman	-CARRIED

13. Committee of the Whole

None

14. New Business

- (a) MOTION to waive the rules with respect to a Notice of Motion.

THAT Administration prepare a report to the Board regarding staffing levels and productivity in comparison to other Conservation Areas to inform the budget process

Resolution BD 70/20	Moved by	Len Janisse	
	Seconded by	John Jacobs	-CARRIED

- (b) Peter Courtney wanted to extend his thanks to ERCA Regulations Coordinator, Dan Jenner and Tim Byrne for their assistance in helping to resolve an issue with a constituent.

15. Other Business

- (a) BD 29/20 Staff Position Designation for Approval of Applications

THAT the following staff positions and incumbent personnel be delegated the authority to approve permissions under Ontario Regulation 158/06: a) General Manager/Secretary Treasurer, b)

