



MINUTES

Minutes for the Board of Directors Meeting held **Thursday, April 8, 2021**, at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom Web Conferencing

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

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| Member Regrets | Jim Morrison | Mark Carrick |
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| Members Absent | None |
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| Staff Present | Tim Byrne, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer |
| | Nicole Kupnicki, Corporate Services, Human Resources Manager/EA |
| | Shelley McMullen, Interim CFO/Director, Finance & Corporate Services |
| | Kevin Money, Director, Conservation Services |
| | Danielle Stuebing, Director, Community Outreach Services |
| | James Bryant, Director, Watershed Management Services |

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| Guests | Via livestream |
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1. Call to Order

Good evening and welcome to the April 8, 2021 meeting of the ERCA Board of Directors.

I will call the meeting to order and confirm that all members attending from the in-camera meeting of the ERCA Board preceding this meeting are still with us this evening. Thank you all.

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 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

4. Approval of Agenda

THAT the Agenda for the Thursday, April 8, 2021 Meeting of the Board of Directors be approved.

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| Resolution 33/21 | Moved by | Jeewen Gill | |
| | Seconded by | Len Janisse | -CARRIED |

5. Hearings

None

6. Adoption of Minutes

(a) ERCA Board of Directors

THAT the Minutes of the Thursday, February 18, 2021 meeting of the Board of Directors and the recommendations therein be approved as distributed.

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| Resolution 34/21 | Moved by | Joe Bachetti | |
| | Seconded by | Larry Verbeke | -CARRIED |

(b) ERCA Executive Committee

THAT the Minutes of the March 11, 2021 meeting of the Executive Committee and the recommendations therein be approved as distributed.

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| Resolution 35/21 | Moved by | Trevor Jones | |
| | Seconded by | Morley Bowman | -CARRIED |

(c) ERCA John R. Park Homestead Advisory Board

THAT the Minutes of the February 22, 2021 meeting of the John R. Park Homestead Advisory Board and the recommendations therein be approved as distributed.

Resolution 36/21

Moved by

Sue Desjarlais

Seconded by

Laura Lucier

-CARRIED

7. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

None

8. Announcements

Good evening, and welcome to everyone tuning in from home tonight.

It was my pleasure to attend the Virtual Annual General Meeting of the Essex Region Conservation Foundation on March 24. A copy of the Foundation's Gratitude Report is included in tonight's package for your information.

On behalf of the Authority, I extend my sincere appreciation to the Foundation's volunteer Board members, and especially to the many donors and supporters who this year raised more than \$294,000 for conservation projects and initiatives. Thank you!

The active pace of development continues throughout the region. Water Management Services staff are continuing to be challenged with responding to record numbers of inquiries surpassing last year's pace. Continued high lake levels are also impacting the number and type of development inquiries.

Staff are gearing up to begin planting more than 100,000 trees this spring, and have modified tree planting practices to ensure covid-19 protocols and physical distancing can be maintained.

We also look forward to welcoming our seasonal campers back to Holiday Beach on April 17, with Covid-compliant restrictions in place.

Finally, I'm pleased to share that on March 24, the John R. Park Homestead was voted the Best Historical Attraction in the Best of Windsor-Essex Awards, hosted by Tourism Windsor-Essex-Pelee Island.

9. Delegations

None

10. Presentations

None

11. Reports for Approval

- (a) BD 05/21 Issuance of Section 28 Permissions for Municipal Capital Works Undertakings

THAT ERCA staff be authorized to waive the requirement for a municipality to obtain Landowner Authorization by private landowners for culvert and bridge rehabilitation works provided that a Section 28 permission is issued to the Municipality for the overall project, works are contained within the banks of the watercourse, and sufficient notification of the proposed works have been provided to the nearby affected residents.

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| Resolution 37/21 | Moved by | Len Janisse | |
| | Seconded by | Kieran McKenzie | -CARRIED |

- (b) BD 06/21 Staff Position Designation for Approval of Applications - Update

THAT the following staff positions and incumbent personnel be delegated the authority to approve permissions under Ontario Regulation 158/06: a) Chief Administrative Officer/Secretary-Treasurer, b) Director of Watershed Management Services, c) Regulations Coordinator, and d) Water Resources Engineer; and further,

THAT the incumbent personnel within the identified staff positions above, listed a) through d), maintain delegated authority to approve permissions under Ontario Regulation 158/06 should they act in the capacity of any of those staff positions listed above a) through d).

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| Resolution 38/21 | Moved by | Sue Desjarlais | |
| | Seconded by | Kieran McKenzie | -CARRIED |

- (c) BD 07/21 ERCA 2021 Budget Approval

As we move to approve the 2021 budget, any outstanding questions can be addressed by Tim Byrne or Shelley McMullen.

I would like to remind members that voting with respect to levy contributions is a recorded, weighted majority vote.

Weighted votes simply means that municipalities that contribute a higher levy, based on Current Value Assessment, or CVA, have a higher percentage of the votes. But, even if a municipality has more than 50% of the CVA, their combined votes cannot exceed 50%.

We will begin, by Municipality beginning with Amherstburg. When I call your name, please state your vote.

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| Councillor Peter Courtney, Amherstburg | Support |
| Marolyn Morrison, Amherstburg | Support |
| Councillor Morley Bowman, Essex | Support |
| Councillor Chris Vander Doelen, Essex | Support |
| Councillor Laura Lucier, Kingsville | Support |
| Councillor Larry Patterson, Kingsville | Support |
| Deputy Mayor Tracey Bailey, Lakeshore | Support |
| Councillor Len Janisse, Lakeshore | Support |
| Councillor Sue Desjarlais, LaSalle | Support |
| Councillor Trevor Jones, Leamington | Support |
| Deputy Mayor Larry Verbeke, Leamington | Support |
| Councillor Dayne Malloch, Pelee Island | Support |
| Deputy Mayor, Joe Bachetti, Tecumseh | Support |
| Councillor Jeewen Gill, Windsor | Support |
| Vice Chair Kieran McKenzie, Windsor | Support |
| Councillor Ed Sleiman, Windsor | Support |
| Chair/Councillor Tania Jobin, Tecumseh | Support |

THAT the 2021 Draft Budget totalling \$10,026,284, receive final approval; and further

THAT the total municipal levy of \$3,454,619, representing an increase of 2%, be allocated and collected in accordance with respective municipal CVA percentages, as provided by Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and as presented in the attached 2021 Municipal Levy Allocation Table.

Resolution 39/21

Moved by

Kieran McKenzie

Seconded by

Sue Desjarlais

-CARRIED

12. Reports for Information

- (a) BD 08/21 High Lake Levels Update

THAT Report BD 08/21 be received for Member's information.

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| Resolution 40/21 | Moved by | Laura Lucier | |
| | Seconded by | Ed Sleiman | -CARRIED |

- (b) BD 09/21 Watershed Management Services Activities Report for February and March 2021

THAT the review of Regulations and Planning Applications, as presented in Report BD 09/21 be received for Members' information.

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| Resolution 41/21 | Moved by | Peter Courtney | |
| | Seconded by | Larry Verbeke | -CARRIED |

- (c) BD 10/21 Essex Region Conservation Foundation, 2020 Gratitude Report

THAT Report BD 10/21 be received for Members' information.

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| Resolution 42/21 | Moved by | Trevor Jones | |
| | Seconded by | Marolyn Morrison | -CARRIED |

- (c) Environmental Registry Reports – None

- (d) Correspondence

- i. Letter from City of Windsor to Honourable Jeff Yurek, MECP re CR5/2021 dated February 3, 2021
- ii. Letter from City of Windsor to Honourable Doug Ford re CR46/2021 dated February 3, 2021
- iii. Email from Keley Katona, MECP regarding Proclamation of Provisions of the Conservation Authorities Act dated February 5, 2021
- iv. City of Windsor Council Decision Report Number SCM58/2021, Clerk's File GCE2021 11.4 received March 31, 2021

THAT correspondence be received for Members' information.

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| Resolution 43/21 | Moved by | Larry Patterson | |
| | Seconded by | Ed Sleiman | -CARRIED |

13. Committee of the Whole

- (a) Endorse Actions of the Committee of the Whole

THAT the actions of the Committee of the Whole be endorsed.

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| Resolution 44/21 | Moved by | Morley Bowman | |
| | Seconded by | Jeewen Gill | -CARRIED |

14. New Business

- (a) Councillor McKenzie inquired if minutes of ERCA Board meetings were circulated to Municipal Councils. Administration clarified that minutes of each meeting of the Board are posted publically on the ERCA website
- (b) Ms. Morrison wanted to acknowledge that with the difficulties regarding Covid and not able to undertake fundraising efforts the success that the Foundation has had in raising funds. Congratulations to the Foundation and thank you for your efforts..

15. Other Business

- (a) The next meeting of the ERCA Board of Directors will be held on Thursday, May 13, 2021 (at the Call of the Chair) starting at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom web conferencing.

16. Adjournment

THAT the April 8, 2021 Meeting of the Essex Region Conservation Authority Board of Directors be adjourned.

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| Resolution 45/21 | Moved by | Ed Sleiman | |
| | Seconded by | Chris Vander Doelen | -CARRIED |


Tania Jobin
Chair


Tim Byrne
CAO/Secretary-Treasurer

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 13, 2021

Board of Directors Meeting (*At the Call of the Chair)
via Zoom Web Conferencing

June 17, 2021

Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom Web Conferencing