



MINUTES

Minutes for the Board of Directors Meeting held **Thursday, February 18, 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 | Mark Carrick | Jeewen Gill |
| | Chris Vander Doelen | Sue Desjarlais | Ed Sleiman |
| | | | Jim Morrison |

Member Regrets

Members Absent None

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

Guests Assorted Media

1. Call to Order

Good evening.

We will start by taking a roll call of all Board Members to confirm attendance. We have no regrets this evening.

We will begin 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 Mark Carrick, LaSalle
- Councillor Sue Desjarlais, LaSalle
- Councillor Trevor Jones, Leamington
- Deputy Mayor Larry Verbeke, Leamington
- Councillor Dayne Malloch, Pelee Island
- Deputy Mayor, Joe Bachetti, Tecumseh
- Councillor, Jeewen Gill, Windsor
- Vice Chair, Kieran McKenzie, Windsor
- Councillor James Morrison, Windsor
- Councillor Ed Sleiman, Windsor

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, February 18, 2021 Meeting of the Board of Directors be approved.

Resolution 20/21

Moved by Larry Verbeke

Seconded by Ed Sleiman

CARRIED

5. Hearings

None

6. Adoption of Minutes

(a) ERCA Board of Directors

THAT the Minutes of the Thursday, January 21, 2021 meeting of the Board of Directors and the recommendations therein be approved as distributed.

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| Resolution 21/21 | Moved by | Laura Lucier | |
| | Seconded by | Jeewen Gill | CARRIED |

(b) ERCA Finance and Audit Advisory Board

THAT the Minutes of the January 29, 2021 meeting of the Finance and Audit Advisory Board and the recommendations therein be approved as distributed.

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| Resolution 22/21 | Moved by | Morley Bowman | |
| | Seconded by | Marolyn Morrison | CARRIED |

(c) Conservation Ontario Council (CO)

THAT the Minutes of December 14, 2020 Conservation Ontario Council Annual General Meeting* be received.

* distributed via email per report BD 37.09

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| Resolution 23/21 | Moved by | Larry Patterson | |
| | Seconded by | Peter Courtney | CARRIED |

7. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

None

8. Announcements

Good evening. I'd like to first take this opportunity to publicly thank Tim Byrne for accepting the permanent role of CAO-Secretary Treasurer. Your leadership is greatly appreciated, and the Board looks forward to continuing to work with you in this capacity.

On behalf of the Board, I'd also like to welcome James Bryant as the permanent Director of Watershed Management Services. James has been serving in this

interim capacity for the past six months, and we are thankful for his leadership and continued service.

Due to ice formation, the Peche Island construction project has been paused and will continue in July, in accordance with DFO and MNRF restrictions.

Invasive species removal at the Spring Garden Natural area is ongoing to maintain the ecological integrity of this important natural area.

Restoration programs are on track to exceed 125 acres this spring, which is the largest number of spring planting projects planned since 2014.

We're also excited that community members have nominated several Conservation Areas as the 'Best of Windsor-Essex' in a number of categories, including:

- Hillman Marsh as Best Birding Hot-Spot;
- Holiday Beach in the categories of Best Outdoor Attraction & Best Birding Hot-Spot; and
- the John R Park Homestead as both Best Museum & Best Historical Attraction.

Voting takes place on the Tourism Windsor-Essex-Pelee Island website until March 5, and we are so pleased that the community so highly values and appreciates these conservation areas.

Staff continue to address the high volume of applications, which is currently on par with the last two years of record setting numbers. At the same time, Lake Levels in the region are lower by roughly 30 cm or 1 foot compared to this time 1 year ago; however, levels are still roughly 60 cm or 2 feet higher than the Long Term Average for this time of year. As a result, staff continue to address the demands from both the development pressures and high lake levels.

9. Delegations

None

10. Presentations

None

11. Reports for Approval

- (a) BD 01/21 Turkey Creek Hydrologic and Hydraulic Modelling – Professional Services Agreement

THAT ERCA enter into Professional Services Agreements with Dillon Consulting Ltd. and Landmark Engineering for Phase 1 of the Turkey Creek Hydrologic and Hydraulic Modelling update.

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| Resolution 24/21 | Moved by | Mark Carrick |
| | Seconded by | Kieran McKenzie |

CARRIED

(b) BD 02/21 ERCA Committee Appointments

THAT in keeping with her position, Chair, Tania Jobin be appointed to the Executive Committee, the Finance and Audit Advisory Board; ex-Officio member of the Essex Region Conservation Foundation; and as the Alternate Voting Member to Conservation Ontario Council; and further,

THAT in keeping with his position, Vice Chair, Kieran McKenzie be appointed to the Executive Committee, the Finance and Audit Advisory Board; and as the Second Alternate Voting Member to Conservation Ontario Council; and further,

THAT Councillor Jeeven Gill be appointed to the Conservation Services Advisory Board; and further,

THAT CAO/Secretary-Treasurer, Tim Byrne be the Voting Member to Conservation Ontario Council.

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| Resolution 25/21 | Moved by | Larry Verbeke |
| | Seconded by | Len Janisse |

CARRIED

(c) BD 03/21 2021 Draft Budget Options & Levy Request

THAT the 2021 Draft Budget and Levy Options be received for members' review and approval; and further,

THAT the Board of Directors support Option #2, from the three (3) levy funding options presented and outlined herein, and as recommended by Administration and supported by the Finance and Audit Advisory Board; and further,

THAT Administration circulate Report 03/21, with the companion 2021 Budget Summary document, based on Option #2 (2%), to member municipalities for review; and further,

Resolution 28/21 Moved by Trevor Jones

Seconded by Mark Carrick

CARRIED

(c) Correspondence

- i. Letter from Corporation of the Town of LaSalle re: LaSalle Submission for the December 10, 2020 - Board Meeting On Report BD43/20 dated December 9, 2020
- ii. Letter from Town of Kingsville to Municipality of Chatham-Kent re: Resolution Bill 229 and Conservation Authorities dated January 29, 2021
- iii. Letter from Conservation Ontario to Fred Pinto, Executive Director & Registrar, Ontario Professional Foresters Association re: Conservation Ontario's comments on the Ontario Professional Foresters Association's Review of the Professional Foresters Act, 2000 dated February 4, 2021
- iv. Email from MECP re: Proclamation of Provisions of the Conservation Authorities Act dated February 5, 2021
- v. Letter from Town of Kingsville to Municipality of West Grey re: Kingsville Town Council Support of Municipality of West Grey Council's Resolution on Schedule 8 of the Provincial Budget Bill 229 dated February 9, 2021

THAT correspondence be received for Members' information.

Resolution 29/21 Moved by Laura Lucier

Seconded by Sue Desjarlais

CARRIED

13. Committee of the Whole

- (a) Confidential Matters related to Property Matters

THAT the meeting move from Board of Directors to Committee of the Whole related to property matters.

Resolution 30/21 Moved by Trevor Jones

Seconded by Joe Bachetti

CARRIED

- (b) Resume Open Session

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

Resolution 31/21

Moved by

Kieran McKenzie

Seconded by

Jeewen Gill

CARRIED

14. New Business

15. Other Business

- (a) The next meeting of the ERCA Board of Directors will be held on Thursday, April 8, 2021 starting at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom web conferencing.

16. Adjournment

THAT the February 18, 2021 Meeting of the Essex Region Conservation Authority Board of Directors be adjourned.

Resolution 32/21

Moved by

Len Janisse

Seconded by

Ed Sleiman

CARRIED



Tania Jobin
Chair



Tim Byrne
CAO/Secretary-Treasurer