



## Essex Region Conservation Authority

### Board of Directors

### Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date:** Thursday, February 17, 2022

**Time:** 6:00 pm

**Location and Details:** via Zoom Web Conferencing

#### Attendance

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**Members Present:**

Tania Jobin (Chair)	Len Janisse
Kieran McKenzie (Vice-Chair)	Mark Carrick
Peter Courtney	Trevor Jones
Michael Prue	Larry Verbeke
Morley Bowman	Joe Bachetti
Chris Vander Doelen	Jeewen Gill
Larry Patterson	Jim Morrison
Tracey Bailey	Ed Sleiman

**Absent:**

**Regrets:**

Dayne Malloch	Sue Desjarlais
Laura Lucier	

**Staff Present**

Tim Byrne, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer  
Nicole Kupnicki, Corporate Services, Human Resources Manager/EA  
Shelley McMullen, CFO/Director Corporate Services  
Kevin Money, Director Conservation Services  
Danielle Stuebing, Director Community and Outreach Services  
James Bryant, Director Watershed Management Services  
Ryan Rossman, Director Information Technology Services

**Others**

**1. Call to Order**

Good evening and welcome to the February 17, 2022 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**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

### 4. **Approval of Agenda**

**Resolution 16/22** Moved by Morley Bowman  
Seconded by Chris Vander Doelen  
THAT the Agenda for the February 17, 2022 meeting of the Board of Directors be approved. **Carried**

### 5. **Hearings**

None

### 6. **Adoption of Minutes**

#### A. **ERCA Board of Directors**

**Resolution 17/22** Moved by Ed Sleiman  
Seconded by Mark Carrick  
THAT the Minutes of the Thursday, January 20, 2022 Annual General Meeting and the recommendations therein be approved as distributed. **Carried**

#### B. **ERCA Finance & Audit Advisory Board**

**Resolution 18/22** Moved by Len Janisse  
Seconded by Trevor Jones  
THAT the minutes for the February 3, 2022 meeting of the Finance & Audit Advisory Board and the recommendations therein be approved as distributed. **Carried**

### 7. **Business Arising from the Previous Minutes**

None

### 8. **Announcements**

Good evening. I'd like to first take this opportunity to welcome Councillor Michael Prue from the Town of Amherstburg to our Board of Directors. Due to the changes to the Conservation Authorities Act and an update to ERCAs Administrative By-Laws, elected councillors must constitute 70% of municipal appointments to the Authority Board.



THAT ERCA Administration implement the streamlined approvals process as outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding between Conservation Ontario and Hydro One..

**Carried**

**B. BD 02/22 2022 Draft Budget**

**Resolution 20/22** Moved by Kieran McKenzie

Seconded by Larry Patterson

THAT the 2022 Draft Budget: Details, Discussion & Analysis be received for Members' review and approval; and further,

THAT the Board of Directors support a 2.5% increase in levy (\$85,684) as recommended by the Finance and Audit Advisory Board (Resolution FAAB02/22); and further,

THAT Administration circulate the 2022 Draft Budget: Details, Discussion & Analysis inclusive of the Appendices, as presented in Report 02/22, to member municipalities for review; and further,

THAT Administration provide notice under the Conservation Authorities Act of a weighted vote, in accordance with Ontario Regulation 139/96, regarding the 2022 Draft Budget, at the Board of Directors Meeting on April 14, 2022. **Carried**

**12. Reports for Information**

**A. BD 03/22 Watershed Management Services Activities Report for December 2021 and January 2022**

**Resolution 21/22** Moved by Len Janisse

Seconded by Joe Bachetti

THAT the review of Regulations and Planning Applications, as presented in Report BD03/22 be received for Members' information. **Carried**

**B. Environmental Registry Reports**

- i. Conservation Ontario comments on Amendments to exempt low risk sewage works from requiring and Environmental Compliance Approval ERO#019-4456
- ii. Conservation Ontario's comments "Moving to a project list approach under the Environmental Assessment Act" ERO#019-4219

**Resolution 22/22** Moved by Larry Verbeke

Seconded by Peter Courtney

THAT Conservation Ontario comments on "Amendments to exempt low risk sewage works from requiring and Environmental Compliance Approval (ERO#019-4456)" and "Moving to a project list approach under the Environmental Assessment Act" (ERO#019-4219) be received for information. **Carried**

**C. Correspondence**

- i. Letter from Andy Mitchell, Chair, Conservation Ontario to Chair, All Conservation Authorities regarding Overview of the Conservation Authorities Act Phase 2 Regulatory and Policy Proposal Consultation Guide dated February 2, 2022
- ii. Email from MECP to all Conservation Authorities regarding Conservation Authority Agricultural Sector Representatives - Job Ads Posted dated February 8, 2022
- iii. Email from MECP to all Conservation Authorities regarding Conservation Authority Agricultural Sector Representatives - Job Ads Posted dated February 8, 2022

**Resolution 23/22** Moved by Len Janisse  
Seconded by Morley Bowman  
THAT correspondence be received for Members' information. **Carried**

**13. Confidential matters related to Property**

**A. Endorse Actions of the Committee of the Whole**

**Resolution 24/22** Moved by Mark Carrick  
Seconded by Chris Vander Doelen  
THAT the actions of the Committee of the Whole be endorsed. **Carried**

**14. New Business**

None

**15. Other Business**

**A. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the ERCA Board of Directors will be held on Thursday, April 14, 2022 starting at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom web conferencing.

**16. Adjournment**

**Resolution 25/22** Moved by Trevor Jones  
Seconded by Jeewen Gill

That the February 17, 2022 Meeting of the Essex Region Conservation Authority Board  
of Directors be adjourned. **Carried**



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Tania Jobin  
Chair



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Tim Byrne  
CAO/Secretary-Treasurer