



Essex Region Conservation Authority

Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Thursday, April 13, 2023

Time: 6:00 pm

Location and Details: Council Chambers, County of Essex Civic Centre
360 Fairview Avenue West, Essex, ON

Attendance

Members Present:	Jim Morrison (Chair)	Ryan McNamara
	Sue Desjarlais (Vice-Chair)	Michael Akpata
	Molly Allaire	Larry Verbeke
	Kim DeYong	Tania Jobin
	Thomas Neufeld	Angelo Marignani
	Jason Matyi	Mark McKenzie
	Tracey Bailey	Kieran McKenzie

Absent:

Regrets:	Peter Courtney	Anthony Abraham
	Katie McGuire-Blais	Dayne Malloch
		Joe Bachetti

Staff Present

Tim Byrne, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer
Nicole Kupnicki, Corporate Services, Human Resources Manager/EA
Shelley McMullen, CFO/Director Finance and Corporate Services
Danielle Stuebing, Director Community and Outreach Services
James Bryant, Director Watershed Management Services
Tian Martin, Water Resources Engineer

Others

1. Call to Order

Good evening and welcome to the April 13, 2023, meeting of the ERCA Board of Directors. I will call the meeting to order. Thank you all.

We have regrets this evening from:

- Councillor Peter Courtney, Amherstburg
- Councillor Katie McGuire Blaise, Essex
- Councillor Anthony Abraham, Leamington
- Deputy Mayor Dayne Malloch, Pelee Island
- Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti, Tecumseh

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 Potawatomi 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

A. ERCA Board of Directors

Resolution 42/23 Moved by Mark McKenzie
Seconded by Tania Jobin

THAT the Agenda for the April 1, 2023, meeting of the ERCA Board of Directors be approved.
Carried

5. Hearings

None

6. Adoption of Minutes

A. ERCA Board of Directors

Resolution 43/23 Moved by Ryan McNamara
Seconded by Thomas Neufeld

THAT the Minutes of the February 16, meeting of the Essex Region Conservation Authority Board of Directors and the recommendations therein be approved as distributed. **Carried**

B. Executive Committee

Resolution 44/23 Moved by Larry Verbeke
Seconded by Sue Desjarlais

THAT the Minutes of the March 22, 2023, meeting of the Executive Committee and the recommendations therein be approved as distributed. **Carried**

C. Finance & Audit Advisory Board

Resolution 45/23 Moved by Tracey Bailey
Seconded by Jason Matyi

THAT the Minutes of the March 23, 2023, 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'll keep my comments brief this evening, as we have a very full agenda, including the review of our budget.

With spring finally here, there are significant activities taking place across the watershed.

In March, we were pleased to undertake a successful prescribed burn at Hillman Marsh Conservation Area to allow the native prairie species to regenerate.

I was also most pleased to bring greetings to the release of our Watershed Report Card, and the Essex Region Conservation Foundation's Annual Meeting on March 22, both of which you will hear more about this evening.

Over the next two weeks, we have two litter cleanup events scheduled within the Detroit River Area of Concerns.

Trees for the spring planting program are arriving this week; and staff are gearing up to plant and distribute over 75,000 trees across the region over the coming months.

I'm also pleased to invite you all to join me on April 23 at the Earth Day Tree Planting Celebration in the City of Windsor. We are thankful to Enwin for sponsoring this event, and hope to see you there!

9. Delegations

None

10. Presentations

None

11. Reports for Approval

A. BD 12/23 ERCA 2023 Draft Budget, Discussion and Analysis

Resolution 46/23 Moved by Kieran McKenzie
Seconded by Angelo Marignani

THAT the 2023 Draft Budget: Details, Discussion & Analysis be received for Members' review and approval; and further,

THAT the Board of Directors support a 6.4% increase in levy (\$227,932) as recommended by the Finance and Audit Advisory Board (Resolution FAAB 02/23); and further,

THAT Administration circulate the 2023 Draft Budget: Details, Discussion & Analysis inclusive of the Appendices, as attached herein, 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 2023 Draft Budget, at the Board of Directors Meeting on May 10, 2023.

THAT Administration update the 2013 Asset Management Plan; and report back to the FAAB for review and consideration. **Carried**

B. BD 13/23 Designation of Bevin Martin, Senior Conservation Area Technician, as Provincial Offences Officer

Resolution 47/23 Moved by Michael Akpata
Seconded by Angelo Marignani

THAT the Essex Region Conservation Authority Board of Directors designate Mr. Bevin Martin, Senior Conservation Area Technician, as a Provincial Offences Officer under the Conservation Authorities Act. **Carried**

C. BD 14/23 Windsor-Essex Region Stormwater Management Standards Manual Update

Resolution 48/23 Moved by Kieran McKenzie
Seconded by Ryan McNamara

THAT ERCA Administration coordinate and provide project management services for the update to the Windsor/Essex Region Stormwater Management Standards Manual; and further, THAT ERCA enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Landmark Engineers Inc. for the update to the Windsor/Essex Region Stormwater Management Standards Manual. **Carried**

12. Reports for Information

A. BD15/23 Upper Little River Watershed Drainage and Stormwater Management Environmental Assessment Project Completion

Resolution 49/23 Moved by Kieran McKenzie
Seconded by Molly Alliare

THAT Report BD15/23 be received for Members' information. **Carried**

B. BD16/23 Essex Region Coastal Flood Hazard Mapping & Data Sharing Project

Resolution 50/23 Moved by Tania Jobin
Seconded by Sue Desjarlais

THAT Report BD16/23 be received for Members' information. **Carried**

C. BD 17/23 Watershed Management Services Activities Report for February and March 2023

Resolution 51/23 Moved by Larry Verbeke
Seconded by Ryan McNamara

THAT the review of Regulations and Planning Applications, as presented in Report BD 17/23 be received for Members' information. **Carried**

D. BD 18/23 2017 – 2022 Watershed Report Card

Resolution 52/23 Moved by Angelo Marignani
Seconded by Sue Desjarlais

THAT the 2017-2022 Watershed Report Card be received for Members' information. **Carried**

E. BD 19/23 Essex Region Conservation Foundation 2022 Gratitude Report

Resolution 53/23 Moved by Molly Alliare
Seconded by Jason Matyi

THAT the Essex Region Conservation Authority Board of Directors receive report BD 19/23 for information. **Carried**

F. Environmental Registry Reports

- i. Conservation Ontario's comments on "Seeking input about the use of floating accommodations on waterways over Ontario's public lands" (ERO #019-5119)

Resolution 54/23 Moved by Angelo Marignani
Seconded by Sue Desjarlais

THAT Conservation Ontario comments on ERO#019-5119 be received for Members' information. **Carried**

G. Correspondence

- i. Letter from The Honourable Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry regarding exception under subsection 17(1.3) of the Conservation Authorities Act (CA Act) dated February 24, 2023
- ii. Letter from Annamaria Cross, Director Environmental Assessment Modernization Branch, MECP regarding Modernization of Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) dated March 3, 2023

Resolution 55/23 Moved by Kimberly DeYong
Seconded by Larry Verbeke

THAT correspondence be received for Members' information. **Carried**

13. Committee of the Whole

None

14. New Business

None

15. Other Business.

A. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the ERCA Board of Directors will be held May 10, 2023, starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Essex Civic Centre.

16. Adjournment

Resolution 56/23 Moved by Molly Alliare
Seconded by Angelo Marignani

THAT the April 13, 2023 meeting of the Essex Region Conservation Authority Board of Directors be adjourned. **Carried**



Jim Morrison, Chair



Tim Byrne, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer