

Board of Directors Meeting

MINUTES

The meeting of the Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority's Board of Directors was held in person and remotely via the LTVCA's Administration Office at 100 Thames Street, Chatham, at 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, December 19, 2024. The following directors were in attendance: S. Emons, K. Loveland, P. Tiessen, P. Van Meerbergen, H. Aerts, T. Thompson and M. Vink. S. Hipple, A. Finn, R. Leatham, L. Vogler and M. Bondy sent their regrets.

1. First Nations Acknowledgment

Mark Peacock, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer read the First Nations acknowledgement.

2. Call to Order

3. Adoption of Agenda

BD-2024-71 T. Thompson – P. Van Meerbergen

Moved that the agenda be adopted as amended with the addition of item 10.9).

CARRIED

4. Disclosures of Conflicts of Interest

None Declared.

5. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

BD-2024-72 P. Tiessen – T. Thompson

Moved that the Board of Directors meeting minutes of October 17, 2024 and December 4, 2024 be approved.

CARRIED

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

None declared.

7. Presentations

7.1) Administrative By-Law - Best Management Practices and Code of Conduct, Conflict of Interest Policies, Procedure for Election of Officers Update 1st Reading

Valerie Towsley provided a presentation to the Board of Directors on the Administrative By-Law - Best Management Practices and Code of Conduct, Conflict of Interest Policies, Procedure for Election of Officers Update – 1st Reading

7.2) Watershed Based Resource Management Strategy

Mark Peacock and Valerie Towsley provided a presentation to the Board of Directors on the Watershed Based Resource Management Strategy

BD-2024-73 K. Loveland – H. Aerts

Moved that presentations 7.1 – 7.2 be received.

CARRIED

8. New Business

None declared.

9. Business for Approval

9.1) Administrative By-Law - Best Management Practices and Code of Conduct, Conflict of Interest Policies, Procedure for Election of Officers - Update - 1st Reading

BD-2024-74 T. Thompson – P. Tiessen

Moved that the updated By-law 2025-03 be read for a first time; and
That staff be directed to post the Administrative By-law - Best Management Practices and Code of Conduct, Conflict of Interest Policies, Procedure for Election of Officers – Update on the LTVCA’s website for consultation by the public.

CARRIED

9.2) Watershed Based Resource Management Strategy

BD-2024-75 K. Loveland – P. Van Meerbergen

Moved that the Board of Directors endorses the Watershed Based Resource Management Strategy as a living document to guide the Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority staffing and programs;
And that the Watershed Based Resource Management Strategy be moved from the Public Consultation section to the Governance section on our website;
And That moving forward, that any reports to the Board will reference the new Strategy as aligning with the objectives within the Watershed Based Resource Management Strategy.

CARRIED

9.3) Conservation Lands Strategy

BD-2024- 76 P. Tiessen – T. Thompson

Moved that the Board of Directors endorses the Conservation Lands Strategy as a living document to guide the Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority staffing and programs;

And that the Conservation Lands Strategy be moved from the Public Consultation section to the Governance section on our website;

And that moving forward, that any reports to the Board will reference the new Strategy as aligning with the objectives within the Watershed Based Resource Management Strategy and the Conservation Lands Strategy.

CARRIED

9.4) LTVCA Asset Management Plan

BD-2024-77 K. Loveland – T. Thompson

Moved that the Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority Asset Management Plan 2024 be approved.

CARRIED

9.5) Flood Plain Mapping Through the Flood Hazard Identification and Mapping Program

BD-2024-78 P. Van Meerbergen – H. Aerts

Moved that the Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority Board of Directors approves participation in the Township of Southwold – Talbot Creek Flood Plain Mapping project and

That Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority Board of Directors approves providing in-kind support for the carrying out of this project.

CARRIED

BD-2024-79 T. Thompson – P. Tiessen

Moved that the Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority Board of Directors approves participation in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent South Chatham Flood Plain Mapping Project and

That Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority Board of Directors approves providing in-kind support for the carrying out of this project.

CARRIED

BD-2024-80 T. Thompson – K. Loveland

Moved that the Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority Board of Directors approves participation in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent Phase 1 Thames River Flood Plain Mapping Project and

That the Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority Board of Directors approves providing in-kind support for the carrying out of this project.

CARRIED

9.6) Income and Expenditure vs Budget to October 31, 2024

BD-2024-81 K. Loveland – P. Tiessen

Moved that the Board of Directors receives the Budget vs Revenue and Expenditures report for the period ended October 31, 2024.

CARRIED

10. Business for Information

10.1) CAO Report

BD-2024-82 T. Thompson – P. Van Meerbergen

Moved that the CAO / Secretary-Treasurer report be approved for information purposes.

CARRIED

10.2) Water Management

10.3) Planning and Regulations

10.4) Conservation Area Lands

10.5) Conservation Services

10.6) Communications, Education and Outreach

10.7) Ska-Nah-Doht Advisory Committee Minutes November 14, 2024

10.8) Wheatley Two Creeks Association November Minutes

BD-2024-83 K. Loveland – H. Aerts

Moved that Business for Information items 10.2) to 10.8) be received for information.

CARRIED

10.9) LTVCA Water and Erosion Control Structures Operational Plan

BD-2024-84 M. Vink – K. Loveland

Moved that Business for Information item 10.9) LTVCA Water and Erosion Control Structures Operational Plan be received for information.

CARRIED

11. Correspondence

11.1) Rebuild or retreat? Repeat flooding forces tough decisions on homeowners, governments

BD-2024-85 P. Tiessen – P. Van Meerbergen

Moved that Correspondence item 11.1) be received for information.

CARRIED

12. Other Business

None noted.


13. Adjournment

BD-2024-86 T. Thompson – P. Van Meerbergen

Moved that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Sarah Emons
Chair



Mark Peacock, P. Eng.
CAO/Secretary-Treasurer