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Council Agenda – December 16, 2024

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Haldimand County Provincial Offences Act

Ticket Issuance Statistics

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
JANUARY	279	217	149	151	209	104	157	142	93	133
FEBRUARY	201	205	184	186	330	81	169	74	197	142
MARCH	273	248	364	213	283	84	229	173	77	158
APRIL	566	211	181	295	370	81	371	400	282	343
MAY	422	202	197	337	262	270	372	266	188	343
JUNE	398	197	214	271	238	140	160	135	213	225
JULY	567	171	146	345	349	216	269	203	178	174
AUGUST	336	272	203	303	325	122	131	162	200	268
SEPTEMBER	238	173	117	184	298	190	163	155	124	327
OCTOBER	242	258	143	212	236	154	139	212	175	320
NOVEMBER	302	153	164	248	108	113	122	139	113	237
DECEMBER	200	102	127	276	71	160	69	132	95	
Total	4024	2409	2189	3021	3079	1715	2351	2193	1935	2670

The above figures reflect tickets issued in Haldimand County from all sources including Haldimand County By-law Enforcement, the O.P.P., and various provincial ministries. They do not include Part II (Parking) issued offences.

Comprehensive POA Stats - 2024

Legislation / By-law Reference		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Summary of Charges Laid by OPP													
Highway Traffic Act (Part I - ticket)		90	109	115	244	270	173	122	222	287	268	199	
Highway Traffic Act (Part III - information)		38	32	33	73	44	8	11	28	17	35	28	
Parking By-laws (Part II)	By-law 307/02	2			29	1							
	By-law 302/02 (snow)												
	By-law 1534-15 Parks												
Discharge Firearms	By-law 41-74												
	By-law 38-74												
	By-law 11-79												
Noise	By-law 1435/14												
Open Air Fires	By-law 1662/16												
EMCPA	7.0.11(2)(a)												
Late Filed Part 1 Tickets	these #'s not included in total					5							
Total of all Charges Laid		130	141	148	346	315	181	133	250	304	303	227	0
										OPP Total: 2478			
Summary of Charges Laid by County Staff													
Discharge Firearms	By-law 41-74												
	By-law 38-74												
	By-law 11-79												
Noise	By-law 1435/14												
Property Standards	By-law 730/06				2								
Ontario Building Code Act, 1992	Section 8(1) No Permit							3					
	Section 12(2) Fail to Comply to Order												
Open Air Fires	1662/16												
Planning Act	562(67)(1)			2	1	2		1	2	2	6	3	
Haldimand-Norfolk Tree By-law	By-law 15-00												
Fire Protection	By-law 28(1)	2						1					
Parking By-laws (Part II)	By-law 307/02	16	28	30		248	208		118			4	
	By-law 302/02 (snow)												
Parks	By-law 1534/15					8	11		15			1	
Site Alteration By-law	By-law 1664/16												
Total of all Charges Laid		18	28	32	3	258	219	5	135	2	6	8	0
										Staff Total: 714			
Summary of Charges Laid by Other Enforcement Agencies													
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry						15	13	4	2		10	2	
Welland & District Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA)(PAWS)		2	1	2	1	10		14	2	1	1		
Ministry of Finance						1	8	2	1	4		2	
Provincial Animal Welfare Services (PAWS)					11							3	
Conservation Authority					6								
Minstry of Environment				6	1	1	15	15	11	16			
Ministry of Labour					4		8	1					
Ministry of Housing													
Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs													
Ontario College of Trades													
Health Protection Act		1											
Total of all Charges Laid		3	1	8	23	27	44	36	16	21	11	7	0
							Other Enforcement Agency Total: 197						
*Note: Total Charges (Excluding Parking) reflects what is recorded and reported regularly to Council (through the Council Information Package) and PSB for year-by-year historical trends. The historical trends spreadsheet does not capture parking tickets.							*Total Charges (Excluding Parking)		2670				
							OPP Issued Parking Charges		32				
							Staff Issued Parking Charges		687				
							Total Parking Charges Issued		719				
							Total of All 2024 Charges		3389				



LONG POINT REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of November 6, 2024
Approved December 5, 2024

Members in attendance:

Robert Chambers, Chair	County of Brant
Dave Beres, Vice-Chair	Town of Tillsonburg
Shelley Ann Bentley	Haldimand County
Doug Brunton	Norfolk County
Michael Columbus	Norfolk County
Tom Masschaele	Norfolk County
Jim Palmer	Township of Norwich
Stewart Patterson	Haldimand County
Chris Van Paassen	Norfolk County
Peter Ypma	Township of South-West Oxford

Regrets:

Rainey Weisler	Municipality of Bayham/Township of Malahide
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Staff in attendance:

Judy Maxwell, General Manager
 Aaron LeDuc, Manager of Corporate Services
 Leigh-Anne Mauthe, Manager of Watershed Services
 Saifur Rahman, Manager of Engineering and Infrastructure
 Jessica King, Social Media and Marketing Associate
 Dana McLachlan, Executive Assistant
 Nicole Sullivan, HR Associate/Receptionist

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Chair, Robert Chambers, called the meeting to order at 7:52 p.m., Wednesday, November 6, 2024.

Doug Brunton informed the Board that he attended the Turkey Mountain Bike Club appreciation dinner along with Chris Van Paassen and Tom Masschaele.

2. Additional Agenda Items

Item 6 a) proposed change of November 13th Budget meeting start time to be added to the November 6, 2024 agenda under Business Arising.

3. Approval of the Agenda

A-126/24

Moved by D. Beres
 Seconded by P. Ypma

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors approves the agenda as amended.

FULL AUTHORITY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Shelley Ann Bentley, Dave Beres, Doug Brunton, Robert Chambers, Michael Columbus,
 Tom Masschaele, Jim Palmer, Stewart Patterson, Rainey Weisler, Chris Van Paassen, Peter Ypma

Carried

4. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

None were declared.

5. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

a) Board of Directors Meeting Minutes - October 2, 2024

A-127/24

Moved by M. Columbus

Seconded by D. Beres

THAT the minutes of the LPRCA Board of Directors Meeting held October 2, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

6. Business Arising

a) Budget Meeting Start time

A-128/24

Moved by C. Van Paassen

Seconded by S. Patterson

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors approve the start time of the November 13th Budget meeting to be 9:00am.

Carried

7. Review of Committee Minutes

a) Backus Museum Committee Meeting - July 22, 2024

A-129/24

Moved by T. Masschaele

Seconded by J. Palmer

THAT the minutes of the Backus Museum Committee Meeting held July 22, 2024 be approved as circulated.

Carried

8. Correspondence

There was no correspondence to discuss.

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Tom Masschaele, Jim Palmer, Stewart Patterson, Rainey Weisler, Chris Van Paassen, Peter Ypma

9. Planning Department

a) Section 28 Regulations Approved Permits (L. Mauthe)

Peter Ypma asked staff about permit 139/24 and what portion of the water was being dredged. Leigh-Anne Mauthe responded that the dredging was happening at the entrance of the marina channel.

A-130/24

Moved by P. Ypma

Seconded by C. Van Paassen

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the staff approved Section 28 Regulation Approved Permits report dated November 6, 2024 as information.

Carried

10. New Business

a) General Manager's Report (J. Maxwell)

Judy Maxwell provided a report summarizing operations this past month and provided a few recent updates.

Judy Maxwell informed the Board that the Decoy Museum proposed for the Education Centre will proceed and will be a nice addition to the Centre. The Decoy museum, funded by Tom Davidson Sr., will house 30 to 40 decoys with a focus on Long Point Region craftsmanship with a few from surrounding areas.

Jim Palmer asked staff if the safety boom in Norwich would need to be removed in the winter? Saifur Rahman informed the Board that the safety boom is permanent.

A-131/24

Moved by M. Columbus

Seconded by J. Palmer

That the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the General Manager's Report for October 2024 as information.

Carried

b) 3rd Quarter Financial Report (A. LeDuc)

The report was presented by Aaron LeDuc.

Dave Beres asked if there are restrictions on planning applications fees this year. Aaron LeDuc informed the Board that the Authority has not been informed of any restrictions. Leigh-Anne Mauthe elaborated that the fees for planning have been frozen for two years.

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Mike Columbus asked staff about the Administrative Office upgrades in the capital sheet and if the project was going ahead in 2024. Aaron LeDuc informed the Board that the Authority has a design along with three or four requests out for quotes out and have quotes for electrical and flooring. The project will be completed in 2025.

Peter Ypma asked staff why the upgrades were being done when the Authority does not own the building. Aaron LeDuc said that current furniture is a mismatched set of old furniture, and is an investment ergonomically for staff.

A-132/24

Moved by S. Patterson

Seconded by J. Palmer

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the Q3 Financial Report – September 30, 2024 for the fiscal period up to and including September 30th, 2024 as information.

Carried

c) Teeterville Dam Class Environmental Assessment - Progress Report and Committee Appointment (S. Rahman)

Saifur Rahman reviewed the report. The Board Members discussed the member appointment.

A-133/24

Moved by S. Bentley

Seconded by J. Palmer

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the Teeterville Dam Class Environmental Assessment Progress Report as information,

AND

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors approves the following appointment:

Michael Columbus as a member of the Teeterville Dam Class Environment Assessment Community Liaison Committee

Carried

d) Conservation Land Strategy (J. Maxwell)

Judy Maxwell updated the Board on the finalized Conservation Land Strategy.

A-134/24

Moved by T. Masschaele

Seconded by P. Ypma

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors approves the final draft Conservation Land Strategy;

AND,

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THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors direct staff to provide a copy of the Conservation Land Strategy to the Ministry of Natural Resources and make it available on the LPRCA website.

Carried

e) Watershed-based Resource Management Strategy (J. Maxwell)

Judy Maxwell presented the finalized Watershed-based Resource Management Strategy and staff report.

Doug Brunton asked Staff if this report was completed in house. Judy Maxwell confirmed that it was completed by LPRCA staff.

A-135/24

Moved by S. Bentley

Seconded by M. Columbus

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors approves the final draft Watershed-based Resource Management Strategy;

AND,

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors direct staff to provide a copy of the Watershed-based Resource Management Strategy to the Ministry of Natural Resources and make it available on the LPRCA website.

Carried

f) Provincial Planning Statement Update (L. Mauthe)

Leigh-Anne Mauthe updated the Board on the new Provincial Planning Statement.

A-136/24

Moved by S. Patterson

Seconded by P. Ypma

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives this report as information.

g) Backus Museum Committee Member Appointment (J. Maxwell)

Judy Maxwell presented the Backus Museum Committee Member appointment to the Board.

A-137/24

Moved by J. Palmer

Seconded by T. Masschaele

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors appoints Mary Charles as a Community Representative to the Backus Museum Committee.

Carried

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Shelley Ann Bentley, Dave Beres, Doug Brunton, Robert Chambers, Michael Columbus,
Tom Masschaele, Jim Palmer, Stewart Patterson, Rainey Weisler, Chris Van Paassen, Peter Ypma

11. Closed Session

A-138/24

Moved by D. Brunton

Seconded by J. Palmer

THAT the LPRCA Hearing Board does now enter into a closed session to discuss:

- Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege.

Carried

The members entered the closed session at 8:23 p.m. and reconvened in open session at 8:31 p.m.

Next meeting: November 13, 2024, Budget, 9:00 a.m.

December 4, 2024, Board of Directors, 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

Robert Chambers
Chair

Judy Maxwell
General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer

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Tom Masschaele, Jim Palmer, Stewart Patterson, Rainey Weisler, Chris Van Paassen, Peter Ypma



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Hearing Board Meeting Minutes of November 6, 2024
Approved December 5, 2024

Members in attendance:

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Dave Beres, Vice-Chair	Town of Tillsonburg
Shelley Ann Bentley	Haldimand County
Doug Brunton	Norfolk County
Michael Columbus	Norfolk County
Tom Masschaele	Norfolk County
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Staff in attendance:

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 Leigh-Anne Mauthe, Manager of Watershed Services
 Saifur Rahman, Manager of Engineering and Infrastructure
 Jessica King, Social Media and Marketing Associate
 Dana McLachlan, Executive Assistant
 Nicole Sullivan, HR Associate/Receptionist

1. Roll Call and Call to Order

The Chair called the Hearing to order at 6:31 p.m., Wednesday, November 6, 2024.

The roll was called to conduct the following Hearing under Section 28 of the *Conservation Authorities Act*.

A-121/24

Moved by M. Columbus
 Seconded by T. Masschaele

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors does now sit as a Hearing Board.

Carried

2. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

Peter Ypma declared a conflict with Hearing LPRCA-168/ 24 and left the room.

3. Hearing: LPRCA-168/24 – Tillsonburg Development Inc and LPRCA 187/24 Mark Lefler.

The Chair vacated his seat for the Hearing Board and did not participate in the proceedings. The Vice-Chair, Dave Beres, chaired the Hearings.

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A-122/24

Moved by J. Palmer

Seconded by D. Brunton

THAT the Vice Chair, Dave Beres, is appointed Acting Chair for the Hearing Board.

Carried

4. Chair's Opening Remarks for Hearing LPRCA- 168/24

The Chair's opening remarks for LPRCA-168/24 Tillsonburg Inc. were read and the guidelines and process to be followed for the hearing were reviewed.

5. Presentation by Long Point Region Conservation Authority Staff

Leigh-Anne Mauthe introduced the Agent, David Roe, and CJDLC Project Engineer, Alex Muirhead, and then proceeded to present the staff report and presentation.

Staff recommended refusal to grant a permit for this application for the following reasons:

1. The construction of the proposed structure within the unstable slope is contrary to Long Point Region Conservation Authority policies for development in the Riverine Erosion hazard. These policies have been implemented to reduce or eliminate preventable risk to life and property damage from erosion and unstable slopes,
2. The control of erosion is affected by the development in that it increases the potential for damage from slope instability and erosion.

6. Presentation by the Applicant

David Roe, Agent, and Alex Muirhead, Engineer, addressed the Board on behalf of the Applicant requesting approval of the application.

Alex Muirhead addressed Agenda Page # 46 on the Areas of Concern on the North Side. Alex spoke of the safety of the stable slope. Any building founded beneath the stable slope would be on stable soils as the deck footings are below this line and was confirmed with a Geotechnical engineer. The north side build is within the 6m setback from the stable slope limit and the slope is 4.5m and gets smaller heading towards Baldwin St.

Alex Muirhead addressed Agenda Page # 45 on the Areas of Concern of the South Side. The South Side stable slope line is steeper than the actual grade, which means that the slope is actually flatter than the stable slope. The Engineer proposes to add fill from mid-way down the slope to carry the grade flatter than the stable slope limit up to the top to create a new top of bank that would be at least 6m from the setback.

7. Questions

There were no questions from Staff or the applicant.

Staff and the proponent responded to questions from the Board.

Mike Columbus asked how far the unstable slope is from Stoney Creek. Alex Muirhead responded that the creek was 50 to 100 meters away from the development on the Borden Crescent side.

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Doug Brunton asked if there were any records of a high-water mark for Stoney Creek. Alex Muirhead was unsure of the high-water mark but noted that the slope is higher. Leigh-Anne Mauthe said there are no high-water marks for this area, as they are usually only used for shorelines of the Great Lakes. There is floodplain mapping at this location and there are no flooding concerns as the property is well above the 100-year flood elevation. Leigh-Anne Mauthe noted it is the slope which is the concern, it is not a flooding concern.

Jim Palmer asked what kind of soil is at the development. Alex Muirhead let the Board know it was silty clay.

The members entered the closed session of the Hearing Board at 6:50 p.m.

A-123/24

Moved by S. Bentley

Seconded by C. Van Paassen

THAT the LPRCA Hearing Board does now enter into a closed session to discuss:

- Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals (e.g. Local Planning Appeal Tribunal), affecting the Authority.

Carried

8. Reconvene in Public Forum

The LPRCA Hearing Board reconvened in open session at 7:01 p.m. Peter Ypma rejoined the meeting.

9. Hearing Board Decision for LPRCA-168/24

The Chair advised Tillsonburg Development Inc. that the permit has been approved. The Notice of Decision will be forwarded by staff.

10. Chair's Opening Remarks for Hearing LPRCA-187/24

The Chair's opening remarks for LPRCA-187/24 Mark Lefler were read and the guidelines and process to be followed for the hearing were reviewed.

11. Presentation by Long Point Region Conservation Authority Staff

Leigh-Anne Mauthe introduced the Agent, Justin Massecar, and proceeded to present the staff report and presentation.

Leigh-Anne clarified that the datums used by Justin Massecar in his presentation package and the ones used by LPRCA are different. Justin Massecar admitted to using the wrong datum in his package.

Staff recommended refusal to grant a permit for this application for the following reasons:

1. The construction of the proposed structure within the unstable slope and the floodplain is contrary to Long Point Region Conservation Authority policies for development in the Riverine erosion hazard and flood hazard. These policies have been implemented to reduce or eliminate preventable risk to life and property damage from erosion, unstable slopes and flooding,

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2. The control of flooding is affected by the development in that it increases the potential for damages and negative cumulative effects by filling in a portion of the Black Creek floodplain,
3. The control of erosion is affected by the development in that it increases the potential for damage from slope instability and erosion.

12. Presentation by the Applicant

Justin Massecar addressed the Board on behalf of the Applicant requesting approval of the application. A presentation was submitted by the applicant in advance of the hearing and included in the agenda package.

Justin Massecar presented the submitted documents. Mr. Massecar elaborated on Leigh-Anne Mauthe's earlier clarification on the floodplain datums that were used reiterating the discrepancies. Justin Massecar noted that this was a mistake on his part. Justin mentioned that a surveyor could plot the floodline where the development is in the floodplain based on LPRCA's flood elevation.

13. Questions

There were no questions from Staff.

Justin Massecar asked staff if the Authority would ever allow any minor elements to be permitted in a floodplain. Leigh-Anne Mauthe responded that all permits are looked at on a case by case basis. On existing units and development, they can allow minor elements to be changed in the floodplain, but not new units.

Staff and the proponent responded to questions from the Board.

Mike Columbus asked staff how much fill was proposed to go in. Leigh-Anne Mauthe was unsure of the exact square area of fill, but the development includes a retaining wall that will provide a flat area for the structure and stairs.

Peter Ypma asked staff if the structure was moved from the floodplain, could staff support the request. Leigh-Anne Mauthe informed the Board that staff cannot approve new units built on the slope.

Peter Ypma asked the agent why they did not originally design the new build outside of the floodplain. Justin Massecar let the Board know the design was done on the instruction of the Applicant. The Agent believed the structure itself to be outside of the floodplain, and only the retaining wall and stairs would remain in the floodplain.

Peter Ypma asked if there was a boat well in the lower level. Justin Massecar confirmed there was no boat well, only an empty concrete room at the bottom of the new build facing Black Creek.

Peter Ypma asked if it was possible to square up the new build with the existing structure on the lot or with Douglas Street. Justin Massecar explained the design was done to address access issues at the street.

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Peter Ypma asked about the potential for a secondary driveway. Justin Massecar responded that there was no space on the lot.

Chris Van Paassen asked where Douglas Street ends in relation to this property. Justin Massecar informed the board that the Applicant purchased the end of the street, but was unaware of access and rights. Chris Van Paassen confirmed that Norfolk County sold Mark Lefler the end of the street and it is now part of the lot.

Doug Brunton asked for more clarification on the datum discrepancy noted by both staff and the Agent. Leigh-Anne Mauthe informed the Board that there were two datums, 176.26m CGVD1928 and the 175.81m CGVD2013, with a difference of approximately 45cm. There is no discrepancy in the floodplain lines, only in which datum had been used. LPRCA gives applicants both datums and the engineer or surveyor retained by applicants can use either one. LPRCA used the correct datum based on the topographic survey given and the Agent was using the CGVD2013 datum.

Stewart Patterson asked if there was an existing structure on the lot. Justin Massecar confirmed there was an existing house which is the residence of the applicant.

Shelly Ann Bentley asked if this build was a secondary dwelling and the lot size of the whole property was. Justin Massecar confirmed that it was a secondary dwelling and he was unaware of the lot size. A minor variance will be brought forward for the second dwelling; however, from preliminary discussions with the County, the minor variance would be approved.

The members entered the closed session of the Hearing Board at 7:28 p.m.

A-124/24

Moved by S. Patterson

Seconded by P. Ypma

THAT the LPRCA Hearing Board does now enter into a closed session to discuss:

- Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals (e.g. Local Planning Appeal Tribunal), affecting the Authority.

Carried

14. Reconvene in Public Forum

The LPRCA Hearing Board reconvened in open session at 7:50 p.m.

15. Hearing Board Decision for LPRCA 187/24

The Chair advised Mark Lefler's Agent, Justin Massecar, that the permit has been approved with conditions. The conditions of the permit are below:

1. Engineered slope stability assessment report
2. A geodetic survey to confirm floodline

for the following reasons:

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1. There needs to be confirmation from a geotechnical engineer that the current design and placement of the building will be constructed as to not negatively affect the slope and the neighbouring properties
2. To accurately plot the floodline

The Notice of Decision will be forwarded by staff.

16. Adjournment

A-125/24

Moved by M. Columbus

Seconded by S. Bentley

That the LPRCA Board of Directors does now adjourn from sitting as a Hearing Board.

Carried

The Chair adjourned the Hearing at 7:52 p.m.

Robert Chambers
Chair

Judy Maxwell
General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer

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FULL AUTHORITY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Tom Masschaele, Jim Palmer, Stewart Patterson, Rainey Weisler, Chris Van Paassen, Peter Ypma



LONG POINT REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
Board of Directors Budget Meeting of November 13, 2024
Approved December 5, 2024

Members in Attendance

Robert Chambers, Chair	County of Brant
Dave Beres, Vice-Chair	Town of Tillsonburg
Shelley Ann Bentley	Haldimand County
Doug Brunton	Norfolk County
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Regrets:

Tom Masschaele	Norfolk County
Jim Palmer	Township of Norwich
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Staff in attendance:

Judy Maxwell, General Manager
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 Saifur Rahman, Manager of Engineering and Infrastructure
 Nicole Sullivan, HR Associate/Receptionist
 Dana McLachlan, Executive Assistant

*R. Weisler arrived at 9:08 a.m.

*D. Beres excused himself at 9:41a.m and returned at 10:12a.m.

1. Welcome and Call to Order

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m., Wednesday, November 13, 2024.

2. Additional Agenda Items

No additional items were added to the agenda.

3. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

None were declared.

4. Budget Overview Presentation

The Manager of Corporate Services provided a general overview of the 2025 draft budget.

At the last Audit and Finance Committee meeting on August 16, the Committee provided staff

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direction to prepare a budget with a maximum 5.0% target increase on the levy. The 2025 Draft Budget was presented with a 2.58% or \$60,278 municipal levy increase. The operating levy increased by 4.27% or \$91,718 and the capital levy decreased by 16.64% or \$31,440. A special levy to Norfolk County is required for the Sutton Dam Structure Design and Removal project in 2025.

The following reports were reviewed and discussed:

1. Draft Consolidated Operating Budget
2. Draft Consolidated Budget Summary
3. Draft Municipal Levy Consolidated
4. 5-year Summary by Municipality of Levy Apportionment

The Current Value Assessment Apportionment for 2023 and 2024 were presented and discussed. The assessment data was provided by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry based on O. Reg. 402/22 (Budget and Apportionment).

5. 2025 Budget Package

Operations:

The Managers reviewed each of their department(s) draft budgets, action plans, projects, and staffing requirements.

Capital:

The 2025 total for capital spending is budgeted at \$808,864 requiring \$157,500 from the general levy, \$222,755 from the Current Year Surplus, \$52,109 from the User Fee Reserve, \$30,000 Prior Year Capital, \$147,500 Provincial Grants, and \$100,000 Special Levy from Norfolk County.

The following reports were reviewed and discussed:

1. One-Year 2025 Draft Capital Budget
2. Five-Year 2025 Draft Capital Budget

Maintenance work and necessary repairs for public safety are continuing on the major water control structures. Three projects are planned for 2025 totaling \$265,000, Teeterville Dam Class Environmental Assessment, Lehman Dam Safety Review, and Sutton Dam Structure Design and Removal.

Two Watershed Services projects are planned for 2025 totaling \$130,000; A hydrology study, and the flood hazard mapping of Nanticoke Creek.

Other works include gate replacement, updated signage, and repairs on Authority lands, parking lots and fencing upgrades, Lower Big Creek Barn demolition, Backus Heritage Site building Assessments, Haldimand CA hydro upgrades, Conservation Education exterior, and the purchase of playground equipment for Waterford North CA. Annual computer upgrades, and vehicle and equipment replacements.

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6. General Manager's Report and Budget Recommendations

A-107/23

Moved by M. Columbus

Seconded by S. Bentley

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors approves the following recommendations regarding LPRCA's 2025 Draft Operating and Capital budgets:

THAT the draft 2025 operating budget of \$6,082,265 requiring \$2,237,681 of general levy representing an increase in the general levy of 4.27% or \$91,718;

AND

THAT the draft 2025 capital budget of \$808,864 requiring \$157,500 of general levy representing a decrease in the general levy of -16.64% or \$31,440;

AND

THAT the draft 2025 capital budget includes a special levy of \$100,000 for Norfolk County;

AND

THAT the total general municipal levy of \$2,395,181 requiring an increase of 2.58% or \$60,278 overall compared to 2024 be circulated to member municipalities for review and comment;

AND

THAT staff be directed to present the Draft 2025 Budget to member municipalities when requested.

Carried

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Robert Chambers
Chair

Judy Maxwell
General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer

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Grand River Conservation Authority

Summary of the General Membership Meeting – November 22, 2024

To GRCA/GRCF Boards and Grand River watershed municipalities - Please share as appropriate.

Action Items

The Board passed the recommendations in the following reports as presented in the agenda:

- GM-11-24-110 - By-law Update - Change to Vice-Chair
- GM-11-24-111 - Fee Policy and Fee Schedule Amendments
- GM-11-24-101 - Reserves 2024
- GM-11-24-106 - Financial Summary
- GM-11-24-104 - Shand Dam Stoplog Storage Building - Tender Award

Information Items

The Board received the following reports as information:

- GM-11-24-101 - Cash and Investment Status
- GM-11-24-109 - Per Diems and Honorariums 2025
- GM-11-24-102 - Complimentary GRCA Membership Passes
- GM-11-24-105 - Water Control Structures Major Maintenance Forecast 2025-2029
- GM-11-24-103 - Dam/River Safety in the Grand River Watershed
- GM-11-24-108 - Current Watershed Conditions

Correspondence

The Board received the following correspondence:

- Benjamin Doolittle UE, Mohawk Nation of Grand River regarding the establishment of Mohawk Environmental Protection and Sustainability Initiative
- Susan Watson and Phil Pothen regarding a Freedom of Information request related to Niska Lands

Delegations

There were no registered delegations.

Source Protection Authority

The General Membership of the GRCA also acts as the Source Protection Authority Board. There was no meeting held this month.

For full information, please refer to the [November 22 Agenda Package](#). Complete agenda packages for the General Membership and Source Water Protection Authority, and minutes of past meetings can be viewed on our [online calendar](#). The minutes of this meeting will be posted on our online calendar following approval at the next meeting of the General Membership.

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**RE: Guelph City Council Resolution to Enable Municipalities to Charge Fees
for use of Municipal Property by Gas Utilities**

Dear Premier Ford, Minister Calandra and Minister Lecce,

Guelph City Council at its meeting held on November 26, 2024 passed a resolution regarding the ability of municipalities to charge gas utilities for their use of municipal property, which included the following motions:

1. That Council request the Province of Ontario to amend section 9 of Regulation 584/06 under the Municipal Act, 2001, to permit municipalities to charge fair fees to for-profit gas utilities for their use of public property, as municipalities do in most other provinces.
2. That Council direct staff, to the satisfaction of the DCAO of IDE, to negotiate a Franchise Agreement with the gas distribution company that:
 - a. will allow the City of Guelph to charge fees for use of public property if and when Ontario Regulation 584/06 is amended to allow such charges,
 - b. will ensure that the City of Guelph is not liable to pay for any gas infrastructure relocations needed due to conflicts with municipal infrastructure, and
 - c. will ensure future charges for use of municipal property is not passed on to Guelph customers of the gas distribution company.
3. That the City of Guelph supports, in principle, the Bill 219, "No Free Ride for Fossil Fuels Act, 2024" tabled November 4, 2024 by Guelph MPP Mike Schreiner.

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Across most of Canada, municipalities charge for-profit gas utilities fees for the use of municipal property. This revenue supports municipalities in managing abandoned gas distribution infrastructure and any conflicts with municipal infrastructure without increasing the financial burden on property taxpayers. However, in Ontario, Section 9 of *O.Reg. 584/06* under the *Municipal Act, 2001* prohibits municipalities from charging for-profit gas utilities these fees. If the charging of these fees is permitted, revenues would provide much needed funding towards essential City services and programs, and support the City in funding any future work associated with gas distribution infrastructure.

As Guelph seeks to renew its Franchise Agreement, which sets out the conditions for the use of municipal property by the gas distribution company, there is an opportunity to review the compensation framework for municipalities across Ontario. Many sectors and individuals are increasingly transitioning away from natural gas in favour of cleaner and carbon-free technologies, and Guelph Council believes municipalities should not be locked in to long-term agreements which limit the ability of municipalities to receive fair compensation from for-profit gas distribution companies.

As such, Guelph City Council requests the Province of Ontario amend section 9 of *O.Reg. 584/06* under the *Municipal Act, 2001*, to permit municipalities to charge fees to for-profit gas utilities for their use of public property. Additionally, Guelph City Council would like to express its support, in principle, for Bill 219 – the *No Free Ride for Fossil Fuels Act, 2024*, which would enshrine the right of municipalities to charge fees under the *Municipal Act, 2001*, and the *City of Toronto Act, 2006*.

Sincerely,

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