

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 in Chatham, ON at 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, August 20, 2026. The following directors were in attendance: P. Tiessen, K. Loveland, H. Aerts, A. Finn, M. Vink, L. Vogler, and R. Leatham. S. Hipple, P. Van Meerenberg, J. Wright, S. Bod, and M. Bondy sent their regrets.

1. First Nations Acknowledgement

Mark Peacock read the First Nations Acknowledgement.

2. Call to Order

3. Adoption of Agenda

BD-2026-68 A. Finn – L. Vogler

Moved that the agenda be adopted as amended by the addition of three additional Board items.

CARRIED

4. Disclosures of Conflicts of Interest

None Declared.

5. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

BD-2026-69 R. Leatham – H. Aerts

Moved that the Board of Directors minutes of the June 18, 2026 meeting be approved.

CARRIED

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

None Declared.

7. Presentations

7.1) Preliminary 2027 Budget

- 7.2) Risk Management Plan
- 7.3) New MNR Technical Guidelines and Technical Bulletin
- 7.4) Update on Flood Plain Studies
- 7.5) Update on LTVCA Transition to WLERCA
- 7.6) August 2026 Southwold Flood Events

BD-2026-70 A. Finn – K. Loveland

Moved that Presentations 7.1 through 7.6 be received for information.

CARRIED

8. New Business

None noted.

9. Business for Approval

9.1) LTVCA Risk Management Plan

BD-2026-71 L. Vogler – R. Leatham

Moved that the LTVCA Risk Management Plan Update dated August 2026 be approved and implemented.

And that the updated Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority Risk Management Plan be used as a tool for planning and budgeting purposes.

And that the risk controls as outlined in the updated Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority Risk Management Plan be implemented as budgets permit.

And that the updated Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority Risk Management Plan be reviewed annually to ensure risks and control actions are relevant and up to date. A full update of the plan should be undertaken every 5 years

CARRIED

9.2) Income and Expenditure vs Budget to June 30, 2026

BD-2026-72 K. Loveland – H. Aerts

Moved that the Board of Directors receives the Budget vs Revenue and Expenditures report for the period ended June 30, 2026.

CARRIED

9.3) Preliminary 2027 Budget

BD-2026-73 A. Finn – K. Loveland

Moved that the 2027 preliminary budget totalling \$8,927,018 be approved and that the member municipalities be advised of the budget and their share of the proposed apportionment as calculated;

it being noted that the Authority is required to provide 30 days' notice of its intention to adopt a final budget and apportionment.

And that the final 2027 Budget be brought to the October 2026 Board Meeting for approval.

CARRIED

9.4) Fundraising and Project Initiation for the CM Wilson Pavilion

BD-2026-74 R. Leatham – A. Finn

Moved that the Board of Directors approve LTVCA Staff to proceed with the fundraising campaign for the CM Wilson Pavilion and the process to proceed with the tendering and construction of the project; pending approval by the Board of the tender award.

CARRIED

9.5) Potential Building Construction – Two Pole Barns

BD-2026-75 R. Leatham – K. Loveland

Moved that the Board of Directors direct LTVCA staff to explore the construction of two new pole barns, one at CM Wilson CA and one at Longwoods CA, contingent on it staying within the \$220k apportionment available from the RALP grant funding.

And that all decisions regarding the award will be brought back to the Board for approval.

CARRIED

10. Business for Information

10.1).CAO / Secretary Treasurer Report

BD-2026-76 A. Finn – K. Loveland

Moved that the CAO Secretary-Treasurer Report be received for information.

CARRIED

10.2) Water Management

10.3) Planning and Regulations

10.4) Conservation Lands

10.5) Conservation Services

10.6) Communications, Education and Outreach

10.7) Wheatley Two Creeks Association June 4, 2026 Minutes

10.8) Wheatley Two Creeks Association July 2, 2026 Minutes

BD-2026-77 L. Vogler – K. Loveland

Moved that the Board of Directors receive the above reports, 10.2 through to 10.8 for information.

CARRIED

11. Correspondence

- 11.1) Minister's Direction Under Section 1.14 of the Conservation Authorities Act with Respect to Budget and Apportionment Matters
- 11.2) Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency
- 11.3) WLERCA Transition – Project Executive Appointed
- 11.4) WLERCA – Guiding Principles for Transition
- 11.5) CO's Consolidated Response to Bill 98 Legislative and Regulatory Proposals

BD-2026-78 A. Finn – H. Aerts

Moved that the Board of Directors receive 11.1 through to 11.5 for information.

CARRIED

12. Other Business

12.1) Timing of the October Board of Directors Meeting

LTVCA staff will send out a poll to the Board of Directors for either moving the October Board of Directors meeting a week earlier to Thursday, October 8th, or keeping it at Thursday, October 15th as a result of concerns around the pending municipal elections in November.

13. Adjournment

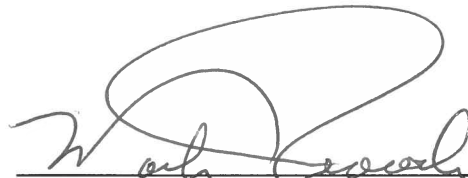
BD-2026-79 A. Finn – M. Vink

Moved that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED



Paul Tiessen
Chair



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