



Board of Directors Meeting

MINUTES

A meeting of the Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority's Board of Directors was held in person and remotely via the Indigenous Learning Centre at 8348 Longwoods Road, Mount Brydges, ON at 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, August 21, 2025. This meeting is a special event as it is the first meeting to be held at the new Longwoods Road CA Indigenous Learning Centre.

The following directors were in attendance: P. Tiessen, H. Aerts, K. Loveland, M. Vink, P. Van Meerbergen, L. Vogler and S. Emons. R. Leatham, S. Hipple, T. Thompson, A. Finn, and M. Bondy sent their regrets.

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayer by Mariah Alexander and Zhaawshko Nimkii Bneshiih.

2. First Nations Acknowledgment

Mark Peacock read the First Nations acknowledgement.

3. Call to Order

4. Adoption of Agenda

BD-2025-53 S. Emons – M. Vink

Moved that the agenda be adopted as presented

CARRIED

5. Disclosures of Conflicts of Interest

None Declared.

6. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

BD-2025-54 P. Van Meerbergen – L. Vogler

Moved that the Board of Directors meeting minutes of June 19, 2025 be approved.

CARRIED

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

None declared.

8. Presentation

8.1) LTVCA 2025-2026 Floodplain Mapping Projects

Mark Peacock and Jason Wintermute provided a presentation on the LTVCA 2025-2026 Floodplain Mapping Projects.

BD-2025-55 K. Loveland – S. Emons

Moved that presentation 8.1) be received for information.

CARRIED

9. New Business

None noted.

10. Business for Approval

10.1) Approval Request on Diversion Channel R-Plan Realignment

BD-2025-56 M. Vink – H. Aerts

Be it Resolved That:

The land transfer shown on Figure 1 of this report be approved, and

That staff proceed with the process describe in Section 21 of the Conservation Authorities Act to transfer lands between the LTVCA and the Land Owner.

CARRIED

10.2) Conservation Area Land Strategy Update

BD-2025-57 K. Loveland – S. Emons

That the Board of Directors approves the Conservation Area Land Strategy dated August 2025, and

That the document will remain a living document to guide the Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority staffing and programs, and

That the Conservation Area Land Strategy be updated on the Governance section of the LTVCA's website.

CARRIED

10.3) Income and Expenditure vs Budget to June 30, 2025

BD-2025-58 H. Aerts – L. Vogler

Moved that the Board of Directors receive the Budget vs Revenue and Expenditures report for the period ending June 30, 2025.

CARRIED

Martin Vink asked if the Budget will be presented at the next Board of Directors meeting. Mark Peacock confirmed that yes, the 2026 Budget will be presented at the next meeting after the Executive Committee meets in September when the staff compensation review will be discussed. The outcome of that discussion will need to be addressed in the Budget.

11. Business for Information

11.1) C.A.O. / Secretary Treasurer Report

BD-2025-59 S. Emons - K. Loveland

Moved that the C.A.O. / Secretary Treasurer Report be received for information.

CARRIED

- 11.2) Water Management
- 11.3) Planning and Regulations
- 11.4) Conservation Lands
- 11.5) Conservation Services
- 11.6) Communications, Education and Outreach
- 11.7) Wheatley Two Creeks Association June 5, Minutes
- 11.8) Wheatley Two Creeks Association July 3, Minutes

BD-2025-60 P. Van Meerbergen – L. Vogler

Moved that Business for Information items 11.2) to 11.8) be received for information.

CARRIED

Martin Vink asked about the Algal blooms this year on the lakes. Jason Wintermute explained that the Algal blooms started later this year than in other years, but that is has ramped up quite quickly. Currently the bloom is mostly contained in the western portion of the Lake Erie basin.

12. Correspondence

- 12.1) Transition of Conservation Authority Program from the Ministry of Natural Resources to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
- 12.2) Ontario Taking Action to Make Conservation Authorities More Effective
- 12.3) Orders in Council: 863/2025: MECP Presiding over Conservation Authorities and 862/2025: Appointment of Hassaaan Basit as Deputy Minister and Chief Conservation Executive (Cabinet Office) effective August 4, 2025
- 12.4) Ontario professional planners launch guide for climate adaptation
- 12.5) Researchers detect blue green algae toxin in Lake Erie earlier than ever before

BD-2025-61 H. Aerts – M. Vink

Moved that Correspondence items 12.1) to 12.5) be received for information.

CARRIED

Mark Peacock informed the Board that the Conservation Authorities are back under the auspices of the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks again, and that a new position, Chief Conservation Executive, has been created by the Province with an appointment to this position already made. It is not apparent what that position entails as of yet, but that the individual appointed to this position, Hassaan Basit, is a former CEO of Conservation Halton.

13. Other Business

None noted.

14. Adjournment

BD-2025-62 P. Van Meerbergen – L. Vogler

Moved that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED



P. Tiessen
Chair



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