



MINUTES

Minutes for Meeting of the Board of Directors held Thursday, June 22, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, Essex County Civic Centre, 360 Fairview Avenue West, Essex, ON.*

Members Present:	Terry Burns	Len Janisse	Hilary Payne
	Susanne Coghill	Tania Jobin	Jeff Renaud
	Al Fazio	Irek Kusmierczyk	Ed Sleiman
	Fred Francis	Rick Masse	Larry Snively
	Rick Fryer (Chair)	Rita Ossington	Ron Sutherland
	John Jacobs		Larry Verbeke

Absent:

Regrets: Steve Bjorkman Larry Patterson

Staff: Richard Wyma, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer
Candice Kondratowicz, Corporate Services: Administrative Associate
Tim Byrne, Director, Watershed Management Services
Shelley McMullen, Director, Finance & Corporate Services
Kevin Money, Director, Conservation Services
Danielle Stuebing, Director, Community Outreach Services
John Henderson, Water Resources Engineer
Katie Stammer, Water Quality Scientist/Project Manager, SWP

Guests: Assorted Media

1. Call to Order

Good evening, everyone, and welcome. We have regrets tonight from Councillor Steve Bjorkman and Councillor Larry Patterson tonight.

I would also like to welcome ERCA Staff John Henderson, Water Resources Engineer and Katie Stammler, Water Quality Scientist who has joined us this evening.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

None

3. Approval of Agenda

Resolution BD39/17 Moved by Fred Francis

Seconded by Tania Jobin

THAT the Agenda for the Thursday, June 22, 2017, Meeting of the Board of Directors be approved.

- CARRIED

4. Adoption of Minutes

(a). **ERCA Board of Directors**

Resolution BD40/17 Moved by Terry Burns

Seconded by Al Fazio

THAT the Minutes of the Thursday, May 18, 2017, Meeting of the Board of Directors and the recommendations therein be approved as distributed.

- CARRIED

5. Announcements

(a). Comments from the Chair, Rick Fryer

Good evening, everyone, and welcome.

We have regrets this evening from Councillors Steve Bjorkman and Larry Patterson.

Later tonight you'll hear a presentation from staff about lake levels which are within inches of an all-time high. Staff have been carefully monitoring weather forecasts and keeping

your municipal staff posted with respect to flooding and erosion threats. Over the past few weeks, we've issued more flood advisories than ever before.

Hopefully, you have all heard about the wonderful donation that the Rotary Club of Windsor (1918) made to our Foundation earlier this month to create the Rotary Centennial Hub. This \$225,000 contribution completes our fund raising efforts for the trail, which included support from the Ontario Municipal Cycling Infrastructure program through the Town of Tecumseh, and the Trans Canada Trail Foundation through the County Wide Active Transportation System.

This Hub will connect the Chrysler Canada Greenway to the trails in the Town of Tecumseh, Town of LaSalle, and the Herb Gray Parkway Trails, truly bringing our vision of a region connected by trails one step closer to reality. Construction is already underway, and we look forward to further celebrations soon!

We again want to thank the Town of Tecumseh for recognizing the importance of this connection, and working with us to make it happen.

Last night, our Foundation also launched the Place for Life Campaign to raise \$1 million dollars over the next three years to support the work that we do. The Foundation is already well on its way to meeting this goal and was able to announce nearly \$300,000 in campaign commitments.

The work that the Foundation does to support our efforts in creating the Place for Life is quite remarkable. Focusing on connecting communities, greening our region, inspiring future generations and preserving our cultural heritage is truly what make the Windsor, Essex County, and Pelee Island region the Place for Life.

[https://placeforlife.ca/ Place for Life video](https://placeforlife.ca/Place%20for%20Life%20video)

You can read more about the Place for Life Campaign in the materials on your desk.

And, for those of you who haven't yet registered, I'd encourage you to support the Essex Region Conservation Foundation's fundraising golf tournament in July. It's a great opportunity to spend the day networking with colleagues and other guests while raising funds to enrich and sustain the Place for Life. Hope to see you there!

6. Delegations

None

7. Presentations

- (a) Great Lakes Water Levels (*attached*)
 - Mr. Tim Byrne, Director of Watershed Management Services
 - Mr. John Henderson, Water Resources Engineer
- (b) Place for Life Campaign
 - Mr. Richard Wyma, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer

8. Reports for Approval

- (a) BD11/17 The Place for Life Policies

Resolution BD41/17 Moved by Fred Francis

Seconded by Rick Masse

THAT the Board of Directors approve the Draft Place for Life Policies; and further,

THAT Administration initiate consultations with the Board, Municipal Partners, development and professional sectors, Non-Government Organizations and online as described in the Place for Life Policies: Summary Report.

- CARRIED

- (b) BD12/17 Bill 139: Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act

Resolution BD42/17 Moved by Ron Sutherland

Seconded by Larry Verbeke

THAT BD12/17 be received; and further,

THAT Administration continue to work with Conservation Ontario and other Conservation Authorities to complete a full review of the proposed Bill 139 and the Conserving our Future report; and to provide comment to the EBR postings.

- CARRIED

- (c) BD13/17 Holiday Beach Conservation Area Management Plan

Resolution BD43/17 Moved by Larry Patterson

Seconded by Rick Masse

THAT the Holiday Beach Conservation Area Management Plan be approved.

- CARRIED

- (d) BD14/17 2016 Draft Audited Financial Statements and Financial Condition

Resolution BD44/17 Moved by Larry Snively

Seconded by John Jacobs

THAT Report BD14/17, 2016 Draft Audited Financial Statements and Financial Condition Review, be received as distributed, for Member's information; and further,

THAT the draft audited Financial Statements of the Essex Region Conservation Authority, for the year ended December 31, 2016, be approved and released as final audited Financial Statements; and further,

THAT \$25,000 be transferred to the revenue stabilization reserve fund.

- CARRIED

9. Environmental Registry Reports for Comment

None

10. Planning Reports

- (a) BD15/17 Recent Superior Court Decision on Ingress and Egress

Resolution BD45/17 Moved by Irek Kusmierczyk

Seconded by Fred Francis

THAT Report BD15/17 be received for information.

- CARRIED

11. Reports for Information

- (b) BD16/17 Watershed Management Services Activities Report for April and May, 2017

Resolution BD46/17 Moved by Jeff Renaud

Seconded by Ed Sleiman

THAT the review of Regulations and Planning Applications, as presented in Report BD16/17 be received for Members' information.

- CARRIED

12. Closed Session – In Camera

None

13. Other Business

- (a) The next meeting of the ERCA Board of Directors will be held on Thursday, September 14, 2017 starting at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, Essex County Civic Centre, 360 Fairview Avenue West, Essex, ON.
- (b) Councillor Francis requested that Administration revisit the meeting start time of 7PM and send out a survey for Board Member completion regarding other available options.
- (c) The Board Information Day that was scheduled for July 20, 2017 will not be held. This date was chosen as a placeholder and the date will be revisited at a later time. The Essex Region Conservation Foundation (ERCF) Annual Golf Tournament will be held on this date and all Members are encouraged to participate.

14. Adjournment

Resolution BD47/17 Moved by Fred Francis

Seconded by Jeff Renaud

THAT the Meeting be adjourned.

- CARRIED

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, sweeping loop followed by a horizontal line and a small dot.

Richard J.H. Wyma
General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer