

MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2018

Members Present:	M.Blackie	S.McCall-Hanlon
	M.Blosh	H.McDermid
	R.Chowen	A.Murray
	A.Hopkins	M.Ryan
	T.Jackson	J.Salter
	S.Levin	G.Way
	N.Manning	

Regrets:	B.Petrie	T.Birtch
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Solicitor:	G.Inglis
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Staff:	T.Annett	A.Shivas
	C.Harrington	C.Tasker
	J.Howley	S.Taylor
	B.Mackie	M.Viglianti
	C.Quinlan	I.Wilcox
	C.Saracino	

1. Approval of Agenda

M.Blackie congratulated those who were successful in the elections yesterday, and welcomed the Mayor of St. Marys, Al Strathdee, to the meeting.

G.Way moved – seconded by N.Manning:-

“RESOLVED that the UTRCA Board of Directors
approve the agenda as posted on the member’s website.”

CARRIED.

2. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

The Chair inquired whether the members had any conflicts of interest to declare relating to the agenda. There were none.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting
September 25, 2018

N.Manning moved – seconded by T.Jackson:-

“RESOLVED that the UTRCA Board of Directors approve the Board of Directors’ minutes dated September 25, 2018 as posted on the Members’ web-site.”

CARRIED.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

5. Business for Approval

(a) 2019 Draft Budget Approval
(Report attached)

I.Wilcox introduced the draft budget, based on the direction given to staff by the Board in June 2018. He explained that the four percent which was not included in the June report, was for on-call payments as required by Bill 148. C.Saracino reported that the change in net wage and benefit costs between 2018 and 2019 was zero, despite the increase from Bill 148. There is uncertainty if Bill 148 will get repealed, but until it is confirmed, it will be included in the draft budget. The CVA has changed, which has hurt the rural municipalities.

The report noted a budgeted reduction from Provincial contract revenues. If staff receive new information before the Annual General Meeting, it will be included as part of a budget update.

C.Saracino explained how budgeted capital deficits work and their long term impacts. She also explained that the capital budget is still being refined; at the moment they are rough estimates. R.Chowen raised concerns around the number of Watershed Conservation Centre capital projects in the budget. Staff explained that the capital budget is a rough estimate at this time and many of the projects in questions will not happen. This will be clarified in November.

If approved, the draft levy number can be sent out immediately. The draft budget will be formatted and sent to the Municipalities for comment as soon as possible.

T.Jackson asked that the draft budget clearly show the levy separated with and without Bill 148 and if a way is not found to offset on-call, the four percent needed for Bill 148 be taken away from the strategic plan levy increase. An extra couple years would be needed to completely implement the strategic plan.

M.Ryan was concerned that if the phase-in is postponed for a year in favour of Bill 148, the current Municipal support and momentum may be lost. S.Levin was concerned that the loss of

levy funding for the strategic plan could mean the loss of funds from other sources as well, since the levy portion of the strategic plan funding is only one small part of a larger picture.

The City of London's finance department is very aware of the four year phase-in plan. They have a separate fund to deal with increases to budgets due to Bill 148. There are no anticipated levy increases for the strategic plan beyond 2020.

M.Ryan asked that staff provide previous years budget data for context for future Board members, and asked that staff develop a strategic plan filter for the budgets, suggesting that the projects which fall outside of the scope of the strategic plan would be postponed for a year. I.Wilcox will work on improving the strategic plan progress reporting and will follow up on the filter.

T.Jackson moved – seconded by M.Blosh:-

“RESOLVED that the following friendly amendment ‘have the levy amount broken down’ be added to the recommendation.

CARRIED.

M.Ryan moved – seconded by S.Levin:-

“RESOLVED that the Board of Directors accepts the following amended recommendation, ‘That the Board of Directors approve the attached 2019 UTRCA draft budget projections, for the purpose of circulation to member municipalities for their review and comment, and that the levy amount be broken down.’”

CARRIED.

- (b) Cade Tract – Hunting Opportunities
(Report attached)

Staff clarified that the proposed hunt is deer, and would take place the first week of December. The property would be closed to the public during that time. The Board requested to see the criteria and evaluation used by staff to determine if a property will be open to hunting, when it would be open, and for what type of hunting. Staff will provide this information at the November Board meeting.

Concerns were raised that hunting on the property would reduce public access to the property and work against the re-naturalization. Support for the motion was raised, citing the history of hunting on the property and its importance to the surrounding community.

S.Levin moved – seconded by T.Jackson:-

“RESOLVED the Board of Directors approves recreational hunting within the boundaries of the Cade Tract, 4695 Line 5 Road, Perth South - WMU 86B.”

CARRIED.

Questions around illegal hunting on UTRCA property were raised. Staff explained that routine patrols are done on all UTRCA properties, and staff can issue trespassing charges. Conservation Officers with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry have more enforcement powers and UTRCA staff have a good working relationship with the local office.

6. Closed Session – In Camera

At the time of agenda posting, all parties in the Auditor selection process had not been notified of the recommendation of the Finance & Audit Committee. Until that time, this matter will be dealt with in camera.

G.Way moved – seconded by N.Manning:-

“RESOLVED that the Board of Directors adjourn to Closed Session – In Camera.”

CARRIED.

Progress Reported

(a) Recommendation for Auditor Selection

H.McDermid moved – seconded by T.Jackson:-

“RESOLVED that the Board of Directors accepts the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee to appoint Deloitte as the Authority’s audit firm.”

CARRIED.

The meeting broke for lunch.

7) Business for Information

(a) Administration and Enforcement– Section 28
(Report attached)

S.Levin moved – seconded by G.Way:-

“RESOLVED that the Board of Directors receive the report as presented.”

CARRIED.

(b) House Rental Rates

H.McDermid moved – seconded by T.Jackson:-

“RESOLVED that the Board of Directors receive the report as presented.”

CARRIED.

8) October FYI

T.Jackson moved – seconded by G.Way:-

“RESOLVED that the Board of Directors receive the October FYI.”

CARRIED.

9) Other Business

M.Blackie and I.Wilcox congratulated Board members on the results of the election and reminded them their terms continue until the Annual General Meeting in February 2019.

I.Wilcox reminded Board members that the recording of this meeting will be posted online.

The last meeting of the year will be in November, there is no December meeting. The January 2019 meeting will be an orientation session for incoming and outgoing members. All current members are invited to the February Annual General Meeting where the changing of the Board will happen.

There was a discussion around the use of Cannabis on UTRCA properties. Conservation Area staff have met to discuss how it will be dealt with in the parks. Other UTRCA lands, rental houses and cottages will be discussed in the near future. Human resources staff are currently drafting a policy for UTRCA staff that will be shared with the Board of Directors when it is complete.

10) Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m on a motion by N.Manning.



Ian Wilcox
General Manager
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