

## Minutes

Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA)

Board of Directors Meeting

9:30am Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at 1424 Clarke Rd, London  
(Hybrid Meeting)

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Brian Petrie, UTRCA Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:30am.

### Members Present:

Jean Coles – Online

Jim Craigmile - Online

Peter Cuddy – Online

Skylar Franke – Online

Anna Hopkins – Online

Sandy Levin – In Person

Hugh McDermid – Online

Paul Mitchell – Online

Harj Nijjar – Online

Brian Petrie – Chair – In Person

Dean Trentowsky – In Person

George Way - Online

Scotty Zehr – Online

Regrets: Tom Heeman, Mark Schadenberg

### Staff Present:

Jenna Allain

Tracy Annett

Emily Chandler

Tatianna Lozier

Chris Tasker

Brent Verscheure

Michelle Viglianti – Recorder

Joe Gordon

Solicitors: Grant Inglis, Peter Pickfield

## 1. Territorial Acknowledgement

The Chair read the territorial acknowledgement.

## 2. Modifications to the Agenda

Mover: Sandy Levin

Seconder: Scotty Zehr

That the Board of Directors amend the agenda to add a second closed session item to consider advice that is subject to lawyer-client privilege related to litigation.

Carried with 2/3 majority.

### **3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

### **4. Delegations/Presentations**

There were no delegations or presentations.

### **5. Administrative Business**

#### **5.1. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting: March 24, 2026**

Mover: Dean Trentowsky

Secunder: Hugh McDermid

THAT that the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority Board of Directors approves the Board of Directors' minutes, dated March 24, 2026.

Carried.

#### **5.2. Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

#### **5.3. Correspondence**

There were no items of correspondence.

### **6. Reports – For Consideration**

There were no items for consideration.

### **7. Reports – In-Camera**

Mover: Sandy Levin

Secunder: Jean Coles

THAT the Board of Directors adjourn to Closed Session – In Camera, in accordance with Section C.12 of the UTRCA Administrative By-Law to consider advice that is subject to lawyer-client privilege related to litigation affecting the UTRCA for two items.

Carried.

The Board adjourned to closed session at 9:35am.

## **7.1. Advice that is Subject to Lawyer-Client Privilege Related to Litigation**

## **7.2. Advice that is Subject to Lawyer-Client Privilege Related to Litigation**

The Board rose from closed session at 11:05am and reported the that the Board dealt with two items pertaining to advice that is subject to lawyer-client privilege related to litigation and direction to staff was provided.

## **8. Reports – For Information**

There were no reports for information.

## **9. Reports – Committees**

There were no reports from Committees.

## **10. Notices of Motion**

There were no notices of motion.

## **11. Chair's Comments**

The Chair noted he will be away for the April 28<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

## **12. Member's Comments**

There were no members comments.

## **13. General Manager's Comments**

The General Manager shared that the Province held an information session for Conservation Authority General Managers to provide information on the implementation of transition plans. The Province offered reassurance that not everything would be required to be completed by the February deadline.

The General Manager shared that the four General Managers of the future Western Lake Erie Regional Conservation Authority (WLERCA) are continuing to meet on a regular basis, and it is anticipated that a regional meeting with the Agency will be set

soon. A full report on the topic of the changes will be provided at the next Board meeting.

#### **14. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:09am on a motion by Sandy Levin, seconded by Dean Trentowsky.

Tracy Annett, General Manager  
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