

Minutes

Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA)

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, October 26, 2022

Virtual Meeting Due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

Alan Dale, UTRCA Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:30am.

Members Present:

M.Blosh	H.McDermid
A.Dale – Chair	P.Mitchell
A.Hopkins	A.Murray
T.Jackson	B.Petrie
S.Levin	J.Salter
M.Lupton	M.Schadenberg
N.Manning	A.Westman

Regrets: J.Reffle

Solicitor: G. Inglis

Staff Present:

J.Allain	T.Hollingsworth
T.Annett	J.Schnaithmann
E.Chandler	C.Tasker
B.Dafoe	B.Verscheure
M.Funk	M.Viglianti – Recorder
B.Glasman	

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

The Chair read the territorial acknowledgement.

2. Modifications to the Agenda

The Chair inquired whether the members had any proposed modifications to the agenda. There were none.

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: September 27, 2022

The Chair confirmed the mover and seconder were willing to let their names stand.

Mover: A.Murray

Secunder: B.Petrie

THAT that the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority Board of Directors approve the Board of Directors' minutes dated September 27, 2022, including any closed session minutes, as posted on the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority web-site.

Carried.

5.2. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

5.3. Correspondence

6. Reports – For Consideration

6.1. Fees Policy Update

The Chair confirmed the mover and seconder were willing to let their names stand.

Questions and concerns were raised regarding the potential freeze on Conservation Authority fees recently announced by the Province October 25th. Staff provided a preliminary overview of the proposed More Homes Built Faster Act. There was a suggestion to include this matter on the agenda for the next meeting and have staff provide a report to review the proposed changes.

Mover: T.Jackson

Secunder: J.Salter

THAT the Board of Directors approve the recommendation as presented in the report.

Carried.

7. Reports – For Information

7.1. Administration and Enforcement – Section 28 Status Report

(Report attached)

The Chair confirmed the mover and seconder were willing to let their names stand.

Members thanked staff for the additional information provided in the report. Regarding the outstanding permits, staff noted that often delays are caused by missing or outstanding information, or by complex permits waiting for technical review from staff.

Mover: M.Schadenberg

Secunder: A.Westman

THAT the Board of Directors receive the report for information.

Carried.

7.2. 2023 Rental House Rates

The Chair confirmed the mover and seconder were willing to let their names stand.

It was noted that the proposed More Homes Built Faster Act may streamline the process for Conservation Authorities to dispose of surplus lands in the future by removing the requirement for Minister's approval.

Mover: M.Blosh

Secunder: A.Hopkins

THAT the Board of Directors receive the report for information.

Carried.

7.3. October For Your Information Report

The Chair confirmed the mover and seconder were willing to let their names stand.

Mover: M.Lupton

Secunder: N.Manning

THAT the Board of Directors receive the report for information.

Carried.

8. Notices of Motion

The Chair inquired whether any Board members had motions to bring to the floor for a future meeting. There were none.

9. Chair's Comments

The Chair highlighted all the Celebrating Natural Connections events that took place this fall and thanked staff for their hard work. The Chair also thanked the event partners for their support and the Government of Canada for the funding.

The Chair attended the Latornell conference, noting it was the first in person conference in two years. N.Manning also attended the conference, along with a number of staff, including many new staff.

The Chair congratulated H.McDermid and P.Mitchell on their acclamations, and A.Hopkins, M.Schadenberg, A.Westman, and B.Petrie on their re-elections.

10. Member's Comments

N.Manning attended the 2023 Latornell Conference and noted that while it was very different this year with the new location and format, it was still very informative. She encouraged members to consider attending next year.

11. General Manager's Comments

The General Manager provided a brief and preliminary overview of the More Homes Built Faster Act.

12. Reports – In-Camera

Mover: H.McDermid

Seconder: P.Mitchell

THAT the Board of Directors adjourn to Closed Session – In Camera, in accordance with Section C.13 of the UTRCA Administrative By-Law, to discuss a plan and instructions to be applied to negotiations.

Carried.

S.Levin left the meeting 10:35am.

Moved by: B.Petrie

Seconded by: A.Murray

THAT the Board of Directors Rise and Report progress.
Carried.

12.1 Plan and Instructions to be Applied to Negotiations

Mover: J.Salter

Seconder: T.Jackson

THAT staff be instructed to proceed in accordance with direction issued in closed session.

Carried.

13. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:58am on a motion by M.Schdenberg.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tracy Annett", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Tracy Annett, General Manager
Att.