



## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: June 26, 2025

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Gemini Sports Complex

667 Adair Boulevard, Strathroy

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**Directors Present:** John Brennan, Pat Brown, Terry Burrell, Greg Grimes, Chair; Sue Cates, Frank Kennes, Adam Kilner, Brad Loosley, Betty Ann MacKinnon, Don McCabe, Don McCallum, Steve Miller, Kristen Rodrigues, Vice-Chair; Jerry Westgate, Brian White

**Directors Regrets:** Al Broad, Aaron Hall, Rhonda Jubenville, Lorie Scott, Ian Veen

**Staff Present:** Donna Blue, Manager of Communications; Emily De Cloet, Interim Flood Forecasting and Warning Coordinator; Melissa Deisley, Director of Planning and Regulations; Chris Durand, Manager of IT and GIS; Emily Febrey, Communication and Outreach Specialist; Ashley Fletcher, Administrative Assistant and Board Coordinator; Kate Jamieson, Payroll/Accounting Clerk; Chunng Li, Director of Corporate Services; Tim Payne, Manager of Forestry; Ken Phillips, General Manager; Jeff Sharp, Manager of Conservation Services; Kelli Smith, Lands Technician; Greg Wilcox, Manager of Lands; Jessica Van Zwol, Healthy Watershed Coordinator

### 1. Land Acknowledgement

A land acknowledgment was read by General Manager, Ken Phillips which recognized the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority watershed as part of the traditional territories of the Anishinaabeg, Haudenosaunee, Lūnaapéewak and Chonnonton Nations, who have a sacred responsibility to preserve the land and water of southwestern Ontario. Also acknowledged are the Treaties that allow the SCRCA to work alongside the First Nation Communities of Kettle and Stony Point, Aamjiwnaang and Bkejwanong to ensure we share the responsibility of preserving the land and water.

### 2. Call to Order and Chair's Remarks

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Greg Grimes, who, welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave thanks to the SCRCA staff for their work in planning and conducting the project tour.

### 3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests

The Chair requested that each Director declare a conflict of interest at the appropriate time, on any item within this agenda in that a Director may have pecuniary interest.

#### **4. Approval of the Agenda**

**BD-25-37**

**Cates – Brown**

**“That the agenda for the Annual General Meeting be adopted.”**

**CARRIED**

#### **5. Minutes**

##### **5.1 Board of Directors April 17, 2025 Minutes**

**BD-25-38**

**Burrell – MacKinnon**

**“That the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting, held April 17, 2025, be approved as distributed.”**

**CARRIED**

#### **6. Reports**

##### **6.1 General Manager’s Report**

##### **Comments:**

A verbal update was provided by General Manager, Ken Phillips. Conservation Ontario General Manager meetings were held on June 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. One topic of note was the rise of artificial intelligence use and the challenges it may pose.

**BD-25-39**

**Kilner – Burrell**

**“That the Board of Directors acknowledges the General Manager’s report, dated June 13, 2025.”**

**CARRIED**

##### **6.2 Compensation Review**

**BD-25-40**

**Miller – White**

**“That the Board of Directors acknowledge the report, dated June 5, 2025, providing an update on the Compensation Review.”**

**CARRIED**

### **6.3 SCRCA Committees**

**BD-25-41**

**Kennes – Burrell**

**“That the Board of Directors nominate Lorie Scott as the 11<sup>th</sup> member of the SCRCA Hearing Board for 2025 and further accept the resulting change to the 2025 committees report, as presented.”**

**CARRIED**

### **6.4 McKeough Dam Asset Management Plan**

**BD-25-42**

**Burrell – Brown**

**“That the Board of Directors acknowledge the report dated June 11, 2025, regarding the McKeough Dam Asset Management Plan and further endorse the agreement between Chatham-Kent and The St. Clair Region Conservation Authority (SCRCA) to create a capital reserve for the McKeough Dam based on the SCRCA Asset Management Plan commencing with the 2026 Budget.”**

**CARRIED**

### **6.5 Environmental Registry of Ontario – York1 Waste Disposal**

**BD-25-43**

**Cates – Kennes**

**“That the Board of Directors receive for information the report dated June 11, 2025, regarding comments submitted by the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority (SCRCA) in response to the posting on the Environmental Registry of Ontario to Removing Environmental Assessment Requirements for the York1 Waste Disposal Site Project.”**

**CARRIED**

### **6.6. McColl O’Donnell Drain Enclosure and Tile Upgrade Update**

**BD-25-44**

**Kilner – Cates**

**“That the Board of Directors receive for information the report dated June 11, 2025, providing updates regarding the McColl O’Donnell Drain Enclosure and Tile Upgrade.”**

**CARRIED**

## **6.7 Community Pasture**

**BD-25-45**

**McCabe – Miller**

**“That the Board of Directors acknowledges the report dated June 3, 2025, regarding the proposal of a Community Pasture and further approves the agreement with the Lambton Cattlemen Association to initiate the project, as presented on 184 acres of the McKeough Upstream Lands owned by the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority and known as property 103, 105 and 111.”**

**CARRIED**

## **6.8 A.W Campbell Conservation Area Master Plan**

**BD-25-46**

**Burrell – Kennes**

**“That the Board of Directors acknowledges the report, dated May 15, 2025, regarding the updated Master Development Plan for A.W. Campbell Conservation Area; and further directs staff to proceed with stakeholder and public consultation.”**

**CARRIED**

## **7. Informational Items**

- 7.1 (a) Business Arising**
- (b) Current Watershed Conditions**
- (c) Regulations Activity Summary**
- (d) Planning Activity Summary**
- (e) Revenue and Expenditures**
- (f) Disbursements**
- (g) General Levy Update**
- (h) Investments**
- (i) Communications Update**
- (j) Education Report**
- (k) Scholarship Report**
- (l) AOC Report**

**BD-25-47**

**White – Miller**

**“That the Board of Directors approves the consent agenda and receives the accompanying items 8.1 (a) through 8.1 (l) as information.**

**CARRIED**

## **8. Correspondence**

### **8.1 Town of Parry Sound Resolution in Council re Bill 5**

**BD-25-48**

**Westgate – Rodrigues**

**“That the Board of Directors acknowledges the correspondence, dated June 3, 2025, from the Town of Parry Sound regarding a resolution in Council re the proposed Bill 5: Protecting Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025.”**

**CARRIED**

### **8.2 Rebecca Archibald re Parking at Warwick Conservation Area**

**BD-25-49**

**Burrell – Brown**

**“That the Board of Directors acknowledges the correspondence, received on June 6, 2025, from seasonal camper, Rebecca Archibald, regarding parking concerns at the Warwick Conservation Area.”**

**CARRIED**

### **8.3 Township of Puslinch Resolution in Council re Bill 5**

**BD-25-50**

**MacKinnon – Miller**

**“That the Board of Directors acknowledges the correspondence, dated June 18, 2025, from the Township of Puslinch regarding a resolution in Council re Bill 5: Protecting Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025.”**

**CARRIED**

## **9. In-Camera**

**BD-25-51**

**Brown – Loosley**

**“That the Board of Directors go in-camera at 1:24 p.m. to discuss matters relating to SCRCA-owned land with only the General Manager, Board Coordinator, Manager of Lands and Manager of Forestry remaining present.”**

**CARRIED**

**BD-25-52**

**“That the Board of Directors rise and report at 1:35 p.m.”**

**CARRIED**

## 10. New Business

The Board was informed that the Conservation Ontario Council met on Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> via Zoom and was attended by the General Manager, Chair and Vice Chair of the Authority. The next scheduled meeting is in September of 2025.

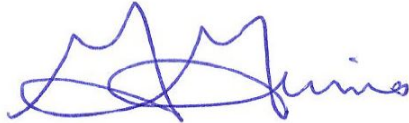
## 12. Adjournment

**BD-25-53**

**Kilner – Cates**

**“That the meeting be adjourned.”**

**CARRIED**



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**Greg Grimes**  
Chair



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**Ken Phillips**  
General Manager