



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: April 16, 2026
SCRCA Administration Office
205 Millpond Cres., Strathroy

Time: 10:45 a.m.

Directors Present: Diane Brodie, Pat Brown, Greg Grimes, Frank Kennes, Betty Ann MacKinnon, Don McCabe, Steve Miller, Kristen Rodrigues, Ian Veen, Jerry Westgate

Directors Remote: Al Broad, Terry Burrell, Rhonda Jubenville, Adam Kilner, Brad Loosley, Brian White

Directors Regrets: John Brennan, Sue Cates, Aaron Hall, Lorie Scott

Staff Present: Donna Blue, Manager of Communications; Steve Clark, Risk Management Official; Melissa Deisley, Director of Planning and Regulations; Chris Durand, Manager of IT and GIS (remote); Fletcher, Administrative Assistant and Board Coordinator; Kate Jamieson, Payroll/Accounting Clerk; Chunning Li, Director of Corporate Services; Ken Phillips, General Manager; Jeff Sharp, Manager of Conservation Services; Kelli Smith, Lands Technician; Greg Wilcox, Manager of Conservation Areas

1. Land Acknowledgement

A land acknowledgment was read by Chair, Greg Grimes, 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.

A warm welcome was given to Diane Brodie who replaces Director Don McCallum as the representative of Newbury and Southwest Middlesex, as per Municipal agreement.

The board was informed of the passing of former General Manager, John King on March 17, 2026. Flowers were sent on behalf of St. Clair Conservation, and a tree will be planted in his memory.

3. Pecuniary Interests

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

4. Adoption of the Agenda

BD-26-21

Loosley – Brewer

“That the Board of Directors accepts the agenda for the meeting as presented.”

CARRIED

5. Minutes

5.1 Minutes of the February 26, 2026 Board of Directors Meeting

BD-26-22

Westgate – Kilner

“That the draft minutes of the Board of Directors meeting, held February 26, 2026 be received for information.”

CARRIED

6. Presentations

6.1 Bill 97, *Plan to Protect Ontario Act*

BD-26-23

Miller – Veen

“That the Board of Directors acknowledge the presentation from General Manager, Ken Phillips on Bill 97, *Plan to Protect Ontario*.”

CARRIED

BD-26-24

Loosley – Kennes

“That Greg Grimes, in addition to the General Manager, be appointed as a member of the Transition Committee, established by the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency (OPCA), representing the St. Clair Region in its transition to the Western Lake Erie Regional Conservation Authority”.

CARRIED

7. Reports

7.1 General Manager's Update

BD-26-25

Miller – Veen

“That the Board of Directors acknowledges the General Manager's report, dated April 7, 2026.”

CARRIED

7.2 Conservation Ontario Report

Meeting postponed to April 27, 2026. Updates to be provided at the June Board of Directors meeting.

7.3 Risk Management Program

BD-26-26

MacKinnon – Burrell

“That the Board of Directors acknowledges the report dated March 19, 2026 regarding SCRCA's Risk Management Program.”

CARRIED

7.4 Campbell House Demolition

BD-26-27

Miller – Westgate

“That the Board of Directors acknowledges the update report dated March 20, 2026 regarding the removal of the Campbell House.”

CARRIED

7.5 Coldstream Conservation Area Master Plan

BD-26-28

Jubenville – Broad

“That the Board of Directors acknowledges the report on the Coldstream Conservation Area Master Plan and further approves the final draft of the plan including feedback from the indigenous, stakeholder and public consultation process.”

CARRIED

7.6 Vehicle Purchase and Disposal of Assets

BD-26-29

Loosley – White

“That the Board of Directors approve the ordering of three new trucks to be delivered in 2026 and transfer of up to a maximum of \$200,000 from the Equipment Reserve to accommodate the purchase. And further that the Board of Directors approve the disposal of the 2013 Chevrolet Silverado (Fleet Vehicle #1), 2014 Chevrolet Silverado (Fleet Vehicle #14) and a 2018 Lenovo ST550 Server (computer hardware) and that these assets be put at auction via the GovDeals website.”

CARRIED

8. Consent Items

8.1 Approval of Consent Agenda Items

8.1 (a) Business Arising

8.1 (b) Current Watershed Conditions and Great Lakes Levels

8.1 (c) Regulations Activity Summary

8.1 (d) Planning Activity Summary

8.1 (e) Revenue & Expense Summary

8.1 (f) Disbursements

8.1 (g) 2026 General Levy Update

8.1 (h) St. Clair River AOC

8.1 (i) Communications Update

8.1 (j) Education Update

BD-26-30

Veen – Kilner

“That the Board of Directors approves the consent agenda and endorses the recommendations accompanying Items 8.1 (a) - 8.1 (j).”

CARRIED

9. Correspondence

9.1 Correspondence from the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Thank you to all who participated in the Maple Syrup Festival

BD-26-31

Kennes – Burrell

“That the Board of Directors acknowledges the correspondence from the Township of Huron-Kinloss regarding the council resolution opposing the proposed consolidation of Ontario Conservation Authorities.”

CARRIED

10. In Camera

11. New Business

Staff were thanked for their efforts in attending and working at the Maple Syrup Festival event held in Brooke-Alvinston.

Director Don McCabe expressed concern regarding the extended vacancies in leadership within multiple regional Source Protection Committees. It is requested that staff draft communication to the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks requesting the prioritization of filling the role of Chairperson for those committees.

BD-26-32

McCabe – Veen

That staff be directed to draft correspondence to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks formally requesting that vacancies for Chairperson of Source Water Protection Committees be filled in order to continue the objectives of the Source Water Protection Plan.

CARRIED

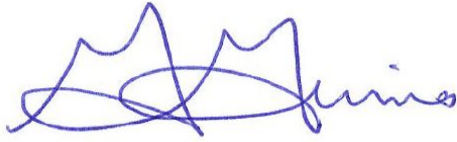
12. Adjournment

BD-26-33

Loosley – Kilner

“That the meeting be adjourned.”

CARRIED



Greg Grimes
Chair



Ken Phillips
General Manager