



LOWER TRENT CONSERVATION

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Board of Directors refers to the General Membership as set out in the Lower Trent Conservation Administrative By-Law No. 2023-01

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MEETING # 2026-03

DATE: April 9, 2026

TIME: 3:20 PM

LOCATION: Administration Office, 714 Murray Street, Trenton / Virtually

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

ON SITE		REMOTE SITE
Sherry Hamilton (Chair)	Jeff Wheeldon (Vice-Chair)	Bobbi Wright
Bob Mullin	Eric Sandford	
Mike Ainsworth	Jim Alyea	
Lynda Reid	Rick English	

ABSENT/REGRETS: Eugene (Gene) Brahaney

STAFF: Rhonda Bateman, Chitra Gowda

GUESTS: None

1. Meeting called to order by the Chair

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hamilton at 3:20 p.m.

2. First Nations Acknowledgement

"This land is located on the traditional territories of the Anishnabek, Huron-Wendat, and Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) peoples. We acknowledge our shared responsibilities and obligations to preserve and protect the land, air and water. We are grateful to have the privilege to meet, explore, and connect here on these shared lands. In the spirit of friendship, peace and respect, we extend our thanks to all the generations that came before us and cared for these lands - for time immemorial."

3. Disclosure of pecuniary interests

There were no pecuniary interests declared.

4. Approval of the Agenda as amended

RES: G37/26

Moved by: Jim Alyea

Seconded by: Lynda Reid

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

Carried

5. Closed Session

RES: G38/26

Moved by: Bob Mullin

Seconded by: Eric Sandford

THAT the Board go in to Closed Session under Section 239(2)(b) of the Municipal Act, 2001 regarding Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including (municipal) employees

Carried

Time: 3:23 p.m.

RES: G39/26

Moved by: Jim Alyea

Seconded by: Lynda Reid

THAT the Lower Trent Conservation Board of Directors return to the regular meeting session.

Carried

Time: 4:01 p.m.

RES: G40/26

Moved by: Jim Alyea

Seconded by: Lynda Reid

THAT the Lower Trent Conservation Board of Directors meet with Templeman LLP at a board meeting to be held at the call of the Chair to seek advice and consultation. The Chair is directed to fulfill the closed session direction of the Board of Directors.

Carried

6. Delegations

There were no delegations received for this meeting.

7. Public Input (3 minutes per speaker)

There was no public input at this meeting.

8. Adoption of the Minutes:

RES: G41/26

Moved by: Mike Ainsworth

Seconded by: Jim Alyea

THAT the Regular and Closed Session Meeting minutes of March 12, 2026 be adopted.

Carried

9. Business arising from these minutes

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

10. Correspondence

RES: G42/26

Moved by: Jeff Wheeldon

Seconded by: Eric Sandford

THAT the correspondence as provided in the agenda package be received as information.

Carried

STAFF REPORTS

11. List of Monthly Payments Issued

RES: G43/26

Moved by: Bobbi Wright

Seconded by: Lynda Reid

THAT the list of payments issued in the total amount of \$326,084.15 for the month of March 2026 be received as information.

Carried

12. Watershed Management, Planning and Regulations Update

RES: G44/26

Moved by: Jeff Wheeldon

Seconded by: Bobbi Wright

THAT the Watershed Management, Planning and Regulations Update be received as information.

Carried

13. LTC Annual Report

RES: G45/26

Moved by: Bobbi Wright

Seconded by: Eric Sandford

THAT the Lower Trent Conservation 2025 Annual Report be received as information; and THAT the audited financials be added to the 2025 Annual Report; and THAT the 2025 Annual Report then be circulated to LTC's member municipalities.

Carried

14. Conservation Lands Report - March 31, 2026

Director Mullin asked if Sager Conservation area was open. CAO Rhonda Bateman responded that it is open. Director Wheeldon asked if the closed trail at Goodrich Loomis impacts school visits. Rhonda Bateman responded that the trail closure does not impact school visits.

RES: G46/26

Moved by: Rick English

Seconded by: Bob Mullin

THAT the Conservation Lands Report for the period January 1 – March 31, 2026 be received as information.

Carried

15. Education and Outreach Activities Report – March 31, 2026

RES: G47/26

Moved by: Lynda Reid

Seconded by: Bobbi Wright

THAT the Summary of Education and Outreach Activities Report for the period January 1 – March 31, 2026 be received as information.

Carried

16. Summary of Risk Management Official Activity Report – March 31, 2026

RES: G48/26

Moved by: Jim Alyea

Seconded by: Bobbi Wright

THAT the Risk Management Official Activity Report pursuant to Part IV of the Clean Water Act report for the period of January 1 to March 31, 2026 be received as information.

Carried

17. Bay of Quinte Remedial Action Plan Program

RES: G49/26

Moved by: Lynda Reid

Seconded by: Bobbi Wright

THAT the Bay of Quinte Remedial Action Plan Newsletter for March 2026 be received as information.

Carried

18. CAO's Report

Rhonda Bateman summarized the letter received from the Minister directing that fees remain frozen at 2022 levels and that fees not approved between January 1 and March 10, 2026 remain frozen. The LTC Board of Directors approved the updated fees in November 2025, therefore the updated fees are in effect.

Rhonda Bateman also updated the members about Bill 97, which passed second reading at the time of the board meeting. Existing boards will remain in place until a new board is appointed. Budgets will be developed sooner than usual. Director Sandford said that more guidance and information is needed from the province on how the consolidation is to happen, in order to develop a budget where there is no representation of lower tier municipalities. Director Wheeldon indicated that there could be more frontline staff, but not all things would change. The business should remain the same and would be predictable. Director Alyea said that the funds received from the sale of the Water Street property should be used within the current watershed boundaries and not used elsewhere. Rhonda Bateman noted that the funds are restricted and could be used towards floodplain mapping studies. It is not known if the funds would be used within the Lower Trent watershed area.

The project executive of each region will be appointed by the agency for 2.5 years. Following that transition period, the new Regional Board will select the CAO. Transition Committees begin work in the summer of 2026 and end by February 2027 on the statutory amalgamation date. Director Wheeldon said that the mayors of Hamilton and Brampton have written letters to the province raising concern over the amalgamation.

RES: G50/26

Moved by: Rick English

Seconded by: Mike Ainsworth

THAT the CAO's Report be received as information.

19. Members Inquiries/Other Business

Director English said that the Municipality of Trent Hills passed a resolution objecting to the ALTO high speed train proposal's southern route. Director Ainsworth indicated that the province has proposed changes to the Heritage Act to remove the need for archaeological assessments in certain circumstances.

20. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

RES: G51/26

Moved by: Rick English

Seconded by: Bob Mullin

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

Sherry Hamilton, Chair

Rhonda Bateman, CAO/ST

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