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Memorandum

Councillor Thompson

Re: Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Board Meeting Highlights of January 23, 2026

To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: Councillor Michael Thompson

Date: February 10, 2026

Recommendation

1. That the memorandum regarding Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Board Meeting Highlights of January 23, 2026, be received for information.

Attachments

1. Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Board Meeting Highlights of January 23, 2026

Board Meeting Highlights

75th Annual General Meeting

January 23, 2026

Welcome and Greetings:

Chair Riepma welcomed everyone to the 75th Annual General meeting of the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority and acknowledged the Lake Simcoe watershed as traditional Indigenous territory. He acknowledged the tremendous work of staff and thanked Board members for their steady support throughout the year.

2025 Year-end Presentations:

a) 2025 Year in Review

Chief Administrative Officer, Rob Baldwin, congratulated staff on their many impressive accomplishments of 2025 and shared a video that captures these highlights and accomplishments. To view the video, please click this link: [2025 Year in Review](#)

These highlights and accomplishments are also captured in the [2025 Infographics](#)

Conclusion of 2025 Business:

Chair Riepma concluded the Year 2025 business and deemed the Chair vacant.

2026 Business:

The 2026 Business portion of the meeting was called to order by CAO Rob Baldwin, who served as Chair Pro Temp during the election of the Chair and Vice Chair for 2026.

Election of Officers for 2026:

Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Councillor Peter Ferragine was elected to the position of Chair for 2026, and City of Barrie Councillor Clare Riepma was elected to the position of Vice Chair for 2026.

The media release that followed the meeting can be found through this link: [New Chair and Vice Chair elected at the Annual General Meeting](#)

Year 2026 Presentations

a) 2026 Capital and Operating Budget

General Manager, Corporate and Financial Services/CFO, Mark Critch, provided an update on the 2026 Proposed Capital and Operating Budget, noting that in December 2025, Board members

approved the 2026 proposed Capital and Operating Budget for circulation to all participating and specified municipalities. The proposed budget was then circulated to all participating and specified municipalities and was posted on the Conservation Authority's website for the legislatively required 30-day review period.

To view this presentation, please click this link: [2026 Budget Presentation](#)

Correspondence and Staff Reports

Correspondence

The Board received the January 8, 2026 letter from Impact Assessment Agency of Canada regarding Notification of Early Decision with Reasons for the Proposed Georgina Island Fixed Link Project.

2026 Capital and Operating Budget

The Board received Staff Report No. 01-26-BOD regarding the Conservation Authority's 2026 Capital and Operating Budget. The Board approved the 2026 Proposed Budget and all projects therein and further authorized staff to enter into agreements and/or execute documents with private sector organizations, non-governmental organizations or governments and their agencies for the undertaking of projects for the benefit of the Conservation Authority and funded by the sponsoring organization or agency, including projects that have not been provided for in the approved budget. As required by O.Reg.402/22: Budget and Apportionment, the 2026 budget was unanimously approved by three weighted votes by those in attendance.

Monitoring Report – Planning and Development Applications for the Period January 1 through December 31, 2025

The Board received Staff Report No. 02-26-BOD regarding the total number of development applications for the period January 1 through December 31, 2025.

2026 Board of Directors' Meeting Schedule

The Board received Staff Report No. 03-26-BOD regarding the 2026 meeting schedule. The 2026 remaining Board of Director' meetings as approved will take place at 9:00 a.m. in person at the Conservation Authority's Newmarket offices on the following dates:

Friday, March 6 th	Friday, August 21 st
Friday, April 17 th	Friday, October 2 nd
Friday, May 29 th	Friday, November 13 th
Friday, July 10 th	Friday, December 18 th

2026 Annual Priorities

The Board received Staff Report No. 04-26-BOD regarding the Conservation Authority's 2026 Annual Priorities.

Prequalification of Contractors and Consultants

The Board received Staff Report No. 05-26-BOD regarding an update on the prequalification of consultants and contractors for the Restoration Services Department.

Official Name of the New Education Facility at Scanlon Creek Conservation Area

The Board approved Staff Report No. 06-26-BOD regarding the official name of **Scanlon Creek Nature Centre** for the new education facility at Scanlon Creek Conservation Area.

For more information or to see the full agenda package, visit [LSRCA's Board of Directors' webpage](#).