

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
LAKE WINNIPEG FOUNDATION
August 18, 2020 – 6:00pm, Zoom Meeting**

Mission Statement: to advocate for change and co-ordinate action to improve the health of Lake Winnipeg.

Acknowledgement: the board of the Lake Winnipeg Foundation acknowledges that the Great Lake we are working to protect is part of the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Dakota and Metis. It is a lake that has long been cared for by the people living on its shores.

Present: Gene Degen, David Horne, Les McEwan, Bruce Maclean, Kathryn Dompierre, Roger Ramsay, Bryan Allison, Jodi Goertzen, Jonathon Paterson, Greg McCullough, Becky Cook, Amanda Karst.

Regrets: Selena Randall, Florence Eastwood.

Absent: Ramona Bird.

Guests: Mike Stainton.

Quorum established: 12 directors present

1. **Meeting opening.** The meeting was opened by Gene Degen with a reflection on water and a toast to our collective work.
2. **Approval of agenda.** Two items were added to the agenda: a report on staff resignation and a report on the office break-in.

2020:08:M29 MS That the agenda for the August 2020 meeting be approved as amended and with quorum established. **Carried**

3. Approval of minutes

2020:08:M30 MS That the minutes from the June 2020 meeting of the board of directors be approved. **Carried**

4. **Declaration of conflict of interest.** No conflicts of interest were declared.

5. **New Business**

5.1. LWF's Digital Communications Coordinator, Saz Massey, submitted her resignation on August 14, 2020.

5.2. LWF's office was broken into on August 15, 2020. Computer equipment, as well as paper records, were stolen. The theft was reported to Winnipeg Police immediately upon discovery. LWF staff are reviewing security measures and compiling a list of affected individuals for notification.

6. Directors' Reports

6.1. Executive Director's Report. The board reviewed the Executive Director's report for August 2020, and discussed summer fundraising events. An update on the new Agricultural Water Stewardship program was provided.

2020:08:M31 MS To approve the Executive Director's report as presented. **Carried**

6.2. LWIC Director's Report. The board reviewed the LWIC director's report and discussed LWIC's video series, being developed to connect Indigenous youth with elders.

2020:08:M32 MS To approve the LWIC Director's report as presented. **Carried**

7. Approval of Financial Statements. The board reviewed May and June financial statements, as well as a new report on budget variance and grant progress. The board discussed the value of maintaining a reserve fund.

2020:08:M33 MS That the financial statements for May and June 2020 (attached) be approved as presented. **Carried**

8. Strategic Objectives

8.1. LWF and LWIC participation on NEWPCC Project Advisory Committee (PAC). An update to the NEWPCC upgrade plan will be released by the city and province in early October. As members of the PAC, LWF and LWIC have provided input on information to be included in this plan. The board discussed potential responses to the release of this plan update. An additional informal board discussion will be scheduled prior to the release of the plan.

8.2. Transition to new donor database software. LWF is currently reviewing options to replace outdated and underperforming database software. The board discussed the merits of two software options currently being considered.

2020:08:M34 MS To request more detail on set-up costs for CiviCRM, recognizing that \$20,000 is a reasonable amount of money for LWF to spend on CRM software **Carried**

9. Next Meeting

The next board meeting will be held on October 20, 2020, 6pm, by Zoom Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Chair

Secretary