

and staff be authorized to take all necessary action required to give effect to same.
CARRIED

1. Correspondence

- a) Letter from Ministry of Natural Resources dated October 15, 2013 to Gayle Wood regarding Minister's Approval for Grant of Easement;
- b) Email from Ministry of the Environment dated October 17, 2013 to Gayle Wood regarding the Amendment to Include Rama First Nation in Source Protection Planning posted to Environmental Registry;
- f) Email from Conservation Ontario dated November 6, 2013 to Gayle Wood regarding Fisheries Act Amendments Coming into Force November 25th and December 10th for DFO Webinar;

BOD-189-13 **RESOLVED THAT correspondence listed as items 1 a), b) and f) be received for information. CARRIED**

2. Budget Status Report – September 30th

BOD-190-13 **RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 56-13-BOD regarding the Authority Budget Status for the nine month period ending August 30, 2013 be received for information. CARRIED**

5. Scanlon Creek Conservation Area Management Plan Review Vision, Mission and Goals

BOD-191-13 **RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 62-13-BOD regarding the Scanlon Creek Conservation Area Management Plan review and update be received for information; and**

FURTHER THAT the proposed vision, mission and goals for Scanlon Creek Conservation Area be approved. CARRIED

6. Durham Regional Forest

BOD-192-13 **RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 63-13-BOD regarding the Durham Region Forest Management Agreement Renewal be approved, and**

FURTHER THAT the Chair and CAO be authorized to sign the Agreement for the period of 2014 to 2023. CARRIED

X. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

1. Correspondence

- c) Conservation Ontario Media Release dated October 21, 2013: Conservation Authorities Support New Ontario Children's Outdoor Charter by Providing Places to 'Step into Nature'

Regional Councillor Ballinger enquired as to whether a portion of the Scanlon property could be tied to this Charter, so that it may be utilized by children. After some discussion, staff were directed to have the Scanlon Creek Steering Committee work with government agencies on opportunities in support of the new Ontario Children's Outdoor Charter.

Moved by: B. Drew Seconded by: S. Strangway

BOD-193-13 **RESOLVED THAT correspondence listed as item 1 c) be received for information; and**
FURTHER that the Scanlon Creek Steering Committee be directed to work the government agencies on opportunities in support of the Children's Outdoor Charter.
CARRIED

d) Resolutions regarding Friends of the Ontario Ranger Program Request for Support

Regional Councillor Ballinger advised the Board that he had recently attended a rally in Huntsville regarding the Ontario Ranger Program where many individuals spoke about the impact this program has had on their lives. Regional Councillor Ballinger asked Board members for support of the resolutions distributed in the Agenda. Members expressed their support and requested copies of the resolutions for distribution to their respective municipalities.

Moved by: J. Ballinger Seconded by: D. Kerwin

BOD-194-13 **RESOLVED THAT correspondence listed as item 1 d) be received for information; and**
FURTHER THAT whereas in September 2012 the provincial government cancelled the 70 year old Ontario Ranger Program (ORP), formerly known as the Ontario Junior Ranger Program;
And whereas when the government cancelled the Ontario Ranger Program, it claimed the Stewardship Youth Ranger Program (SYP), an existing day program, would deliver the same experience and would offer more jobs;
And whereas this day program does not offer the same quality off experience youth gained under the previous ORP in respect to knowledge of resource management and without the distractions of daily life;
And whereas since 2012, 278 Ontario Ranger jobs have been eliminated;
And whereas in previous years more than half of the Ontario Rangers were students from large urban centres. By contrast, this year the current day program is just not accessible to those students in the urban centres;
And whereas when the government cancelled the ORP, many youths lost an opportunity for a once-in-a-lifetime experience because the ORP only required enrolment in an Ontario high school and acceptance into the program was based on a postal-code lottery system;

c) Distribution of Confidential Staff Reports and Information

Councillor Ward questioned the process for the distribution of confidential Staff Reports and other confidential Board related materials, noting that he would like to receive confidential information prior to meetings in order to properly review them.

CAO Wood explained that the current process was the result of a very serious breach of confidentiality, and if the Board wished for this process to be reviewed, staff could bring suggestions back to the next meeting. The Board agreed they would like this process reviewed, and staff was directed to bring back recommendations for the Board's review. Board members noted that in the meantime, they would like to receive the Confidential legal opinion (Item XI (d) above which was deferred to the December meeting) in advance of the meeting.

Councillor Craig left the meeting at this time.

In closing, Chair Bath thanked the General Manager, Communications and Education, Reneé Jarrett and her team for the wonderful job they did on the Annual Conservation Awards, noting what a wonderful evening it was.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 a.m. on a motion by G. Dawe.



Regional Councillor Debbie Bath
Chair



D. Gayle Wood
Chief Administrative Officer