

# GANARASKA REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

November 23, 2023 (Hybrid)

### GRCA 07/23

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#### 1. Welcome, Land Acknowledgement and Call to Order

The Chair called the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority (GRCA) Board of Directors meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mark Lovshin, Chair - Township of Hamilton  
Vicki Mink, Vice - Chair - Municipality of Port Hope  
Bruce Buttar - Agricultural Representative  
Miriam Mutton - Town of Cobourg  
Lance Nachoff - Township of Cavan Monaghan  
Adam Pearson - Municipality of Port Hope  
Tracy Richardson - City of Kawartha Lakes  
Joan Stover - Township of Alnwick/Haldimand  
Willie Woo - Municipality of Clarington

**ALSO PRESENT:** Linda Laliberte, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer  
Cory Harris, Watershed Services Coordinator  
Pam Lancaster Tregunno, Conservation Lands Coordinator  
Ken Thajer, Planning and Regulations Coordinator  
Ed Van Osch, Forest Recreation Technician  
Mark Gardiner, Chair, Ganaraska Forest Recreational Users Committee

**ABSENT WITH REGRETS:**

**ALSO ABSENT:** Randy Barber – Town of Cobourg  
Margaret Zwart - Municipality of Clarington

#### Land Acknowledgement

The Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority respectfully acknowledges that the land on which we gather is situated within the traditional and treaty territory of the Mississauga's and Chippewa's of the Anishinabek, known today as the Williams Treaties First Nations. Our work on these lands acknowledges their resilience and their longstanding contribution to the area. We are thankful for the opportunity to live, learn and share with mutual respect and appreciation.

#### 2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None.

3. Minutes of Last Meeting**GRCA 55/23****MOVED BY:** Adam Pearson**SECONDED BY:** Joan Stover

**THAT** the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority approve the minutes of the October 19, 2023 meeting.

**CARRIED.**

4. Adoption of the Agenda**GRCA 56/23****MOVED BY:** Vicki Mink**SECONDED BY:** Adam Pearson

**THAT** the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority adopt the agenda.

**CARRIED.**

Item 6. Presentations was moved to Item 12 and Item 12 under Other Business was moved to Item 10.

5. Delegations

None.

6. Business Arising from Minutes:

## a) 2024 Municipal Levy

The CAO/Secretary-Treasurer explained the weighted vote procedure to the Board of Directors.

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A recorded vote is required.

Mark Lovshin - Township of Hamilton (10.8589%)	- Yes
Vicki Mink - Municipality of Port Hope (8.3825%)	- Yes
Miriam Mutton - Town of Cobourg (10.5491%)	- Yes
Lance Nachoff - Township of Cavan Monaghan (0.2062%)	- Yes
Tracy Richardson - City of Kawartha Lakes (0.0899%)	- Yes
Adam Pearson – Municipality of Port Hope (8.3825%)	- Yes
Joan Stover - Township of Alnwick/Haldimand (0.9814%)	- Yes

The total percentage present to vote was 39.4505%. To carry the motion, 51% total of those present, or 20.1198%, is required and cannot be from a single municipality.

**THAT** the GRCA Board of Directors approve the staff report that includes the 2024 levy in the amount of \$1,279,854.98.

**CARRIED.**

7. Correspondence

None.

8. Applications under Ontario Regulation 168/06:

Permits approved by Executive:

Miriam Mutton asked about the permit for the end Ravensdale Road.

**GRCA 58/23**

**MOVED BY:** Vicki Mink

**SECONDED BY:** Miriam Mutton

**THAT** the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority receive the permits for information.  
**CARRIED.**

Permit Application requiring Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority Board of Directors discussion:

None.

9. Committee Reports:

a) Ganaraska Forest Recreation Users Committee Minutes – November 2, 2023

**GRCA 59/23**

**MOVED BY:** Joan Stover

**SECONDED BY:** Adam Pearson

**THAT** the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority receive the Ganaraska Forest Recreational Users Committee Minutes – November 2, 2023, for information.

**CARRIED.**

Willie Woo joined the meeting.

10. Other Business:

a) Programs and Services Inventory

The CAO/Secretary-Treasurer gave an overview of the information in the staff report.

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**MOVED BY:** Joan Stover

**SECONDED BY:** Adam Pearson

**THAT** the Board of Directors approve the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority's Programs and Services Inventory,

**AND FURTHER THAT**, the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority Board of Directors direct staff to distribute the Programs and Services Inventory to the member municipalities and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry as well as posted on the GRCA website.

**CARRIED.**

11. New Business

a) Ganaraska Forest Volunteer Update

The Conservation Lands Coordinator provided an overview of the information provided in the staff report. There were questions with regards to the cost of personal protection equipment (PPE). It was noted that PPE may be cost prohibitive for some volunteers

which resulted in a lower turnout. There were also observations made with regards to the fact that the trails that were being worked on were not trails some volunteers wanted to work on. Staff had made volunteers aware of this prior to the staff day and explained that self - directed areas were available. Staff further explained that contact information for some of the other volunteers had also been provided. The Chair made an observation with regards to the cost of the volunteer efforts related to staff versus the limited hours that were given.

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**MOVED BY:** Bruce Butter  
**SECONDED BY:** Adam Pearson

**THAT** the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority receive the Ganaraska Forest Volunteer Update for information.

**CARRIED.**

12. Presentations

a) Ganaraska Forest Recreational Users Committee (RUC) Annual Report  
Mark Gardiner, Chair of the RUC presented his annual report to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors thanked Mr. Gardiner for his presentation. Tracy Richardson thanked Mark Gardiner as Chair of the RUC and thanked staff for reports.

**GRCA 62/23**

**MOVED BY:** Miriam Mutton  
**SECONDED BY:** Joan Stover

**THAT** the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority receive the presentation for information.

**CARRIED.**

13. Public Question Period

None.

14. In Camera

None.

15. Adjourn**GRCA 63/23**

**MOVED BY:** Willie Woo

**THAT** the meeting adjourned at 4:39 p.m.

**CARRIED.**