

GANARASKA REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

June 15, 2023 (Hybrid)

GRCA 04/23

1. Welcome, Land Acknowledgement and Call to Order

The Chair called the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority (GRCA) Board of Directors meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Lovshin, Chair - Township of Hamilton
Vicki Mink, Vice - Chair - Municipality of Port Hope
Randy Barber - Town of Cobourg
Bruce Buttar - Agricultural Representative
Miriam Mutton - Town of Cobourg
Adam Pearson - Municipality of Port Hope
Tracy Richardson - City of Kawartha Lakes
Joan Stover - Township of Alnwick/Haldimand
Willie Woo - Municipality of Clarington
Margaret Zwart - Municipality of Clarington
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ALSO PRESENT: Linda Laliberte, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer
Ken Thajer, Planning and Regulations Coordinator
Pam Lancaster, Conservation Lands Coordinator
Ed Van Osch, Forest Recreation Technician

**ABSENT WITH
REGRETS:**

ALSO ABSENT: Lance Nachoff - Township of Cavan Monaghan

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 28/23

MOVED BY: Randy Barber
SECONDED BY: Tracy Richardson

THAT the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority approve the minutes of the May 18, 2023 meeting.

CARRIED.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

GRCA 29/23

MOVED BY: Miriam Mutton
SECONDED BY: Vicki Mink

THAT the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority adopt the agenda.

CARRIED.

5. Business Arising from Minutes:

None.

6. Delegations

None.

7. Presentations

a) Source Water Protection

Jessica Mueller, Watershed Hydrogeologist provided a brief update to the Board of Directors on the Section 36 updates that are completed every 5 years. She informed the Board that a municipal working group meeting took place where the municipalities were informed of the updates. As well there have been no comments received from the pre-consultation phase. The public consultation phase will be in the summer and a notice will be sent out advising municipalities of the dates of the consultation phase.

GRCA 30/23

MOVED BY: Miriam Mutton
SECONDED BY: Joan Stover

THAT the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority receive the verbal update for information.

CARRIED.

It is noted that there were some technical difficulties observed at this time which had to do with the speakers in the board room affecting those online. The order of the presentations was reverse to address this issue. As well, it was discovered after the following presentation that the slides were not advanced on the recorded presentation. A copy of the presentation will be included in the minutes on the website.

b) Natural Hazards Presentation Series – Part 4: Floodplains Part 2

Ken Thajer, Planning and Regulations Coordinator, provided an information session on natural hazards regulated under the *Conservation Authorities Act* and focused this month's talk on floodplains. Staff provided a presentation on legislation pertaining to development in the floodplain. He also spoke about specific GRCA requirements for permitting and *Planning Act* applications in or near the floodplain in addition to different types of flood proofing.

[View Presentation](#)

GRCA 31/23**MOVED BY:** Miriam Mutton**SECONDED BY:** Adam Pearson

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

CARRIED.

c) Clean Water – Healthy Land (CWHL) Stewardship Program 2023 Update

Pam Lancaster, Conservation Lands Coordinator, provided the Board of Directors with an update on the CWHL program for 2023. She that over 25,000 trees were planted and/or distributed this year and today there have been 9 projects approved amongst the participating municipalities of Hamilton Township, Municipality of Port Hope, Municipality of Clarington and Town of Cobourg.

GRCA 32/23**MOVED BY:** Joan Stover**SECONDED BY:** Adam Pearson

THAT the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority receive the presentation regarding natural hazards for information.

CARRIED.

8. Correspondence

None.

9. Applications under Ontario Regulation 168/06:

Permits approved by Executive:

GRCA 33/23**MOVED BY:** Randy Barber**SECONDED BY:** Willie Woo

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

CARRIED.

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

None.

10. Committee Reports:

a) Gananaska Forest Recreational Users Committee Minutes – June 1, 2023

Miriam Mutton asked about the mounting blocks in the horse trailer parking lot. Staff explained this would be part of a trail maintenance agreement.

GRCA 34/23

MOVED BY: Vicki Mink

SECONDED BY: Bruce Buttar

THAT the Gananaska Region Conservation Authority receive the Gananaska Forest Recreational Users Committee Minutes – June 1, 2023 for information.

CARRIED.

11. New Business:

None.

12. Other Business

a) Conservation Lands Strategy

GRCA 35/23

MOVED BY: Joan Stover

SECONDED BY: Adam Pearson

THAT the Gananaska Region Conservation Authority receive the staff report for information.

CARRIED.

13. Public Question Period

None.

14. In Camera

None.

15. Adjourn

GRCA 36/2023

MOVED BY: Adam Pearson

SECONDED BY: Bruce Buttar

THAT the meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

CARRIED.

CHAIR

CAO/SECRETARY-TREASURER