

GANARASKA REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

April 20, 2023 (Hybrid)

GRCA 02/23

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
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
Margaret Zwart - Municipality of Clarington

ALSO PRESENT: Linda Laliberte, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer
Cory Harris, Watershed Services Coordinator
Ken Thajer, Planning and Regulations Coordinator
Pam Lancaster, Conservation Lands Coordinator
Ed Van Osch, Forest Recreation Technician

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Willie Woo – Municipality of Clarington

ALSO ABSENT:

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 11/23

MOVED BY: Joan Stover
SECONDED BY: Lance Nachoff

THAT the Gananaska Region Conservation Authority approve the minutes of the March 16, 2023 meeting.

CARRIED.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

GRCA 12/23

MOVED BY: Randy Barber
SECONDED BY: Lance Nachoff

THAT the Gananaska Region Conservation Authority adopt the agenda.

CARRIED.

5. Business Arising from Minutes:

a) Proposed Public Question Period

The Board made some suggestions to allow the Chair some discretion to allow for questions that have not been provided in advance of the meeting and if the time required to answer the questions takes more than 10 minutes. The guidelines will be updated to reflect these changes.

GRCA 13/23

MOVED BY: Miriam Mutton
SECONDED BY: Vicki Mink

THAT the Gananaska Region Conservation Authority approve the updated guidelines as outlined in the proposed public question period staff report.

CARRIED.

6. Delegations

None.

7. Presentations

a) Gananaska Forest Recreational Update

Ed Van Osch, Forest Recreation Technician, provided an update on the trails in the Gananaska Forest as well the ongoing recovery efforts in preparation for the May 1, 2023 opening. It was noted that this would be the final monthly update.

GRCA 14/23

MOVED BY: Randy Barber
SECONDED BY: Lance Nachoff

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

CARRIED.

b) Natural Hazards Presentation Series – Part 2: River and Stream Valleys

Staff provided another information session on natural hazards regulated under the *Conservation Authorities Act* and focused this month's talk on valley and stream corridors. Cory Harris, Watershed Services Coordinator, provided a description of the two types of valleys, apparent and non-apparent, and the difference between them. He further explained the reason for regulating these types of lands and gave a brief overview of the technical elements outlined in the guidelines that are provided by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF). Ken Thajer, Planning and Regulations Coordinator, spoke about the causes of slope instability and the technical requirements with regards to permitting for development in or adjacent to these areas.

GRCA 15/23

MOVED BY: Miriam Mutton

SECONDED BY: Adam Pearson

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

CARRIED.

8. Correspondence

01/23 Lynch Rutherford Tozer re: Audit Management letter

GRCA 16/23

MOVED BY: Joan Stover

SECONDED BY: Lance Nachoff

THAT the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority note and file correspondence item 01/23.

CARRIED.

9. Applications under Ontario Regulation 168/06:

Permits approved by Executive:

GRCA 17/23

MOVED BY: Randy Barber

SECONDED BY: Lance Nachoff

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 – April 6, 2023 minutes

GRCA 18/23

MOVED BY: Adam Pearson

SECONDED BY: Bruce Butter

THAT the Gananaska Region Conservation Authority receive the Gananaska Forest Recreational Users Committee minutes for information.

CARRIED.

11. New Business:

a) 2023 Financial Budget

Board members complimented staff on the new comprehensive format of the 2023 financial budget.

GRCA 19/23

MOVED BY: Vicki Mink

SECONDED BY: Miriam Mutton

THAT the Board of Directors approve the 2023 Financial Budget.

CARRIED.

12. Other Business

None.

13. In Camera

None.

14. Adjourn

Chair Mark Lovshin thanked staff for all their hard work in getting the forest ready to open May 1. The Chair complimented staff on the audit and the new budget format. He also congratulated CAO/Secretary-Treasurer on being elected to Conservation Ontario Board of Directors and as the Treasurer of Conservation Ontario for another year.

GRCA 20/2023

MOVED BY: Joan Stover

SECONDED BY: Adam Pearson

THAT the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

CARRIED.

CHAIR

CAO/SECRETARY-TREASURER