

# GANARASKA REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

September 21, 2023 (Hybrid)

GRCA 05/23

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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  
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  
Ed Van Osch, Forest Recreation Technician

**ABSENT WITH  
REGRETS:**

**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 37/23**

**MOVED BY:** Randy Barber  
**SECONDED BY:** Adam Pearson

**THAT** the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority approve the minutes of the June 15, 2023 meeting.

**CARRIED.**

### 4. Adoption of the Agenda

**GRCA 38/23**

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

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

**CARRIED.**

### 5. Business Arising from Minutes:

None.

### 6. Delegations

a) Adam Yahn, resident on Glen Watford Road, Cobourg made a presentation to the Board of Directors with regards to the lands that are bordered by Canadian National Rail to the north, town limits/Bob Carr Road to the west, Lake Ontario to the south, and Glen Watford Road to the east. Adam communicated concerns regarding a potential residential development. The presentation can be found in the agenda items for this meeting.

**GRCA 39/23**

**MOVED BY:** Joan Stover  
**SECONDED BY:** Adam Pearson

**THAT** the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority receive the delegation for information and refer the information from the presentation to staff.

**CARRIED.**

### 7. Presentations

None.

### 8. Correspondence

02/23 Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing re: Proposal to return lands in Ajax to the Greenbelt.

**GRCA 40/23**

**MOVED BY:** Vicki Mink  
**SECONDED BY:** Tracy Richardson

**THAT** the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority receive the correspondence to note and file.

**CARRIED.**

9. Applications under Ontario Regulation 168/06:

Permits approved by Executive:

**GRCA 41/23**

**MOVED BY:** Randy Barber

**SECONDED BY:** Margaret Zwart

**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) Ganaraska Forest Recreational Users Committee Minutes – September 7, 2023

Miriam Mutton asked a question in regard to the environmental concerns that are brought forward at the Recreational Users Committee meetings. Staff confirmed concerns of this nature are addressed at said meetings.

**GRCA 42/23**

**MOVED BY:** Joan Stover

**SECONDED BY:** Lance Nachoff

**THAT** the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority receive the Ganaraska Forest Recreational Users Committee Minutes – September 7, 2023 for information.

**CARRIED.**

11. New Business

a) Municipal Memorandum of Understanding as per Regulation 687/21

**GRCA 43/23**

**MOVED BY:** Miriam Mutton

**SECONDED BY:** Randy Barber

**THAT** the Board of Directors approve the Memorandum of Understanding and Appendices to be forwarded to the watershed municipalities.

**CARRIED.**

b) Program and Services Inventory

**GRCA 44/23**

**MOVED BY:** Adam Pearson

**SECONDED BY:** Lance Nachoff

**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 post the document on the GRCA website.

**CARRIED.**

c) 2024 Preliminary Budget Criteria

**GRCA 45/23**

**MOVED BY:** Joan Stover

**SECONDED BY:** Lance Nachoff

**THAT** the Board of Directors direct staff to prepare the 2024 preliminary budget based on the criteria contained in the staff report dated September 21, 2023, and the preliminary budget be prepared for the October 19, 2023 meeting.

**CARRIED.**

12. Other Business:

Ganaraska Forest Board Members Tour

The Board of Directors discussed the dates for the Ganaraska Forest Board Members Tour. It was decided the tour would take place October 19, 2023, beginning at 1:00 pm. The Board will meet at the Forest Centre. After the forest tour, the regular Board meeting will take place at the administrative office in person and via Zoom.

13. Public Question Period

None.

14. In Camera

None.

15. Adjourn

**GRCA 46/2023**

**MOVED BY:** Vicki Mink

**SECONDED BY:** Randy Barber

**THAT** the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

**CARRIED.**

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**CHAIR**

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**CAO/SECRETARY-TREASURER**