



NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: December 15, 2022

TIME: 7:15 pm

LOCATION: Zoom Meeting

AGENDA

MEETING:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEMBERS:

Randy Barber, Bruce Buttar, Mark Lovshin, Vicki Mink, Miriam Mutton, Lance Nachoff, Tracy Richardson, Joan Stover, Willie Woo, Margaret Zwart

1. Welcome, Land Acknowledgement and Call to Order

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
3. Minutes of Last Meeting – **November 17, 2022 – attached**
4. Adoption of the Agenda

5. Business Arising from Minutes:
 - a) 2023 Municipal Levy – **staff report attached**
6. Delegations:

None.
7. Presentations:
 - a) Ganaraska Forest Recreational Users Committee (RUC) Annual Report - **staff report attached**
 - b) Ganaraska Forest Update – **staff report attached**
8. Correspondence:

None.
9. Applications under Ontario Regulation 168/06:

Permits approved by Executive - **schedule attached**

Permit applications requiring Board of Directors discussion:
None
10. Committee Reports:

None.
11. New Business:
 - a) Ganaraska Forest Recreational Trails Strategy – **staff report attached**
12. Other Business:

None.
13. In Camera:

None.
14. Adjourn

GANARASKA REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

November 17, 2022 (via Zoom)

GRCA 06/22

1. Welcome, Land Acknowledgement and Call to Order

The Chair called the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority (GRCA) Board of Directors meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Lovshin, Chair - Township of Hamilton
Nicole Beatty - Town of Cobourg
Tm Belch - Township of Cavan Monaghan
Greg Booth - Township of Alnwick/Haldimand
Bruce Buttar - Agricultural Sector
Vicki Mink - Municipality of Port Hope
Tracy Richardson - City of Kawartha Lakes
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
Gus Saurer, Forester
Ed Van Osch, Forest Recreation Technician
Members of the Public

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Brian Darling - Town of Cobourg
Jeff Lees, Vice-Chair - Municipality of Port Hope

ALSO ABSENT: Joe Neal - Municipality of Clarington

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2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None.

3. Minutes of Last Meeting**GRCA 48/22**

MOVED BY: Vicki Mink
SECONDED BY: Greg Booth

THAT the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority approve the minutes of the October 20, 2022 meeting.

CARRIED.

4. Adoption of the Agenda**GRCA 49/22**

MOVED BY: Tracy Richardson
SECONDED BY: Nicole Beatty

THAT the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority adopt the agenda.

CARRIED.

5. Delegations

None

6. Presentations

a) Ganaraska Forest Update

The CAO/Secretary-Treasurer provided the Board of Directors a brief statement with regards to miscommunication that being circulated with municipalities with regards to the staff work plan as well as budget items. Staff provided an update on the continued recovery effort in the Ganaraska Forest and the extension or refund options available for the membership program.

GRCA 50/22

MOVED BY: Bruce Buttar
SECONDED BY: Vicki Mink

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

CARRIED.

b) Bill 23, *The More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022*

Staff provided information to the Board of Directors on Bill 23 and the significant changes proposed that will impact both conservation authorities and municipalities and the way in which land use planning is carried out within the province.

GRCA 51/22

MOVED BY: Greg Booth
SECONDED BY: Vicki Mink

THAT the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority receive the presentation regarding Bill 23, *The More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022* for information.
CARRIED.

7. Business Arising from Minutes

None.

8. Correspondence

a) 04/22 Eastern Ontario Conservation Authorities re: Loss of Local Decision-Making: Bill 23 Does Not Work for Eastern Ontario

GRCA 52/22

MOVED BY: Nicole Beatty

SECONDED BY: Vicki Mink

THAT the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority endorse correspondence item 04/22.

9. Applications under Ontario Regulation 168/06:

Permits approved by Executive:

GRCA 53/22

MOVED BY: Margaret Zwart

SECONDED BY: Tracy Richardson

THAT the Board of Directors receive the permits for information.

CARRIED.

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

None.

10. Committee Reports:

a) Ganaraska Forest Recreation Users Committee Minutes – November 3, 2022

Tracy Richardson provided an update of the November 3, 2022 Recreational Users Committee meeting.

GRCA 54/22

MOVED BY: Tracy Robinson

SECONDED BY: Bruce Buttar

THAT the Ganaraska Forest Recreational Users Committee minutes of the November 1, 2022 meeting be received for information.

CARRIED.

11. New Business:

a) Fee Policy and Schedules

GRCA 54/22

MOVED BY: Greg Booth

SECONDED BY: Tracy Robinson

THAT the Board of Directors approve the Fee Policy and Schedules effective December 1, 2022.

CARRIED.

12. Other Business

None.

13. In Camera:

None.

14. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

GRCA 55/22

MOVED BY: Tracy Richardson

SECONDED BY: Vicki Mink

THAT the Board of Directors adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED.

CHAIR

CAO/SECRETARY-TREASURER

Staff Report – December 15, 2022

To: Chair and Members of the Board of Directors

Re: 2023 Municipal Levy Vote

The proposed 2023 preliminary budget and levy were forwarded to all municipalities on October 24, 2022. The package included a letter, which indicated that the decision on the 2023 levy would be made at the December 2022 board meeting. The budget criteria approved at the September meeting included an increase to the base levy of 2.5% to \$15,933.97 and the overall levy was increased by 2.5%. An allowance was also built in for a 2.5% increase in the salary grid to be effective January 1, 2023. All increases in levies are adjusted by the increase or decrease in the appointment from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forest which will result in further increases or decreased to the municipalities. These amounts were outlined in the October letters to the municipalities.

At the December 15, 2022 Board of Directors' meeting, the members will be asked to vote on the 2023 levy in the amount of \$1,238,969. This will be a recorded vote and done by weighted average. Where there are two representatives from a municipality, the weight assigned to that municipality is distributed to each representative equally and is not redistributed should a representative not be in attendance at the meeting. Please note the weights assigned to each municipality are as listed below. The apportionment percentages are set by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs as part of the current value assessment.

It should be noted that Ontario Regulation 139/96 Municipal Levies under the *Conservation Authorities Act* states:

(2) For the purpose of the definition of "weighted majority", the weighting for a municipality may not exceed 50 per cent of the total weighting, except where the majority of the members of a conservation authority are appointed by one municipality. O. Reg. 139/96, s. 1 (2).

Therefore, the appointment for the Municipality of Clarington will be capped at 50% and the remaining 1.7771% is redistributed among the other six municipalities by the appointment assigned.

Members must be present to vote; a proxy vote is not allowed. The resolution must receive 51% of the vote present to be carried.

	CVA Apportionment	Voting Apportionment
Municipality of Clarington	51.7771%	50.0000% (25.0% each)
Town of Cobourg	20.3655%	21.1116% (10.5580% each)
Municipality of Port Hope	16.1188%	16.7128% (8.3564% each)
Township of Alwick/Haldimand	0.9442%	0.9790%
Township of Hamilton	10.5089%	10.8962%
Township of Cavan Monaghan	0.1989%	0.2062%
City of Kawartha Lakes	0.0867%	0.0899%

Board members are encouraged to contact the CAO/Secretary-Treasurer to answer any questions as it relates to the apportionment in advance of the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the GRCA Board of Directors approve the staff report that includes the 2023 levy in the amount of \$1,238,969.

Prepared by:



Linda J. Laliberte, CPA, CGA
CAO/Secretary-Treasurer

STAFF REPORT – December 15, 2022

TO: Chair and Members of the Board of Directors

RE: Ganaraska Forest Recreation Users Committee (RUC) Annual Report

As part of the Terms of Reference of the Ganaraska Forest Recreational Users Committee (RUC) under the heading Reporting Function, it is stated that the RUC Chair or designate, other than staff, shall report to the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority (GRCA) Board on its activities, over the previous year, by the end of the year. Mark Gardiner, Chair of the RUC, will be presenting this report to board members.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the GRCA Board of Directors receive the presentation for information.

Recommended by: _____



**Linda J. Laliberte, CPA, CGA
CAO/Secretary-Treasurer**

STAFF REPORT – December 15, 2022

TO: Chair and Members of the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority

Re: Ganaraska Forest Update

Staff will be providing a further update on the Ganaraska Forest as a follow-up to keep the Board of Directors up to day.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

Prepared by:



**Linda J. Laliberte, CPA, CGA
CAO/Secretary-Treasurer**

Ontario Regulation 168/06
Permits approved by Executive:

Date: December 15, 2022

Permit No.	Date	Address	Municipality/ Township	Description of Works
2207-11/22	Nov.17/22	61 Brown Street Port Hope Pt.Lt.6, Conc.1	Port Hope	Construction of a detached garage.
2208-11/22	Nov.25/22	9119 Dale Road Cobourg Pt.Lt.10, Conc.2	Hamilton	Construction of a garage and sunroom addition.
2210-11/22	Nov.25/22	6155 Jamieson Road Campbellcroft Pt.Lt.4, Conc.6	Port Hope	Excavation to develop a pond.
2212-11/22	Nov.17/22	1 Eldorado Place Pt.Lt.6, BF Conc.	Port Hope	Minor fill placement and associated grading.

STAFF REPORT – December 15, 2022

TO: Chair and Members of the Board of Directors

RE: Ganaraska Forest Recreational Trails Strategy

The Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority (GRCA) owns nearly 12,000 acres of land. The Ganaraska Forest is a vital natural heritage feature that contributes to the watershed health of the Ganaraska River. The Forest also contributes to regional natural heritage systems and protects a large portion of the Oak Ridges Moraine. It is important to restore, manage and protect the lands that comprise the Ganaraska Forest into the future, especially considering a changing climate, increasing development pressures and population increase.

The Ganaraska Forest also contributes to the health and wellbeing of the local and regional community. The Forest provides recreational opportunities and the ability for individuals to reconnect with nature. With the proximity of the Ganaraska Forest to the GTA, and with increasing populations within the region, the demand of the Forest from recreational and experiential opportunities will increase. The ability for the Ganaraska Forest to support public use must be in harmony with the ecology of the Forest.

In early 2023, Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority (GRCA) staff will be developing a Ganaraska Forest Recreational Trails Strategy. The Strategy will help to answer the question – what does recreation in the Ganaraska Forest look like in the future? The strategic process will involve public consultation and will consider all of the opportunities and wants of existing and future Forest users.

The Strategy will consider the following:

- Forest ecology impacts
- Health and safety risks
- Legal obligations – municipal, Provincial and Federal
- User group and public input

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority receives the Ganaraska Forest Recreational Trails Strategy staff report for information.

Prepared by:



**Pam Lancaster, B.Sc.
Conservation Lands Coordinator**

Recommended by:



**Linda J. Laliberte, CPA, CGA
CAO / Secretary-Treasurer**