

# GANARASKA REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

December 15, 2022 (via Zoom)

GRCA 07/22

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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 7:15 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mark Lovshin, Chair - Township of Hamilton  
Randy Barber - Town of Cobourg  
Bruce Buttar - Agricultural Representative  
Vicki Mink - Municipality of Port Hope  
Miriam Mutton - Town of Cobourg  
Lance Nachoff - Township of Cavan Monaghan  
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  
Gus Saurer, Forester  
Members of the Public

**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 56/22****MOVED BY:** Vicki Mink**SECONDED BY:** Tracy Richardson

**THAT** the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority approve the minutes of the November 17, 2022 meeting.

**CARRIED.**4. Adoption of the Agenda**GRCA 57/22****MOVED BY:** Miriam Mutton**SECONDED BY:** Vicki Mink

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

**CARRIED.**5. Business Arising from Minutes:

## a) 2023 Municipal Levy

Prior to the levy presentation, the CAO/Secretary-Treasurer explained the 2023 preliminary budget, with respect the budgeted figures and the projected totals. It was explained the preliminary budget was prepared in September 2022. As indicated on page 3 of the preliminary budget, all columns are the budgeted figures with the exception of the column headed 2022 Projected Total, which are the projections to the end of the year estimated in September. It also notes the 2022 Other Funds shown are the budgeted figures, not actuals. It is further stated on page 3, that if the budgeted figures are not going to be achieved for whatever reason, the total spending for the year will be adjusted. These estimates are reflected in the projected totals and therefore, provides an indication the expenses have been adjusted. The differences in expenditures from the budgeted figures to the projected totals in the area of Conservation Land Management was explained. In particular, it was also explained the membership revenues were impacted as a result of the May 21, 2022 storm. The \$320,000.00 revenue will not be achieved therefore the expenditures need to be reduced to reflect the anticipated decrease in revenues. This results in a difference in the projected total expenses as compared to the budgeted expenses. This is consistent for all areas of the budget. For capital projects, if the work cannot be completed during the given year, the funds are deferred to the following year to match when the project will be completed.

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

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A recorded vote is required.

Randy Barber - Town of Cobourg (10.5580%)	- Yes
Mark Lovshin - Township of Hamilton (10.8962%)	- Yes
Vicki Mink - Municipality of Port Hope (8.3564%)	- Yes

Miriam Mutton - Town of Cobourg (10.5580%)	- Yes
Lance Nachoff - Township of Cavan Monaghan (0.2062%)	- Yes
Tracy Richardson - City of Kawartha Lakes (0.0899%)	- Yes
Joan Stover - Township of Alnwick/Haldimand (0.9790%)	- Yes
Willie Woo - Municipality of Clarington (25.0000%)	- Yes
Margaret Zwart - Municipality of Clarington (25.0000%)	- Yes

The total percentage present to vote was 91.6437% To carry the motion, 51% total of those present or 46.7383% is required and cannot be from a single municipality.

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

**CARRIED.**

#### 6. Delegations

None.

#### 7. 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 report included the composition of the committee and provided highlights of the meetings. He complimented staff on their reports and provided a synopsis of the meetings. It was suggested that the videos of the meetings may be posted on the website. The Board of Directors thanked Mr. Gardiner for his presentation. Tracy Richardson stated she enjoyed being on the committee and thanked staff for their reports.

#### **GRCA 59/22**

**MOVED BY:** Tracy Richardson

**SECONDED BY:** Miriam Mutton

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

**CARRIED.**

#### b) Ganaraska Forest Update

Staff provided an update on the Ganaraska Forest. Gus Saurer reported on the salvage operations to date as well as the thinning operations. Pam Lancaster provided the update on the storm recovery as well as the trail maintenance agreements that are being implemented. An update on the opening of the cross country skiing in January was provided stating everything is still on track. The Chair thanked staff for moving the recovery efforts forward.

#### **GRCA 60/22**

**MOVED BY:** Randy Barber

**SECONDED BY:** Lance Nachoff

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

**CARRIED.**

8. Correspondence

None.

9. Applications under Ontario Regulation 168/06:

Permits approved by Executive:

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**MOVED BY:** Vicki Mink

**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:

None.

11. New Business:

## a) Ganaraska Forest Recreational Trails Strategy

Staff presented the staff report which will move forward with a strategy, in late February and mid-March, that will support ongoing opportunities associated with forest recreational trails. The trails strategy will look at future uses of the trails and will include public open houses and will consider the wishes of the forest users. The strategy will also consider the forest ecology, health and safety and any legal requirements. A question was asked if the strategy will contradict the Forest Management Plan (FMP). Staff stated the FMP sets out recommendations on managing the ecology of the Forest. The FMP guides how the forest is to be management and allow for the natural regeneration of the forest. The recreation components of the plan looked at the ecological impact of the forest. The recreational trails strategy should be complimentary to the Forest Management Plan.

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**MOVED BY:** Miriam Mutton

**SECONDED BY:** Bruce Buttar

**THAT** the Ganaraska Region Conservation receive the Ganaraska Forest Recreational Trails Strategy staff report for information.

**CARRIED.**

12. Other Business

None.

13. In Camera**GRCA 63/22**

**MOVED BY:** Randy Barber

**SECONDED BY:** Vicki Mink

**THAT** the Board of Directors go in camera.  
**CARRIED.**

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**MOVED BY:** Bruce Buttar

**SECONDED BY:** Lance Nachoff

**THAT** the Board of Directors go out of camera.  
**CARRIED.**

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**MOVED BY:** Randy Barber

**SECONDED BY:** Lance Nachoff

**THAT** the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority Board of Directors direct staff to seek legal advice

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

14. Adjourn

**GRCA 66/22**

**MOVED BY:** Willie Woo

**SECONDED BY:** Lance Nachoff

**THAT** the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

**CARRIED.**

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**CHAIR**

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**CAO/SECRETARY-TREASURER**