

# GANARASKA REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

December 21, 2023 (Hybrid)

GRCA 08/23

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### 1. Welcome, Land Acknowledgement and Call to Order

The Chair called the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority (GRCA) Board of Directors special 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

**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 64/23**

**MOVED BY:** Tracy Richardson

**SECONDED BY:** Joan Stover

**THAT** the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority approve the minutes of the November 23, 2023 meeting.

**CARRIED.**

4. Adoption of the Agenda

**GRCA 65/23**

**MOVED BY:** Randy Baker

**SECONDED BY:** Adam Pearson

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

**CARRIED.**

5. Delegations

None.

6. Business Arising from Minutes:

None.

7. Correspondence

04/23 Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry re: Agreement Extension Request

05/23 Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry re: Planning, Development and Permitting Fees Direction Extended

**GRCA 66/23**

**MOVED BY:** Lance Nachoff

**SECONDED BY:** Tracy Richardson

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

**CARRIED.**

8. Applications under Ontario Regulation 168/06:

Permits approved by Executive:

**GRCA 67/23**

**MOVED BY:** Joan Stover

**SECONDED BY:** Adam Pearson

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

**CARRIED.**

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

None.

9. Committee Reports:

None.

10. Other Business:

None.

11. New Business

a) Town of Cobourg Stormwater Charges

There was a discussion among the board members with regards to the stormwater charges. While the intent of the charges is understood as it relates to the Town of Cobourg's asset management plan, staff pointed out that if all watershed municipalities implemented similar charges, the GRCA would be paying around \$1,800,000.00 which amounts to approximately 50% of the 2024 preliminary budget.

**GRCA 68/23**

**MOVED BY:** Miriam Mutton

**SECONDED BY:** Randy Barber

**THAT** the Board of Directors request the Town of Cobourg grant an exemption from stormwater charges for Cobourg Conservation Area.

**CARRIED.**

12. Presentations

None.

13. Public Question Period

None.

14. In Camera

None.

15. Adjourn

**GRCA 69/23**

**MOVED BY:** Willie Woo

**THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

**CARRIED.**

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**CHAIR**

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**CAO/SECRETARY-TREASURER**