

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

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 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