

# GANARASKA REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

September 15, 2022 (via Zoom)

GRCA 04/22

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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  
Jeff Lees, Vice-Chair - Municipality of Port Hope  
Nicole Beatty - Town of Cobourg  
Greg Booth - Township of Alnwick/Haldimand  
Bruce Buttar - Agricultural Sector  
Brian Darling - Town of Cobourg  
Joe Neal - Municipality of Clarington  
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

**ABSENT WITH  
REGRETS:**

**ALSO ABSENT:** Tim Belch - Township of Cavan Monaghan

### 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 30/22**

**MOVED BY:** Brian Darling

**SECONDED BY:** Greg Booth

**THAT** the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority approve the minutes of the June 16, 2022 meeting.

**CARRIED.**

4. Adoption of the Agenda

**GRCA 31/22**

**MOVED BY:** Margaret Zwart

**SECONDED BY:** Brian Darling

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

**CARRIED.**

5. Delegations

None.

6. Presentations

a) Ganaraska Forest Update

Gus Saurer, Forester and Ed Van Osch, Forest Recreation Technician, provided the Board members with an update on the storm damage, clean up and reopening of the Forest as a result of the derecho storm of May 21, 2022.

Joe Neal asked about the damage in Northumberland Forest as compared to Ganaraska Forest. Staff explained that Northumberland Forest was virtually untouched by the storm. Chair Mark Lovshin stated he saw the damage and complimented staff on the efficiency of the clean-up. Tracy Richardson also stated that residents in the area of where the storm went through are still cleaning up their lands and recognized it is a large job.

**GRCA 32/22**

**MOVED BY:** Vicki Mink

**SECONDED BY:** Bruce Buttar

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

**CARRIED.**

7. Business Arising from Minutes

None.

8. Correspondence

None.

9. Applications under Ontario Regulation 168/06:

Permits approved by Executive:

**GRCA 33/22**

**MOVED BY:** Jeff Lees

**SECONDED BY:** Brian Darling

**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 Recreational Users Committee Minutes

**GRCA 34/22**

**MOVED BY:** Vicki Mink

**SECONDED BY:** Brian Darling

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

**CARRIED.**

11. New Business:

a) 2023 Preliminary Budget Criteria

Joe Neal requested a recorded vote.

**GRCA 35/22**

Nicole Beatty - Yes

Greg Booth - Yes

Brian Darling - Yes

Jeff Lees - Yes

Mark Lovshin - Yes

Vicki Mink - Yes

Joe Neal - No

Tracy Richardson - Yes

Margaret Zwart - Yes

**THAT** the Board of Directors direct staff to prepare the 2023 preliminary budget based on the criteria contained in the staff report dated September 15, 2022 and the preliminary budget be prepared for the October 20, 2022 meeting.

**CARRIED.**

12. Other Business

None.

13. In Camera:

None.

14. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

**GRCA 36/22**

**MOVED BY:** Brian Darling

**SECONDED BY:** Jeff Lees

**THAT** the Board of Directors adjourn the meeting.

**CARRIED.**

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**CHAIR**

  
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**CAO/SECRETARY-TREASURER**