

**MINUTES OF THE GANARASKA FOREST  
RECREATIONAL USERS COMMITTEE**

**April 7, 2022**

**RUC 1/22**

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1. Welcome and Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:04pm. The Chair of the committee welcomed the members and Pam Lancaster, GRCA Conservation Lands Coordinator and announced the resignation of Anne Vavra Representative of the Municipality of Port Hope. Quorum was satisfied at 7:15pm and meeting progressed.

**MEMBER PRESENT:** Mark Gardiner, Chair  
Dave Grant, Ontario Trail Riders Association  
Cam Lowe, Ontario Federation of Trail Riders  
Garry Niece, Hike Ontario  
Randy Cunningham, Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs  
Carolyn Richards, Kawartha ATV Association  
Amber Panchyshyn, Ontario Orienteering (Temporary Rep)  
Jennifer Jackman, Ontario Nature  
Tracy Richardson, GRCA Board Representative

**ALSO PRESENT:** Ed Van Osch, GRCA Forest Recreation Technician  
Pam Lancaster, GRCA Conservation Lands Coordinator

**ABSENT WITH REGRETS:** Marven Whidden, Municipality of Clarington  
Mark Cousins, Township of Cavan Monaghan  
Anne Vavra, Municipality of Port Hope

**ALSO ABSENT:** Lauren Tonelli, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters  
Larry Melynychuk, City of Kawartha Lakes  
Canadian Cross Country Ski Association (Position unfilled)  
Ontario Cycling Association (position unfilled)

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

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**MOVED BY:** Dave Grant

**SECONDED BY:** Cam Lowe

**THAT** the Ganaraska Forest Recreational Users Committee approve the minutes of the November 4, 2021 meeting.

**CARRIED.**

4. Adoption of Agenda

**RUC 2/22**

**MOVED BY:** Carolyn Richards

**SECONDED BY:** Garry Niece

**THAT** the Ganaraska Forest Recreational User Committee approve the agenda.

**CARRIED.**

5. Delegations

None

6. Presentations

None

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

**a) Special Events Application Update**

Staff report presented for discussion.

The GRCA is adopting the revised version of the Special Events Application as of April 8, 2022.

**RUC 3/22**

**MOVED BY:** Cam Lowe

**SECONDED BY:** Garry Niece

**THAT** the Ganaraska Forest Recreational Users Committee receive the Special Events Application staff report for information.

**CARRIED.**

8. Correspondence

None.

9. New Business

**a) Recreational Users Committee Terms of Reference**

Staff report presented for discussion.

Staff indicated that all RUC representation must be by organizations that represent the majority of Ontarians.

**RUC 4/22**

**MOVED BY:** Amber Panchyshyn

**SECONDED BY:** Dave Grant

**THAT** the Ganaraska Forest Recreational Users Committee received the Recreational Users Committee Terms of Reference staff report for information.

**CARRIED.**

**b) Cross Country Skiing and Snowshoe Season Update**

Staff report presented for discussion.

**RUC 5/22**

**MOVED BY:** Jennifer Jackman

**SECONDED BY:** Amber Panchyshyn

**THAT** the Ganaraska Forest Recreational Users Committee received the Cross Country Skiing and Snowshoe Season Update staff report for information.

**CARRIED.**

**c) Ganaraska Forest Membership/Day Pass Fee Review**

Staff report presented for discussion.

KWATVA representative Carolyn Richards voiced concerns that Forest Users may choose to take their business elsewhere or access the property without purchasing a Forest Pass in a result of increased fee schedule.

**RUC 6/22**

**MOVED BY:** Gary Niece

**SECONDED BY:** Cam Lowe

**THAT** the Ganaraska Forest Recreational Users Committee recommend to the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority Board of Directors the attached fee schedule to be implemented May 1, 2022.

**CARRIED.**

**d) Volunteer Forest Patrol Program**

Staff report presented for discussion.

**RUC 7/22**

**MOVED BY:** Dave Grant

**SECONDED BY:** Cam Lowe

**THAT** the Ganaraska Forest Recreational Users Committee received the Volunteer Forest Patrol Program staff report for information.

**CARRIED**

10. Other Business

None.

11. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.

**RUC 8/22**

**MOVED BY:** Cam Lowe  
**SECONDED BY:** Gary Niece

**THAT** the meeting adjourn.  
**CARRIED.**

The next meeting of the Ganaraska Forest Recreational User Committee is Thursday, June 2, 2022 at 7:00 pm.



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**Chair**

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**Forest Recreation Technician**