

GANARASKA REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

September 19, 2024 (Hybrid)

GRCA 05/24

1. Welcome, Land Acknowledgement and Call to Order

The Chair called the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority (GRCA) Board of Directors meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vicki Mink, Chair - Municipality of Port Hope
Willie Woo, Vice-Chair - Municipality of Clarington
Randy Barber - Town of Cobourg
Mark Lovshin, Chair - Township of Hamilton
Miriam Mutton - Town of Cobourg
Lance Nachoff - Township of Cavan Monaghan
Adam Pearson - Municipality of Port Hope
Joan Stover - Township of Alnwick/Haldimand
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
Ed Van Osch, Forest Recreation Technician

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Tracy Richardson - City of Kawartha Lakes

ALSO ABSENT: Bruce Buttar - Agricultural Representative

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 37/24

MOVED BY: Randy Barber

SECONDED BY: Joan Stover

THAT the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority approve the minutes of the June 20, 2024 meeting.

CARRIED.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

GRCA 38/24

MOVED BY: Miriam Mutton

SECONDED BY: Mark Lovshin

THAT the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority adopt the agenda.

CARRIED.

5. Business Arising from Minutes:

None.

6. Delegations

None.

7. Presentations

None.

8. Correspondence

Miriam Mutton asked if bio-assets are to be included and how this might impact conservation authority lands. Staff responded bio-assets are considered within asset management planning rather than within the realm of land use planning. Joan Stover asked about storm water management and green infrastructure. Staff stated green infrastructure and low impact development (LID) best management practices are effective tools in achieving stormwater management objectives in addition to the traditional approach of using stormwater management ponds. Board members provided examples of initiatives within their respective municipalities.

GRCA 39/24

MOVED BY: Adam Pearson

SECONDED BY: Lance Nachoff

THAT the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority note and file correspondence item 07/24.

CARRIED.

9. Applications under Ontario Regulation 168/06 and *Conservation Authorities Act*.

Permits approved by Executive:

GRCA 40/24

MOVED BY: Randy Barber

SECONDED BY: Mark Lovshin

THAT the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority 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 – September 5, 2024**

Lance Nachoff provided a brief update on the meeting and the new chair of the committee, Bob Gallagher. Willie Woo informed the Board of Directors that the Municipality of Clarington's representative, Marven Whidden, had recently passed away. The GRCA will send a card of condolences to his family. Miriam Mutton asked about the different classes of e-bikes and the speed limits and what trails they could access. Staff explained they are defined as motorized and only allowed on motorized trails. There were further questions with regards to ear buds use by users to which staff responded there is no restriction.

GRCA 41/24**MOVED BY:** Adam Pearson**SECONDED BY:** Lance Nachoff

THAT the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority receives the Ganaraska Forest Recreational Users Committee minutes of September 5, 2024 for information.

CARRIED.**11. New Business:****a) Draft Watershed-Based Resource Management Strategy****GRCA 42/24****MOVED BY:** Joan Stover**SECONDED BY:** Lance Nachoff

THAT the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority receives the Draft Watershed-Based Resource Management Strategy staff report for information;

FURTHER THAT the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority receives the Draft Watershed-Based Resource Management Strategy document for information and review; and

FURTHER THAT the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority directs staff to undertake public consultation.

CARRIED.**b) Draft Conservation Lands Strategy Public Consultation Report**

Miriam Mutton asked if there has ever been a consideration to ban hunting in long term planning if there was more growth. Staff responded hunting is restricted to specific areas in the forest but there has not been consideration to ban hunting.

GRCA 43/24

MOVED BY: Adam Pearson
SECONDED BY: Randy Barber

THAT the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority receives the Draft Conservation Lands Strategy Public Consultation Report, and staff report for information.
CARRIED.

c) Conservation Lands Strategy

GRCA 44/24

MOVED BY: Lance Nachoff
SECONDED BY: Adam Pearson

THAT the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority receive the Conservation Lands Strategy staff report for information; and,

FURTHER THAT the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority approve the Conservation Lands Strategy.
CARRIED.

d) Fees Policy and Schedules Update

Staff provided clarification as to what fees have been changed.

GRCA 45/24

MOVED BY: Mark Lovshin
SECONDED BY: Adam Pearson

THAT the Board of Directors approve the updated Fee Policy and Schedules effective December 1, 2024.
CARRIED.

e) 2025 Preliminary Budget Criteria

GRCA 46/24

MOVED BY: Joan Stover
SECONDED BY: Mark Lovshin

THAT the Board of Directors direct staff to prepare the 2025 preliminary budget based on the criteria contained in the staff report dated September 19, 2024, and the preliminary budget be prepared for the October 17, 2024 meeting.
CARRIED.

12. Other Business

Staff requested that Board members provide a personal email address to pay per diems by e-transfers or direct deposit can be arranged.

Staff informed the members that the Flood Hazard Identification Mapping Program (FHIMP) funding has been opened as of last week and staff are working with interested municipalities to complete the applications for submission.

13. Public Question Period

None.

14. In Camera

None.

15. Adjourn

GRCA 47/24

MOVED BY: Adam Pearson

THAT the meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

CARRIED.

CHAIR

CAO/SECRETARY-TREASURER