

GANARASKA REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

November 28, 2024 (Hybrid)

GRCA 07/24

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
Randy Barber – Town of Cobourg
Mark Lovshin - Township of Hamilton
Miriam Mutton - Town of Cobourg
Lance Nachoff - Township of Cavan Monaghan
Adam Pearson - Municipality of Port Hope
Tracy Richardson - City of Kawartha Lake
Joan Stover - Township of Alnwick/Haldimand
Margaret Zwart - Municipality of Clarington
Bruce Buttar - Agricultural Representative

ALSO PRESENT: Linda Laliberte, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer
Cory Harris, Watershed Services Coordinator
Ken Thajer, Planning and Regulations Coordinator
Pam Tregunno, Conservation Lands Coordinator
Ed Van Osch, Ganaraska Forest Recreation Technician
Bob Gallagher, Chair, Ganaraska Forest Recreational Users Committee

ABSENT WITH REGRETS:

ALSO ABSENT: Willie Woo, Vice-Chair - 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 54/24

MOVED BY: Joan Stover
SECONDED BY: Adam Pearson

THAT the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority approve the minutes of the October 17, 2024 meeting.
CARRIED.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

GRCA 55/24

MOVED BY: Randy Barber
SECONDED BY: Lance Nachoff

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

5. Delegations

None.

6. Presentations

a) Ganaraska Forest Recreational Users Committee (RUC) Annual Report

Bob Gallagher, Chair of the Ganaraska Forest Recreational Users Committee, presented his annual report to the Board of Directors. During his report there was a brief discussion with regards to the terms of reference for the committee. Staff stated the terms of reference will be brought forward to the March 2025 meeting.

GRCA 56/24

MOVED BY: Mark Lovshin
SECONDED BY: Adam Pearson

THAT the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority receive the Ganaraska Forest Recreational Users Committee (RUC) Annual Report for information.
CARRIED.

7. Business Arising from Minutes:

a) 2025 Municipal Levy

The CAO/Secretary-Treasurer explained the weighted vote procedure to the Board of Directors.

GRCA 57/24

MOVED BY: Adam Pearson
SECONDED BY: Tracy Richardson

A recorded vote is required.

Randy Barber – Town of Cobourg (10.5469%)	- Yes
Mark Lovshin - Township of Hamilton (10.7850%)	- Yes
Vicki Mink - Municipality of Port Hope (8.4221%)	- Yes
Miriam Mutton - Town of Cobourg (10.5469%)	- Yes

Lance Nachoff - Township of Cavan Monaghan (0.2053%)	- Yes
Tracy Richardson - City of Kawartha Lakes (0.0893%)	- Yes
Adam Pearson – Municipality of Port Hope (8.4221%)	- Yes
Joan Stover - Township of Alnwick/Haldimand (0.9825%)	- Yes
Margaret Zwart - Municipality of Clarington (25.0%)	- Yes

The total percentage present to vote was 75%. To carry the motion, 51% total of those present, or 38.25%, is required and cannot be from a single municipality.

THAT the GRCA Board of Directors approve the staff report that includes the 2025 levy in the amount of \$1,318,251.00 and a 3.0% increase in the salary grid effective January 1, 2025.

CARRIED.

8. Correspondence

None.

9. Applications under Ontario Regulation 41/24 and *Conservation Authorities Act*:

Permits approved by Executive:

GRCA 58/24

MOVED BY: Joan Stover
SECONDED BY: Lance Nachoff

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 Recreation Users Committee Minutes – November 7, 2024

GRCA 59/24

MOVED BY: Adam Pearson
SECONDED BY: Tracey Richardson

THAT the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority receives the Ganaraska Forest Recreational Users Committee minutes of November 7, 2024 for information.

CARRIED.

11. New Business:

a) Highway 401 Expansion over the Ganaraska River and Impacts to Conservation Areas

GRCA 60/24

MOVED BY: Randy Barber
SECONDED BY: Lance Nachoff

THAT the Board of Directors receive the Gannaraska Millenium Conservation Area Boardwalk and Improvements staff report for information.

CARRIED.

b) Gannaraska Forest Centre Gym Demolition and Proposed Rebuild

GRCA 61/24

MOVED BY: Mark Lovshin

SECONDED BY: Lance Nachoff

THAT the Board of Directors receive the Gannaraska Forest Centre Gym Demolition and Proposed Rebuild staff report for information, and,

FURTHER THAT staff be authorized to move forward with a Request for Proposal for the Building Design with a staff report back to the Board of Directors.

CARRIED.

12. Other Business

a) Watershed-Based Resource Management Strategy

GRCA 62/24

MOVED BY: Adam Pearson

SECONDED BY: Joan Stover

THAT the Gannaraska Region Conservation Authority receive the Watershed-Based Resource Management Strategy staff report for information; and,

FURTHER THAT the Gannaraska Region Conservation Authority approve the Watershed-Based Resource Management Strategy.

CARRIED.

13. Public Question Period

None.

14. In Camera

None.

15. Adjourn

GRCA 63/24

MOVED BY: Randy Barber

THAT the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

CARRIED.

CHAIR

CAO/SECRETARY-TREASURER