

GANARASKA REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

April 17, 2025 (Hybrid)

GRCA 02/25

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, Vice-Chair - 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 Lakes
Joan Stover - Township of Alnwick/Haldimand
Margaret Zwart - Municipality of Clarington
Willie Woo - Municipality of Clarington

ALSO PRESENT: Linda Laliberte, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer
Cory Harris, Watershed Services Coordinator
Ken Thajer, Planning and Regulations Coordinator
Ed Van Osch, Forest Recreation Technician

ABSENT WITH REGRETS:

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 09/25

MOVED BY: Randy Barber

SECONDED BY: Tracy Richardson

THAT the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority approve the minutes of the March 20, 2025, meeting.

CARRIED.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

GRCA 10/25

MOVED BY: Adam Pearson

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

None.

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

Permits approved by Executive:

GRCA 11/25

MOVED BY: Adam Pearson

SECONDED BY: Willie Woo

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 - April 3, 2025

The members asked questions regarding the ice storm and if the forest opening would be delayed because of the ice storm. Staff explained the Forest is currently closed but would be open for hiking the next day and visitors are asked to be aware of potential downed branches. Motorized use will open May 1st as scheduled. There was also a question on vacancies for representation by the watershed municipalities that fall within the Forest.

GRCA 12/25

MOVED BY: Joan Stover
SECONDED BY: Miriam Mutton

THAT the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority receive the Ganaraska Forest Recreation Users Committee Minutes of April 3, 2025, for information.

CARRIED.

11. New Business:a) 2025 Financial Budget

The CAO/Secretary-Treasurer presented the 2025 Financial Budget to the Board of Directors. She stated the timber tenders were delayed due to the ice storm and would be received May 14, 2025. A question was asked regarding buying Canadian. Staff stated this was being done whenever possible.

GRCA 13/25

MOVED BY: Lance Nachoff
SECONDED BY: Adam Pearson

THAT the Board of Directors approve the 2025 Financial Budget.

CARRIED.

b) Designation of Provincial Offences Officers**GRCA 14/25**

MOVED BY: Randy Barber
SECONDED BY: Margaret Zwart

THAT the staff report be received as information; and

FURTHER THAT the following individuals be appointed as Provincial Offences Officers under Section 30.1 of the *Conservation Authorities Act*:

Robert Clarke
Ryan Burney
Harlan Steele
Kevin Beggs

CARRIED.

12. Other Business

a) Miriam Mutton stated she had attended a Natural Infrastructure presentation through the David Suzuki Foundation

13. Public Question Period

None.

14. In Camera

None.

15. Adjourn

GRCA 15/25

MOVED BY: Mark Lovshin.

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

CARRIED.

CHAIR

CAO/SECRETARY-TREASURER