

GANARASKA REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

October 16, 2025 (Hybrid)

GRCA 05/25

1. Welcome, Land Acknowledgement and Call to Order

The Chair called the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority (GRCA) Board of Directors meeting to order at 4:02 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
Ian Jeffrey, GIS/Remote Sensing Specialist

**ABSENT WITH
REGRETS:**

ALSO ABSENT:

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 34/25****MOVED BY:** Randy Barber
SECONDED BY: Adam Pearson

THAT the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority approve the minutes of the September 18, 2025, meeting.

CARRIED.

4. Adoption of the Agenda**GRCA 35/25****MOVED BY:** Tracy Richardson
SECONDED BY: Adam Pearson

THAT the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority adopt the agenda.

CARRIED.

5. Business Arising from Minutes:

None.

6. Delegations

None.

7. Presentations

a) GeoAI Project

Ian Jeffrey, GIS/Remote Sensing Specialist, provided the Board of Directors with an overview of the GeoAI Land Cover Project. The project is funded by the Federal government, the NoVo Foundation and the Peter Gilgan Foundation. The presentation outlined the focus of the work which will be to develop an approach to use AI and field surveys to train the software to conduct detailed land cover mapping within the GRCA watershed. If additional funding is available in the future, there is the potential to apply the technology to undertake detailed land cover mapping across 13 conservation authorities within and around the Greater Toronto (Toronto) Bioregion, as well as providing mapping and modelling support to additional bioregions in South America and the United States. The team at GRCA is working with the Legacy Project and Dr. Dan Longboat of Trent University, to develop the program using the principle of 'Two-Eyed Seeing' to incorporate both Indigenous and western knowledges.

GRCA 36/25**MOVED BY:** Joan Stover
SECONDED BY: Lance Nachoff

THAT the Board of Directors receive the staff report and presentation for information.

CARRIED.

8. Correspondence

02/25 Michael Henderson email re: Ganaraska Forest & Mountain Bikes

The Board of Directors requested an update at the next Board meeting on the status of the

single track trails and an opening date for more trails.

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MOVED BY: Randy Barber
SECONDED BY: Adam Pearson

THAT the Board of Directors forward the correspondence to the Ganaraska Forest Recreational Users Committee.

CARRIED.

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

Permits approved by Executive:

GRCA 38/25

MOVED BY: Mark Lovshin
SECONDED BY: Margaret Zwart

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:

None.

11. New Business:

a) 2026 Preliminary Budget and Municipal Levy

GRCA 39/25

MOVED BY: Tracy Richardson
SECONDED BY: Willie Woo

THAT the Board of Directors receive the 2026 Preliminary Budget for information and,

FURTHER THAT the budget be forwarded to the watershed municipalities, indicating in the cover letter, that the vote to approve the 2026 levy will be taken at the November 27, 2025 Board of Directors meeting.

CARRIED.

12. Other Business

None.

13. Public Question Period

None.

14. In Camera

None.

15. Adjourn

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MOVED BY: Randy Barber

THAT the meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

CARRIED.

CHAIR

CAO/SECRETARY-TREASURER