

GANARASKA REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

March 19, 2026 (Hybrid)

GRCA 01/26

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, Chair - 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

ALSO PRESENT: Linda Laliberte, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer
Cory Harris, Watershed Services Coordinator
Ken Thajer, Planning and Regulations Coordinator

ABSENT WITH REGRETS:

ALSO ABSENT: Margaret Zwart - Municipality of Clarington
Willie Woo - 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

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MOVED BY: Adam Pearson

SECONDED BY: Randy Barber

THAT the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority approve the minutes of the

November 27, 2025 meeting.

CARRIED.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

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MOVED BY: Miriam Mutton

SECONDED BY: Joan Stover

THAT the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority adopt the agenda.

CARRIED.

5. Business Arising from Minutes:

None.

6. Delegations

None.

7. Presentations

None.

8. Correspondence

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MOVED BY: Mark Lovshin

SECONDED BY: Tracy Richardson

THAT the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority note and file the correspondence.

CARRIED.

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

Permits approved by Executive:

Board members asked questions with regards to fibre optics.

GRCA 04/26

MOVED BY: Mark Lovshin

SECONDED BY: Tracy Richardson

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) Application to WECl Program for Funds to Undertake an Environmental Assessment for Garden Hill Dam

GRCA 05/26

MOVED BY: Adam Pearson

SECONDED BY: Lance Nachoff

THAT the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority support an application to the WECl program for funding to complete a Class EA for the Garden Hill Dam to evaluate repair and decommissioning alternatives to determine a preferred option for the future of the Garden Hill Dam.

CARRIED.

b) 2025 Timeline Report for Section 28.1 Application

GRCA 06/26

MOVED BY: Joan Stover

SECONDED BY: Tracy Richardson

THAT the GRCA Board of Directors receive the Staff Report regarding 2025 Timeline Report for Section 28.1 Applications for information.

CARRIED.

c) Update on Consolidation of Conservation Authorities

The CAO/Secretary-Treasurer presented the staff report on the recent update of March 10, 2026 which provided updated information on the consolidation of the 36 Conservation Authorities into now, 9 regional conservation authorities. It is anticipated the consolidations to be complete by February 1, 2027.

The Board members questioned the guardrails in place, and it was explained that the ongoing projects will continue to move forward. A question was raised as to how legacy donations will be handled. The CAO/Secretary-Treasurer stated many of donations received have been set up in reserves for specific uses. The province has indicated that these donations will still be honoured however, staff will look further into this as the process takes place. There was also discussion with regards to the term of the Boards and how long the current members will be in place.

GRCA 07/26

MOVED BY: Randy Barber

SECONDED BY: Tracy Richardson

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

CARRIED.

12. Other Business

None.

13. Public Question Period

None.

14. In Camera

None.

15. Adjourn

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MOVED BY: Joan Stover

THAT the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

CARRIED.

CHAIR



CAO/SECRETARY-TREASURER