

GANARASKA REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

April 16, 2026 (Hybrid)

GRCA 02/26

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
Margaret Zwart - Municipality of Clarington

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

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Willie Woo - Municipality of Clarington

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 09/26

MOVED BY: Randy Barber

SECONDED BY: Mark Lovshin

THAT the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority approve the minutes of the March 19, 2026 meeting.

CARRIED.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

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MOVED BY: Margaret Zwart

SECONDED BY: Tracy Richarson

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 11/26

MOVED BY: Joan Stover

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

GRCA 12/26

MOVED BY: Randy Barber

SECONDED BY: Joan Stover

THAT the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority receive the minutes for information.

CARRIED.

11. New Business:

a) 2026 Financial Budget

The Board members complimented staff on the presentation of the budget document stating it is well laid out and easily followed.

GRCA 13/26

MOVED BY: Margaret Zwart
SECONDED BY: Tracy Richardson

THAT the Board of Directors approve the 2026 Financial Budget.
CARRIED.

b) Appointment of Transition Committee Representatives

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MOVED BY: Mark Lovshin
SECONDED BY: Adam Pearson

THAT the Board of Directors appoint Vicki Mink, Chair, and Linda Laliberte, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer as Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority representatives to the Transition Committee.

CARRIED.

c) Update on Consolidation of Conservation Authorities

The CAO/Secretary-Treasurer presented the staff report on the recent update of April 9, 2026 as circulated in the slides accompanying the staff report. The Board members voiced concerns with the process and the lack of information on how the process will be carried forward. The Board members requested the slides be included in the minutes of the meeting.

GRCA 15/26

MOVED BY: Joan Stover
SECONDED BY: Lance Nachoff

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: Margaret Zwart

THAT the meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

CARRIED.

CHAIR



CAO/SECRETARY-TREASURER