

GANARASKA REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

June 18, 2026 (Hybrid)

GRCA 03/26

1. Welcome, Land Acknowledgement and Call to Order

The Chair called the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority (GRCA) Board of Directors meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vicki Mink, Chair - Municipality of Port Hope
Randy Barber, Vice-Chair - Town of Cobourg
Miriam Mutton - Town of Cobourg
Lance Nachoff - Township of Cavan Monaghan
Adam Pearson - Municipality of Port Hope
Joan Stover - Township of Alnwick/Haldimand
Willie Woo - Municipality of Clarington

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

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Mark Lovshin - Township of Hamilton
Tracy Richardson - City of Kawartha Lakes

ALSO ABSENT: Margaret Zwart - 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 17/26

MOVED BY: Randy Barber

SECONDED BY: Joan Stover

THAT the Gananaska Region Conservation Authority approve the minutes of the April 16, 2026 meeting.

CARRIED.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

GRCA 18/26

MOVED BY: Adam Pearson

SECONDED BY: Willie Woo

THAT the Gananaska Region Conservation Authority adopt the agenda.

CARRIED.

5. Business Arising from Minutes:

None.

6. Delegations

None.

7. Presentations

a) Clean Water – Healthy Land Stewardship Program 2026 Update

Pam Lancaster, Conservation Lands Coordinator, provided an update to the Board of Directors on the Clean Water-Healthy Land program. The Board thanked staff for the presentation.

GRCA 19/26

MOVED BY: Miriam Mutton

SECONDED BY: Adam Pearson

THAT the Gananaska Region Conservation Authority receives the Clean Water – Healthy Land Stewardship Program, 2026 Update presentation for information.

CARRIED.

b) Gananaska Forest Update

Pam Lancaster, Conservation Lands Coordinator, provided an update to the Board of Directors on the Gananaska Forest and that forest memberships have increased over the past year. Randy Barber asked about misquotes. Joan Stover asked about the volunteers and how to apply.

GRCA 20/26

MOVED BY: Joan Stover

SECONDED BY: Randy Barber

THAT the Gananaska Region Conservation Authority adopt the agenda.

CARRIED.

8. Correspondence

None.

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

Permits approved by Executive:

GRCA 21/26

MOVED BY: Willie Woo

SECONDED BY: Joan Stover

THAT the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority receive the permits for information.
CARRIED.

Permit Application requiring Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority Board of Directors discussion:

None.

Adam Pearson left the meeting.

10. Committee Reports:

a) Ganaraska Forest Recreational Users Committee Minutes

GRCA 22/26

MOVED BY: Randy Barber

SECONDED BY: Lance Nachoff

THAT the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority receive the minutes of June 4, 2026, for information.

CARRIED.

11. New Business:

a) Recreational Users Committee Terms of Reference

GRCA 23/26

MOVED BY: Willie Woo

SECONDED BY: Joan Stover

THAT the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority approve the updates to the Recreational Users Committee Terms of Reference.

CARRIED.

b) 2027 Budget Criteria

There was a discussion with regards to the October meeting and if the members would be able to vote or would their council be "lame ducks." The CAO/Secretary-Treasurer stated that conservation authorities are to follow the direction set by the Province which is to have the 2027 budgets passed prior to December 31, 2026.

GRCA 24/26

MOVED BY: Lance Nachoff

SECONDED BY: Miriam Mutton

THAT the Board of Directors direct staff to prepare the 2027 preliminary budget based on the criteria contained in the staff report dated June 18, 2026, and the preliminary budget be prepared for the August 20, 2026 meeting.

CARRIED.

c) Update on Consolidation of Conservation Authorities

The CAO/Secretary-Treasurer presented the staff report on the recent update. The Board members voiced concerns with the process and the lack of information on how the process will be carried forward.

GRCA 25/26

MOVED BY: Randy Barber

SECONDED BY: Lance Nachoff

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

CARRIED.

d) Garden Hill Dam Update

GRCA 26/26

MOVED BY: Joan Stover

SECONDED BY: Willie Woo

THAT the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority receive the Garden Hill Dam Update report for information.

CARRIED.

12. Other Business

The members acknowledged Goerge Elgear's retirement after 49 years of service.

13. Public Question Period

None.

14. In Camera

None.

15. Adjourn

GRCA 27/26

MOVED BY: Willie Woo

THAT the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

CARRIED.

CHAIR


CAO/SECRETARY-TREASURER