

GANARASKA REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

August 20, 2026 (Hybrid)

GRCA 04/26

1. Welcome, Land Acknowledgement and Call to Order

The Chair called the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority (GRCA) Board of Directors meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vicki Mink, Chair - Municipality of Port Hope
Mark Lovshin - Township of Hamilton
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: Randy Barber, Vice-Chair - Town of Cobourg
Miriam Mutton - Town of Cobourg
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 28/26****MOVED BY:** Joan Stover**SECONDED BY:** Tracy Richardson**THAT** the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority approve the minutes of the June 18, 2026 meeting.**CARRIED.**4. Adoption of the Agenda**GRCA 29/26****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

Correspondence Items 03/26 to 09/26

GRCA 30/26**MOVED BY:** Joan Stover**SECONDED BY:** Margaret Zwart**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:

GRCA 31/26**MOVED BY:** Adam Pearson**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:

None.

11. New Business:

a) 2027 Preliminary Budget and Municipal Levy

Linda Laliberte, CAO/Secretary Treasurer presented the 2027 Preliminary Budget to the Board of Directors and provided overview of the budget process for 2026/2027. There was a question from Joan Stover with regards to bequests. It was explained that bequests as well as some donations were set up in restricted reserves.

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MOVED BY: Lance Nachoff

SECONDED BY: Margaret Zwart

THAT the Board of Directors receive the 2027 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 2027 levy will be taken at the October 15, 2026 Board of Directors meeting.

CARRIED.

b) Garden Hill Dam Update

Cory Harris, Watershed Services Coordinator, provided an update on the Garden Hill Dam.

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MOVED BY: Joan Stover

SECONDED BY: Mark Lovshin

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

CARRIED.

c) Ganaraska Forest Centre Auxiliary Building Update

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MOVED BY: Adam Pearson

SECONDED BY: Tracy Richarson

THAT the Board of Directors receive the Ganaraska Forest Centre Auxiliary Building Update staff report for information, and,

FURTHER THAT the Board of Directors authorized the Chair to award the contract to the successful candidate after full review of the tenders submitted
CARRIED.

d) Update on Consolidation of Conservation Authorities

The CAO/Secretary-Treasurer presented the staff report on the recent update.

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MOVED BY: Lance Nachoff

SECONDED BY: Margaret Zwart

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: Adam Pearson

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

CHAIR


CAO/SECRETARY-TREASURER