GANARASKA REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

October 15, 2026 (Hybrid)

GRCA 06/25

1. Welcome, Land Acknowledgement and Call to Order

The Chair called the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority (GRCA) Board of Directors meeting to order at 4:00 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
Pam Lancaster, Conservation Lands Coordinator
Members of Staff

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 37/26
MOVED BY: Tracy Richardson
SECONDED BY: Randy Barber

THAT the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority approve the minutes of the August 20, 2026, meeting.
CARRIED.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

GRCA 38/26
MOVED BY: Lance Nachoff
SECONDED BY: Mark Lovshin

THAT the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority adopt the agenda.
CARRIED.

7. Business Arising from Minutes:

a) 2027 Municipal Levy

The CAO/Secretary-Treasurer explained the weighted vote procedure to the Board of Directors. Miriam Mutton requested clarification on the 2027 budget and levy vote with regards to the County of Northumberland. The CAO/Secretary-Treasurer explained the process to date but explained there are still unknown processes with regards to the levy and the County of Northumberland.

GRCA 39/26
MOVED BY: Adam Pearson
SECONDED BY: Joan Stover

A recorded vote is required.

Randy Barber – Town of Cobourg (10.65%)	- Yes
Mark Lovshin - Township of Hamilton (10.76%)	- Yes
Vicki Mink - Municipality of Port Hope (8.33%)	- Yes
Miriam Mutton - Town of Cobourg (10.65%)	- Yes
Lance Nachoff - Township of Cavan Monaghan (0.21%)	- Yes
Adam Pearson – Municipality of Port Hope (8.33%)	- Yes
Tracy Richardson - City of Kawartha Lakes (0.09%)	- Yes
Joan Stover - Township of Alnwick/Haldimand (0.98%)	- Yes
Willie Woo – Municipality of Clarington (25.0%)	- Yes
Margaret Zwart - Municipality of Clarington (25.0%)	- Yes

The total percentage present to vote was 100%. To carry the motion, 51% total vote of those present is needed, and cannot be from a single municipality.

THAT the GRCA Board of Directors approve the staff report that includes the 2027 levy in the amount of $1,398,532.09 and a 3.0% increase in the salary grid effective January 1, 2027.
CARRIED.

b) 2027 Financial Budget
Members complimented staff on the presentation of the 2027 Financial Budget.

GRCA 40/26
MOVED BY: Willie Woo
SECONDED BY: Miriam Mutton

THAT the Board of Directors approve the 2027 Financial Budget.
CARRIED.

6. Delegations
None.

7. Presentations
a) Ganaraska Forest Recreational Users Committee (RUC) Annual Report
Bob Gallagher, Chair of the Ganaraska Forest Recreational Users Committee, submitted his annual report to the Board of Directors as he was unable to attend the Board of Directors meeting. Miriam Mutton brought forward a request for volunteer opportunities.

GRCA 41/26
MOVED BY: Margaret Zwart
SECONDED BY: Joan Stover

THAT the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority receive the Ganaraska Forest Recreational Users Committee (RUC) Annual Report for information.
CARRIED.

b) Celebrating 80 Years of Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority
Staff presented a brief slideshow in celebration of the 80th anniversary of the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority.

GRCA 42/26
MOVED BY: Lance Nachoff
SECONDED BY: Randy Barber

THAT the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority receives the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority 80th anniversary presentation for information.
CARRIED.

8. Correspondence
None.

9. Applications under Ontario Regulation 41/24 and *Conservation Authorities Act*:
Permits approved by Executive:

GRCA 43/26
MOVED BY: Joan Stover
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:
Ganaraska Forest Recreation Users Committee Minutes

GRCA 44/46
MOVED BY: Randy Barber
SECONDED BY: Lance Nachoff

THAT the Board of Directors direct staff to meet with RUC members in October/November to consider the plan for the single-track trails and volunteer recruitment to allow for the construction to start in the Spring 2027.
CARRIED.

GRCA 45/26
MOVED BY: Adam Pearson
SECONDED BY: Mark Lovshin

THAT the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority receive the Ganaraska Forest Recreation Users Committee Minutes of September 3, 2026, for information.
CARRIED.

11. New Business:
a) Updated GRCA Employment Policy – staff report attached

GRCA 46/26
MOVED BY: Miram Mutton
SECONDED BY: Joan Stover

THAT the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority approve the updates to the Employment Policy dated October 15, 2026, effective immediately.
CARRIED.

b) Updated Asset Management Plan 2026 – staff report attached

GRCA 47/26
MOVED BY: Miriam Mutton
SECONDED BY: Tracey Richardson

THAT the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority Board of Directors receive the Asset Management Plan 2026 for information.
CARRIED.

c) Update on Consolidation of Conservation Authorities – staff report attached

GRCA 48/26
MOVED BY: Mark Lovshin
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

15. Adjourn
Chair Vicki Mink thanked the members of the board and staff for the experience over the years. Miriam Mutton also thanked everyone. Lance Nachoff expressed his thanks to the Board and staff. Mark Lovshin, who has been on the Board for 26 years, expressed his thanks as well. Randy Barber also expressed his thanks. Joan Stover was also complimentary to the staff and their professionalism. Tracy Richardson also thanked the staff for their leadership. Adam Pearson also stated he appreciated being on the Board of Directors.

GRCA 49/25
MOVED BY:

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 5:00 p.m. by Tracy Richardson.
CARRIED.

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CHAIR **CAO/SECRETARY-TREASURER**