



## GANARASKA REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

FEBRUARY 25, 2016

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The Chair called the 2016 annual meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

**MEMBERS PRESENT 2015:** Forrest Rowden, Chair – Town of Cobourg  
Wendy Partner, Vice-Chair – Municipality of Clarington  
Raymond Bennis – Township of Alnwick/Haldimand  
Mark Lovshin – Township of Hamilton  
John Fallis – Township of Cavan Monaghan  
Theresa Rickerby – Town of Cobourg  
Heather Stauble – City of Kawartha Lakes  
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**ALSO PRESENT: STAFF:** Linda Laliberte, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer  
Mark Peacock, Director, Watershed Services  
Greg Wells, Manager of Planning and Regulations  
Kim Baldini, Corporate Services Finance Clerk  
George Elgear, General Superintendent  
Michelle Giddings, Bookkeeper  
Ian Jeffrey, GIS/Remote Sensing Technician  
Pam Lancaster, Stewardship Technician  
Amy Griffiths, Marketing and Communications Officer  
Joanne May, Admin. Assistant, Planning & Regulations  
Fraser Smith, Forester  
Julie Verge, Corporate Services Assistant

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Glenn Tozer, Lynch Rutherford Tozer  
Doug Mann, Mann McCracken, Bebee & Associates  
Dick Hibma, Chair, Conservation Ontario

Halminen Homes, Orono  
Jim Richards, Orono  
Members of public

**ABSENT WITH REGRETS:** Louise Ferrie-Blecher – Municipality of Port Hope

**ALSO ABSENT:**

**2015 Business:**

**1. Opening Remarks**

Forrest Rowden, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Dick Hibma Chair of Conservation Ontario. The Chair introduced staff and thanked staff and Board Members for their hard work and dedication.

**2. Disclosure of Interest:**

There were no disclosures of interest.

**3. Minutes of 2015 Annual Meeting:**

**MOVED BY:** Willie Woo

**SECONDED BY:** Heather Stauble

**THAT** the minutes of the February 19, 2015 Annual Meeting be approved as circulated.  
**CARRIED.**

**4. Reports:**

**i) Presentation of the 2015 Annual Report**

Forrest Rowden presented the 2015 Annual Report.

**MOVED BY:** John Fallis

**SECONDED BY:** Mark Lovshin

**THAT** the Chair's report on the 2015 Annual Report be adopted as presented.  
**CARRIED.**

**ii) Presentation of the CAO/Secretary-Treasurer's Report**

Linda Laliberte, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer, presented her report to the members. She thanked staff for their continued hard work and dedication. She thanked the members and Chair on behalf of the staff for their support and encouragement throughout the year. She thanked those members leaving the board for all their work, dedication and support throughout the years.

**MOVED BY:** Jeff Lees

**SECONDED BY:** Theresa Rickerby

**THAT** the CAO/Secretary-Treasurer's report be received as presented and,  
**FURTHER THAT** all action by staff be approved.  
**CARRIED.**

iii) Presentation of 2015 Financial Statements

Glenn Tozer representing Lynch Rutherford Tozer accounting firm and Linda Laliberte, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer presented the 2015 Financial Statements.

**MOVED BY:** Wendy Partner  
**SECONDED BY:** Willie Woo

**THAT** the 2015 Financial Statements be adopted as presented.  
**CARRIED.**

5. Presentations and Recognitions

The Chair presented the staff service awards.

Services Awards: Linda Givelas (5 years) - unable to attend  
Ian Jeffreys (5 years)  
Pam Lancaster (10 years)  
Greg Wells (10 years)  
Mark Peacock (15 years)

Presentation by Mr. Jim Richards, Orono

Jim Richards, along with Counsellor Wendy Partner, presented the GRCA with a framed picture of Hooded Warbler (photo taken by Mr. Richards, framing sponsored by Halminen Homes) with the following dedication:

“In recognition of the efforts of the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority to manage our forests in an environmentally sustainable manner, and to protect individual species and promote biodiversity.”

The Hooded Warbler is a rare sighting in this region and is proof of a thriving, well managed forest; 4 pairs were counted by Mr. Richards in the Ganaraska Forest. The print will be displayed at the Ganaraska Forest Centre.

6. Conclusion of 2015 Business:

**MOVED BY:** Willie Woo  
**SECONDED BY:** John Fallis

**THAT** the 2015 business of the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority be concluded and that the meeting adjourn.  
**CARRIED.**

2016 Business:

1. Disclosure of Interest:  
None

2. Election of Officers for 2016

**MOVED BY:** Heather Stauble  
**SECONDED BY:** John Fallis

**THAT** Dick Hibma be appointed the Election Chair.  
**CARRIED.**

**MOVED BY:** Jeff Lees  
**SECONDED BY:** Mark Lovshin

**THAT** Glenn Tozer and Mark Peacock be appointed scrutineers.  
**CARRIED.**

**MOVED BY:** Wendy Partner  
**SECONDED BY:** Heather Stauble

**THAT,** in the event of an election, the ballots be destroyed by the scrutineers.  
**CARRIED.**

**MOVED BY:** Wendy Partner

**THAT** Forrest Rowden be nominated for the office of Chair of the Gananaska Region Conservation Authority for 2016.

Nominations were called for second, third and final time.

**MOVED BY:** Theresa Rickerby  
**SECONDED BY:** John Fallis

**THAT** nominations for the position of Chair be closed.  
**CARRIED.**

Forrest Rowden was declared Chair of the Gananaska Region Conservation Authority for 2016.

**MOVED BY:** Forrest Rowden

**THAT** Wendy Partner be nominated for the office of Vice-Chair of the Gananaska Region Conservation Authority for 2016.

**MOVED BY:** Heather Stauble  
**SECONDED BY:** Mark Lovshin

**THAT** nominations for the position of Vice-Chair be closed.  
**CARRIED.**

Wendy Partner was declared Vice-Chair of the Gananaska Region Conservation Authority for 2016.

2. Appointment of Banking Institution and Signing Officers:

**MOVED BY:** John Fallis  
**SECONDED BY:** Heather Stauble

\*\*As attached to the agenda\*\*

**CARRIED.**

3. 2016 Borrowing Resolution - General Operating

**MOVED BY:** Mark Lovshin  
**SECONDED BY:** Jeff Lees

\*\*As attached to the agenda\*\*

**CARRIED.**

4. Appointment of Authority Solicitors:

**MOVED BY:** Ray Bennis  
**SECONDED BY:** Willie Woo

**THAT** the firm Mann, McCracken, Bebee & Associates, Port Hope, be appointed as the solicitor for the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority for 2016 regarding general administrative and land matters.

**CARRIED.**

5. Appointment of Authority Auditors:

**MOVED BY:** Jeff Lees  
**SECONDED BY:** Heather Stauble

**THAT** the firm Lynch Rutherford Tozer, Port Hope, be appointed as the auditor for the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority for 2016.

**CARRIED.**

6. Appointment of Conservation Ontario Voting Delegate and Alternate:

**MOVED BY:** Mark Lovshin  
**SECONDED BY:** John Fallis

**THAT** the Chair be appointed the Conservation Ontario voting representative and the CAO/Secretary-Treasurer serve as the alternate.

**CARRIED.**

7. 2016 Meeting Schedule

**MOVED BY:** Willie Woo  
**SECONDED BY:** Theresa Rickerby

**THAT** the Full Authority receive the 2016 Meeting Schedule staff report for information purposes.

**CARRIED.**

8. Other Business:

None

9. Adjourn:

**MOVED BY:** Heather Stauble

**THAT** the 2016 business of the Annual Meeting be concluded and the meeting adjourn.

**CARRIED.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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**CHAIR**

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**CAO/SECRETARY-TREASURER**