

GANARASKA REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF THE FULL AUTHORITY

March 16, 2017

FA 01/17

1. Welcome and Call to Order

The Chair called the Full Authority meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: 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
Brian Darling, Town of Cobourg
Louise Ferrie-Blecher - Municipality of Port Hope
Jeff Lees - Municipality of Port Hope
Heather Stauble - City of Kawartha Lakes
Willie Woo - Municipality of Clarington

ALSO PRESENT: Linda Laliberte, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer
Mark Peacock, Director, Watershed Services
Pam Lancaster, Stewardship Technician
Steve McMullen, Forest Recreation Technician
Jessica Mueller, Hydrogeologist

**ABSENT WITH
REGRETS:**

ALSO ABSENT:

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

FA 01/17

MOVED BY: Mark Lovshin

SECONDED BY: Willie Woo

THAT the Full Authority approve the minutes of the December 8, 2016 meeting.
CARRIED.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

FA 02/17**MOVED BY:** Louise Ferrie-Blecher**SECONDED BY:** Wendy Partner**THAT** the Full Authority adopt the agenda as presented.**CARRIED.**

5. Delegations

None

6. Presentations

a) PGMN Water Level Drought Response in 2016

Jessica Mueller, Hydrogeologist, gave a presentation to the board on the 2016 drought response.

FA 03/17**MOVED BY:** Heather Stauble**SECONDED BY:** John Fallis**THAT** the Full Authority receive the groundwater staff report for information purposes.**CARRIED.**

7. Business Arising from Minutes

a) Penalization of Riders Using Non-Authorized Trails

Staff presented a report to the members for discussion. Members discussed the possibility of increasing fines. The Chair stated that he would bring this issue forward at the next Conservation Ontario meeting. A suggestion of using police cadets was also brought forward as well as the use of motion cameras at various sites in the forest. Discussion followed in regard to freedom of information, the quality of pictures gathered, and concerns of possible equipment failure or damage due to vandalism. There were also questions directed to the gathering of licence plate information and concerns that plate numbers are not being collected for day passes. Ray Benns suggested contacting Lower Trent Conservation as he believes their provincial offences officers are authorized to lay charges for incidents beyond what the Ganaraska currently enforces. It was further suggested that more funds be allocated to paid patrols in the forest to which the CAO stated that she would increase the draft budget for 2017 in this area. There were further concerns that the Forest Management Plan would not address motorized use in the Forest. Staff explained that this was not part of the terms of reference of the Forest Management Plan. The plan is being completed to satisfy the requirements of the Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program (MFTIP) however, GRCA had expanded the terms to include stakeholder consultation sessions. Staff further stated that the synopsis report shows the general forest community was supportive of a multi-use forest. There was further discussion in regards to a future review of the terms of reference of the Forest Recreational Users Committee next fall.

FA 04/17

MOVED BY: John Fallis
SECONDED BY: Mark Lovshin

THAT the Full Authority receive the staff report for information.

8. Correspondence

FA 01 Roger Anderson, Regional Chair/CEO, Durham region re. Durham Community Climate change Adaptation Plan

FA 05/17

MOVED BY: Heather Stauble
SECONDED BY: Brian Darling

THAT the Full Authority receive the correspondence for information.
CARRIED.

9. Applications under Ontario Regulation 168/06:

Permits approved by Executive:

FA 06/17

MOVED BY: Wendy Partner
SECONDED BY: Ray Bennis

THAT the Full Authority receive the permits for information.
CARRIED.

Permit Application require Full Authority discussion:
None

10. Committee Reports:

None

11. New Business:

a) Durham Community Climate Adaptation Plan 2016

FA 07/17

MOVED BY: Willie Woo
SECONDED BY: Wendy Partner

THAT the Full Authority approve in principle the Durham Community Climate Adaptation Plan.
CARRIED.

b) Port Hope Fishing Access Pass

FA 08/17

MOVED BY: Brian Darling
SECONDED BY: Mark Lovshin

THAT the Full Authority receive the report entitled "Port Hope Fishing Access Pass" for information purposes.

CARRIED.

12. Other Business

a) Clean Water - Healthy Land Financial Assistance Program Guidelines Update

FA 09/17

MOVED BY: Wendy Partner
SECONDED BY: Willie Woo

THAT the Full Authority approve the updates made to the Clean Water-Healthy Land Financial Assistance Program Guidelines.

CARRIED.

The Chair brought forward the idea of establishing a foundation. There was some discussion in regards to the skill set required of an individual to head up a foundation. The Chair suggested that if Board members knew of any potential candidates to assist in forming a foundation, perhaps they could bring those name forwards at a future date.

13. In Camera

None

14. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. on a motion by Wendy Partner.

CHAIR

CAO/SECRETARY-TREASURER