

# GANARASKA REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

November 29, 2018

GRCA 07/18

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### 1. Welcome and Call to Order

The Chair called the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority Board of Directors meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Wendy Partner, Chair - Municipality of Clarington  
Raymond Bennis - Township of Alnwick/Haldimand  
Brian Darling - Town of Cobourg  
Jeff Lees, Vice-Chair - Municipality of Port Hope  
John Fallis - Township of Cavan Monaghan  
Louise Ferrie-Blecher - Municipality of Port Hope  
Mark Lovshin - Township of Hamilton  
Forrest Rowden - Town of Cobourg  
Heather Stauble - City of Kawartha Lakes  
Willie Woo - Municipality of Clarington

**ALSO PRESENT:** Linda Laliberte, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer  
Ken Thajer, Planning and Regulations Coordinator  
Steve McMullen, Forest Recreation Technician  
Jay Sherwin, Chair, Recreation User Committee  
Melissa Spearing, Seed Program Coordinator, Forest Gene  
Conservation Association

**ABSENT WITH  
REGRETS:**

**ALSO ABSENT:**

### 2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

### 3. Minutes of Last Meeting

**GRCA 37/18**

**MOVED BY:** Forrest Rowden

**SECONDED BY:** Mark Lovshin

**THAT** the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority approve the minutes of the October 18, 2018 meeting.

**CARRIED.**

#### 4. Adoption of the Agenda

**GRCA 38/18**

**MOVED BY:** Jeff Lees  
**SECONDED BY:** John Fallis

**THAT** the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority adopt the agenda as presented.  
**CARRIED.**

#### 5. Delegations

None

#### 6. Presentations

a) Ganaraska Forest Recreational Users Committee (RUC) Annual Report  
Jay Sherwin, Chair of the RUC, updated Board of Directors on committee's 2018 activities. Mr. Sherwin highlighted that the recommendations of the Ganaraska Forest Plan and in particular, the synopsis report (by Planning Solutions), has been at the forefront of this year's committee discussions. Issues such as, invasive species (e.g. dog strangling vine), trail maintenance, enforcement, mapping, and forest signage have been recognized. The RUC requested that Forest Memberships and timber sales be returned to the forest. Staff clarified that membership sales along with a portion of timber sales do returns to the forest. Discussion followed.

**GRCA 39/18**

**MOVED BY:** Brian Darling  
**SECONDED BY:** John Fallis

**THAT** the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority approve the presentation for information.  
**CARRIED.**

b) Closure of Ontario Seed Tree Plant – Melissa Spearing  
Melissa Spearing addressed the Board of Directors on the recent activities around the closure of the Ontario Seed Plant. She provided a background of the seed plant and the stages of the closing.

**GRCA 40/18**

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

**THAT** the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority direct the Chair to put on the floor, at the next Conservation Ontario meeting, concerns with the closing of the Ontario Seed Plant and;  
**FURTHER THAT** Conservation Ontario be requested to do a report in consultation with the Forest Gene Conservation Association and other stakeholders on the impact of closing the plant.

Willie Woo asked for a recorded vote.

Ray Bennis - Township of Alnwick/Haldimand	- Yes
Brian Darling - Town of Cobourg	- Yes
Jeff Lees - Municipality of Port Hope	- Yes
Mark Lovshin - Township of Hamilton	- Yes
Wendy Partner - Municipality of Clarington	- Yes
Forrest Rowden - Town of Cobourg	- Yes
Heather Stauble - City of Kawartha Lakes	- Yes
Willie Woo - Municipality of Clarington	- Yes

**CARRIED.**

## 7. Business Arising from Minutes

### a) 2019 Levy

The CAO/Secretary-Treasurer explained the weighted vote procedure to the Board of Directors and answered questions

### **GRCA 41/18**

**MOVED BY:** Forrest Rowden

**SECONDED BY:** Willie Woo

**THAT** the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority approve the staff report that includes the 2019 levy in the amount of \$983,386.75 and 2019 capital assets levy of \$150,088.00.

Ray Bennis - Township of Alnwick/Haldimand (0.9444%)	- Yes
Brian Darling - Town of Cobourg (11.0296%)	- Yes
Jeff Lees - Municipality of Port Hope (8.65965%)	- Yes
Mark Lovshin - Township of Hamilton (11.1763%)	- Yes
Wendy Partner - Municipality of Clarington (24.11135%)	- Yes
Forrest Rowden - Town of Cobourg (11.0296%)	- Yes
Heather Stauble - City of Kawartha Lakes (0.0916%)	- Yes
Willie Woo - Municipality of Clarington (24.11135%)	- Yes

The total percentage present to vote was 91.34%. To carry the motion, 51% total of those present or 46.583% is required and cannot be from a single municipality. The vote was carried at 100%.

**CARRIED.**

## 8. Correspondence

None

## 9. Applications under Ontario Regulation 168/06:

Permits approved by Executive:

### **GRCA 42/18**

**MOVED BY:** Forrest Rowden

**SECONDED BY:** Ray Bennis

**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:

a) Ganaraska Forest Recreation Users Committee Minutes – November 1, 2018

**GRCA 43/18**

**MOVED BY:** Brian Darling

**SECONDED BY:** Jeff Lees

**THAT** the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority receive the Ganaraska Forest Recreation Users Committee minutes from November 1, 2018 for information.

**CARRIED.**

11. New Business:

None

12. Other Business

a) 2019 Economic Adjustment and Proposed Compensation Plan

**GRCA 44/18**

**MOVED BY:** Forrest Rowden

**SECONDED BY:** Mark Loshin

**THAT** the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority approve the 2019 Economic Adjustment and the proposed Compensation Plan.

**CARRIED.**

13. In Camera

None

14. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. on a motion by Forrest Rowden.

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**CHAIR**

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**CAO/SECRETARY-TREASURER**