

# GANARASKA REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

June 20, 2019

GRCA 04/19

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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 7:10 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jeff Lees, Chair - Municipality of Port Hope  
Mark Lovshin, Vice Chair - Township of Hamilton  
Nicole Beatty - Town of Cobourg  
Greg Booth - Township of Alnwick/Haldimand  
Brian Darling - Town of Cobourg  
Vicki Mink - Municipality of Port Hope  
Joe Neal - Municipality of Clarington  
Tracy Richardson - City of Kawartha Lakes  
Margaret Zwart - Municipality of Clarington

**ALSO PRESENT:** Linda Laliberte, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer  
Ken Thajer, Planning and Regulations Coordinator  
Pam Lancaster, Stewardship Technician  
Ed Van Osch, Forest Recreation Technician

**ABSENT WITH REGRETS:** Tim Belch - Township of Cavan Monaghan

**ALSO ABSENT:**

The Chair welcomed Councilor Greg Booth of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand to the GRCA Board.

### 2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

### 3. Minutes of Last Meeting

**GRCA 20/19**

**MOVED BY:** Mark Lovshin

**SECONDED BY:** Brian Darling

**THAT** the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority approve the minutes of the May 16, 2019 meeting.

**CARRIED.**

#### 4. Adoption of the Agenda

Joe Neal brought forward items under other business.

- a) Clarington Rezoning
- b) Maintenance of Trails in the Ganaraska Forest and staffing

#### **GRCA 21/19**

**MOVED BY:** Joe Neal  
**SECONDED BY:** Nicole Beatty

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

#### 5. Delegations

Peter Abrams, Port Hope Kinsmen Club, presented a cheque in the amount of \$1,025.50 from the proceeds of the native plant sale. The Board thanked the Port Hope Kinsmen Club for their support.

#### 6. Presentations

- a) Clean Water – Healthy Land Stewardship Program, 2019 Update  
Pam Lancaster presented an update on the Clean Water-Healthy Land Program.

#### **GRCA 22/19**

**MOVED BY:** Nicole Beatty  
**SECONDED BY:** Vicki Mink

**THAT** the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority receives the Clean Water – Healthy Land Stewardship Program, 2019 Update presentation for information.  
**CARRIED.**

#### 7. Business Arising from Minutes

- a) Update on Bill 108

Joe Neal asked a question in regards to safety and plan review responsibilities. Staff explained that the review process was not being altered. Staff further elaborated on Bill 108 and provided a brief overview of the mandatory program areas. It was explained that the regulations have yet to be developed and staff would keep the board members informed as much as possible over the summer months. Board members also expressed concern that municipalities should not be able to opt in or out of the non-mandatory areas as individual municipalities. Staff stated that Conservation Ontario shared that opinion and is continuing to express that to the Province.

#### **GRCA 23/19**

**MOVED BY:** Joe Neal  
**SECONDED BY:** Mark Lovshin

**THAT** the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority receive the staff report “Update on Bill 108” for information.  
**CARRIED.**

8. Correspondence

## a) 05 -19 Conservation Ontario Correspondence

**GRCA 24/19**

**MOVED BY:** Joe Neal  
**SECONDED BY:** Mark Lovshin

**THAT** the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority receive and file the correspondence for information.

**CARRIED.**

9. Applications under Ontario Regulation 168/06:

Permits approved by Executive:

**GRCA 25/19**

**MOVED BY:** Nicole Beatty  
**SECONDED BY:** Brian Darling

**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

Joe Neal brought forward the suggestion that any agreements between user groups and the Conservation Authority be brought forward to the Board of Directors for discussion.

**GRCA 26/19**

**MOVED BY:** Joe Neal  
**SECONDED BY:** Mark Lovshin

**THAT** the any future Recreational Forest Agreements be brought forward to the Board of Directors for approval.

**CARRIED.**

**GRCA 27/19**

**MOVED BY:** Joe Neal  
**SECONDED BY:** Mark Lovshin

**THAT** the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority receives Ganaraska Forest Recreation User Committee minutes for information.

**CARRIED.**

11. New Business:

## a) Records Retention &amp; Information Management Policy

**GRCA 28/19**

**MOVED BY:** Brian Darling  
**SECONDED BY:** Nicole Beatty

**THAT** the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority approve the updated Records Retention & Information Management Policy.

**CARRIED.**

b) 2020 Budget Criteria

Joe Neal asked about the 2018 financial statements and the accumulated depreciation. He requested that the financial statements have further review at the September board meeting. Members were asked to bring copies of the financial statements to the September meeting.

**GRCA 29/19**

**MOVED BY:** Nicole Beatty  
**SECONDED BY:** Tracy Richardson

**THAT** the Board of Directors direct staff to prepare the preliminary budget based on the criteria contained in the staff report prepared June 20, 2019 and the preliminary budget be prepared for the September 19, 2019 meeting.

**CARRIED.**

12. Other Business

a) Clarington Rezoning

Joe Neal brought forward concerns in regards to the Municipality of Clarington's rezoning. He questioned the environmental protection classification of lands and the recommendations of the GRCA. It was explained that the conservation authority does not suggest any zoning recommendation. Those decisions are only of the municipality. Mr. Neal explained that there seems to be some misunderstanding among the residents that these zoning recommendations have come from the conservation authority.

b) Maintenance of the trails in the Ganaraska Forest and staff of the GFC

Joe Neal brought forward concerns with regards to the work being carried out to clear the trails. Staff explained that work is continually being done and that an "app" is being developed that will be made public that will assist staff in locating problem area. Mr. Neal also questioned the cost efficiency of having a manned gatehouse. Staff explained that the revenue that is received on a weekend more than covers the cost of the wage and a service to the public is also being provided.

13. In Camera

None

14. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. on a motion by Joe Neal.

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**CHAIR**

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**CAO/SECRETARY-TREASURER**