

GANARASKA REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

September 19, 2019

GRCA 05/19

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: Jeff Lees, Chair - Municipality of Port Hope
Mark Lovshin, Vice Chair - Township of Hamilton
Nicole Beatty - Town of Cobourg
Tim Belch - Township of Cavan Monaghan
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

ALSO PRESENT: Linda Laliberte, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer
Cory Harris, Watershed Services Coordinator
Ken Thajer, Planning and Regulations Coordinator
George Elgear, General Superintendent
Pam Lancaster, Stewardship Technician
Mike Smith, Water Resources Technician
Ed Van Osh, Forest Recreation Technician
Gus Saurer, Forester
Members of the public

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Margaret Zwart - Municipality of Clarington

ALSO ABSENT:

The Chair introduced Cody Harris, Watershed Services Coordinator, to the Board of Directors. The Board members welcomed Cory.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

Joe Neal brought forward a concern that he had voiced at the last meeting in regards to the lack of maintenance of a walking trail. Staff spoke to the maintenance that has been carried out as well as the removal of dead trees from the trails. Staff will contact Mr. Neal directly to receive specific trail location.

GRCA 30/19

MOVED BY: Brian Darling
SECONDED BY: Mark Lovshin

THAT the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority approve the minutes of the June 20, 2019 meeting.

CARRIED.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

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MOVED BY: Joe Neal
SECONDED BY: Vicki Mink

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

CARRIED.

5. Delegations

a) Positively Green, 100+ Priority Projects to Enhance our Greenbelt
Shelley Petrie, accompanied by Kevin Beaulieu, of the Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation provided the Board of Directors with an overview of a collaborative initiative between the Conservation Authorities on the Greenbelt. "Positively Green" has more than 100 shovel-ready priority projects on the ground in communities across the Greater Golden Horseshoe. These projects are community-facing and provide real, tangible examples of how climate action benefits people and neighborhoods directly. The Friends of Greenbelt Foundation is presenting to all the Conservation Authorities across the Greenbelt to ask for their support in endorsing "Positively Green" which will be used to seek out potential funding partners.

GRCA 32/19

MOVED BY: Brian Darling
SECONDED BY: Mark Lovshin

THAT the presentation by Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the Positively Green project be endorsed.

CARRIED.

b) A Natural Waterfront Park for Cobourg

Richard Pope, accompanied by Margaret Bain, made a presentation to inform the Board of a proposal that is being presented to the Town of Cobourg Council to create a Natural Heritage Waterfront Park. The presenters' intention was to inform the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority (GRCA) of the initiative and to bring the planned proposal to the Board in the event that GRCA would have some input. Mr. Pope asked that the GRCA endorse the proposal.

There was discussion at the Board to receive the presentation for information. There was an amended motion put forward.

GRCA 33/19

MOVED BY: Joe Neal
SECONDED BY: Greg Booth

THAT the Board of Directors refer the presentation to staff for a report back to the Board at a future meeting.

CARRIED.

c) Sandaraska Park Social Committee Presentation.

Jackie Stewart and Ray Feraday, of the Sandaraska Park Social Committee, presented a cheque for \$1,040.00 from fundraising initiatives for the Ganaraska Forest. The Chair thank the Sandaraska Park Social Committee for their generous donation to the Ganaraska Forest.

6. Presentations

a) Lake Ontario Flooding and Plan 2014

Mike Smith, Water Resources Technician, provided the Board of Directors with an update on Lake Ontario flooding conditions of 2017 and 2019, including water levels, inflows/outflows, regulations, causes of the flooding and what the International Joint Commission (IJC) is doing to address concerns. He described the set of rules in Plan 2014 that are used by the IJC in regulating outflows and further compared the outcomes under the new plan with those of the previous regulation plan.

A copy of the presentation will be sent to the Board members. Board members followed up with questions in regards to the presentation.

GRCA 34/19

MOVED BY: Nicole Beatty
SECONDED BY: Vicki Mink

THAT the Board of Directors receive the Lake Ontario Flooding and Plan 2014 presentation for information.

CARRIED.

Nicole Beatty arrived at 8:28 during the presentation.

7. Business Arising from Minutes

a) Review of 2018 Financial Statements

Linda Laliberte, CAO/Secretary Treasurer, provided an overview of the 2018 Financial Statements focusing on the "Amortization of Tangible Capital Assets".

b) 2020 Preliminary Budget and Municipal Levy

Joe Neal asked questions in regards to the difference in Watershed Services from 2019 to 2020. The CAO/Secretary Treasurer reported some of the 2019 initiatives would be completed during the year reducing the budget program area.

GRCA 35/19

MOVED BY: Vicki Mink
SECONDED BY: Mark Lovshin

THAT the Board of Directors receive the 2020 Preliminary Budget for information and, **FURTHER THAT** the budget be forwarded to the watershed municipalities, indicating in the cover letter, that the vote to approve the 2020 levy will be taken at the November 2019 Board of Directors meeting.

CARRIED.

8. Correspondence

- a) 09-19 Letter from Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
- b) 10-19 cc email to Kim Gavine, Conservation Ontario from Jeff Yurek, MECP

Board members asked questions in regards to core and non-core programs. Staff indicated that these have yet to be defined.

GRCA 36/19

MOVED BY: Joe Neal
SECONDED BY: Brian Darling

THAT the Board of Directors receive the correspondence for information.

CARRIED.

9. Applications under Ontario Regulation 168/06:

Permits approved by Executive:

GRCA 37/19

MOVED BY: Mark Lovshin
SECONDED BY: Brian Darling

THAT the Board of Directors 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 – September 5, 2019

The members discussed some of the current issues concerning maintenance as well as some of the current discussion at their municipalities in regards to motorized use.

GRCA 38/19

MOVED BY: Tracy Richardson
SECONDED BY: Tim Belch

THAT the Board of Directors receive the Ganaraska Forest Recreation Users Committee minutes for information.

CARRIED.

11. New Business:

a) Response to Minister Yurek's August 16, 2019 letter

GRCA 39/19

MOVED BY: Mark Lovshin

SECONDED BY: Nicole Beatty

THAT the Board of Directors endorse the letter to be sent to Premier Ford and Minister Yurek.

CARRIED.

12. Other Business

None

13. In Camera

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MOVED BY: Vicki Mink

SECONDED BY: Nicole Beatty

THAT the Board of Directors move in camera.

CARRIED.

GRCA 41/19

MOVED BY: Nicole Beatty

SECONDED BY: Brian Darling

THAT the Board of Directors move out of camera.

CARRIED.

GRCA 42/19

MOVED BY; Nicole Beatty

SECONDED BY: Tim Belch

THAT the Board of Directors send the letter as discussed.

CARRIED.

14. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:53 pm on a motion by Joe Neal.

CHAIR

CAO/SECRETARY-TREASURER