

# GANARASKA REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

October 17, 2019

GRCA 06/19

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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 7:15 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  
Margaret Zwart - Municipality of Clarington

**ALSO PRESENT:** Cory Harris, Watershed Services Coordinator  
Ken Thajer, Planning and Regulations Coordinator  
Leslie Benson, Interim Water Resources Engineer  
Ed Van Osh, Forest Recreation Technician  
Pam Lancaster, Stewardship Technician  
Members of the public

**ABSENT WITH REGRETS:** Tracy Richardson - City of Kawartha Lakes

### **ALSO ABSENT:**

### 2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

### 3. Minutes of Last Meeting

#### **GRCA 43/19**

**MOVED BY:** Brian Darling

**SECONDED BY:** Joe Neal

**THAT** the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority approve the minutes of the September 19, 2019 meeting.

**CARRIED.**

#### 4. Adoption of the Agenda

An additional item of correspondence, which was circulated by email, was added to the agenda.

#### **GRCA 44/19**

**MOVED BY:** Nicole Beatty

**SECONDED BY:** Joe Neal

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

#### 5. Delegations

##### a) Off Road Vehicle (ORVs) and Bill 107 - Jane Zednik

Jane Zednik made a presentation to the Board of Directors on her concerns with regards to increased off-road vehicle (ORV) including ATV use in the forest as a result of Bill 107, the *Get Moving Act*, which received Royal Assent on June 6, 2019. She asked the Board of Directors to consider setting capacity limits for ORV's and doing a cost benefit analysis.

Joe Neal asked how capacity limits of ORV would be set. The presenter suggested only a limited number of passes are sold. He also asked how Bill 107 would increase ORV use and that there should not be multiple use in the forest.

Tim Belch mentioned that there are roads that provide direct access to the Forest. Jeff Lees stated that the OPP/local police are increasing enforcement around municipal roads.

Vicki Mink asked how many of the 911 calls are made to accidents in the forest. Peterborough Hospital and NHH have statistics and suggested that the cost of emergency services should be included in the cost benefit analysis.

#### **GRCA 45/19**

**MOVED BY:** Joe Neal

**SECONDED BY:** Mark Lovshin

**THAT** the presentation by Jane Zednik be received for information and,  
**FURTHER THAT** this matter be referred back to staff for analysis and report to the board.  
**CARRIED.**

##### b) Citizens Committee for a Safer East Forest – Marg Dickson

Marg Dickson made a presentation to the Board of Directors on her concerns with regards to increased off-road vehicle (ORV) including ATV use in the forest and its impacts to the surrounding communities and the general safety of forest users.

Joe Neal asked about accessing the East Forest illegally and how is this being done. Nicole Beatty asked about the line of communication between the OPP and the GRCA.

**GRCA 46/19**

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

**THAT** the presentation by Marg Dickson be received for information.

**FURTHER THAT** this matter be referred to staff and the Ganaraska Forest Recreational Users (RUC) Committee and report back to the March board meeting including ideas around re-classification of the East Forest and consideration of Bill 107.

**CARRIED.**

**6. Presentations****a) Lake Ontario Shoreline Hazard Management Plan Update**

Leslie Benson, Interim Water Resources Engineer and Cory Harris, Watershed Services Coordinator, provided the Board of Directors with an update on the Lake Ontario Shoreline Hazard Management Plan. The presentation included the regulatory framework governing shoreline hazards; the study that is currently used to inform hazard management decisions on the shoreline; and what the new study aims to provide to the GRCA and its member municipalities.

Board members followed up with questions in regards to the presentation. Joe Neal asked if valley lands without a water component are regulated. He further asked what type of shoreline protections would be happening that are not already known. Vicki Mink asked how far up rivers does the shoreline encompass.

**GRCA 47/19**

**MOVED BY:** Brian Darling  
**SECONDED BY:** Mark Lovshin

**THAT** the Board of Directors receive the Lake Ontario Shoreline Hazard Management Plan update presentation for information.

**CARRIED.**

**7. Business Arising from Minutes**

None

**8. Correspondence**

- a) 11-19 Letter from Chris J. Collins re. Ganaraska Forest Membership - East Forest
- b) 12-19 Letter from Olga Chernuck re. Ganaraska Forest Membership - East Forest
- c) 13-19 Letter from Premier Doug Ford re: response to Jeff Lees correspondence

**GRCA 48/19**

**MOVED BY:** Mark Lovshin  
**SECONDED BY:** Greg Booth

**THAT** the Board of Directors receive the correspondence for information.

**FURTHER THAT** correspondence a) and b) be forwarded to staff for information related to the delegation.

**CARRIED.**

9. Applications under Ontario Regulation 168/06:

Permits approved by Executive:

**GRCA 49/19**

**MOVED BY:** Tim Belch  
**SECONDED BY:** Mark Lovshin

**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:

None

11. New Business:

a) Partnership with Highway of Heroes Tree Campaign

**GRCA 50/19**

**MOVED BY:** Mark Lovshin  
**SECONDED BY:** Brian Darling

**THAT** the Board of Directors receive the Partnership with Highway of Heroes Tree Campaign staff report for information.  
**CARRIED.**

12. Other Business

None

13. In Camera

None

14. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm on a motion by Vicki Mink

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**CHAIR**

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**CAO/SECRETARY-TREASURER**