

GANARASKA REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

April 16, 2020 (via Zoom)

GRCA 01/20

1. Welcome and Call to Order

The Vice-Chair called the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority (GRCA) 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
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
Cory Harris, Watershed Services Coordinator
Ken Thajer, Planning and Regulations Coordinator

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Tim Belch - Township of Cavan Monaghan

ALSO ABSENT:

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

GRCA 01/20

MOVED BY: Brian Darling

SECONDED BY: Vicki Mink

THAT the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority approve the minutes of the November 21, 2019 meeting.

CARRIED.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

Joe Neal added two discussion items to the agenda. He requested a discussion on the closure of the Ganaraska Forest and a discussion on staffing.

GRCA 02/20

MOVED BY: Mark Lovshin
SECONDED BY: Tracy Richardson

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

5. Delegations

None

6. Presentations

None

7. Business Arising from Minutes

a) Closing East Forest to Motorized Traffic

Joe Neal asked if the presenters had been notified of the staff report. Staff stated they had not; however, a copy of the staff report could be forwarded to them.

GRCA 03/20

MOVED BY: Joe Neal
SECONDED BY: Brian Darling

THAT the GRCA Board of Directors receive this presentation for information
CARRIED.

8. Correspondence

- a) 01-20 Letter from Susan M. Stone, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer, Township of Amaranth, re. Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority Levies
- b) 02-20 Letter from Susan M. Stone, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer, Township of Amaranth, re. Conservation Authority Exit Clauses

GRCA 04/20

MOVED BY: Brian Darling
SECONDED BY: Vicki Mink

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

9. Applications under Ontario Regulation 168/06:

Permits approved by Executive:

Vicki Mink asked a question in regards to one of the permits that required erosion work.

GRCA 05/20

MOVED BY: Tracy Richardson
SECONDED BY: Greg Booth

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) Appointment of Recreational User Committee Chair

GRCA 06/20

MOVED BY: Nicole Beatty

SECONDED BY: Margaret Zwart

THAT the GRCA Board of Directors support Mark Gardiner as Ganaraska Forest Recreational Users Committee Chair.

CARRIED.

11. New Business:

a) 2020 Capital Asset Management Levy Reallocation

Joe Neal questioned if the funds were coming from capital. Staff explained that the funds were coming from general levy from the amount that has been allocated be moved to the Capital Asset Management reserve.

GRCA 07/20

MOVED BY: Mark Lovshin

SECONDED BY: Greg Booth

A recorded voted was requested by Joe Neal.

Nicole Beatty – Town of Cobourg	- Yes
Greg Booth – Township of Alnwick/Haldimand	- Yes
Brian Darling – Town of Cobourg	- Yes
Jeff Lees – Municipality of Port Hope	- Yes
Mark Lovshin – Township of Hamilton	- Yes
Vicki Mink, Municipality of Port Hope	- Yes
Joe Neal – Municipality of Clarington	- No
Tracy Richardson – City of Kawartha Lakes	- Yes
Margaret Zwart – Municipality of Clarington	- Yes

THAT the GRCA Board of Directors approve the capital asset levy for 2020 reallocated from reserve and used to offset expenses in the 2020 budget.

CARRIED.

12. Other Business

a) Closing of the Ganaraska Forest

Joe Neal expressed concern with the closing of the Ganaraska Forest. The Province of

Ontario closed Ontario Parks and it was felt that Conservation Authorities should follow and close the Ganaraska Forest. Conservation Areas have not been opened up. It was explained there is also a liability risk as staffing has been reduced. He also asked about staff being out in the Forest to start cleaning up the Forest. It was explained that some staff have been home dealing with self-quarantine. Further, as the revenues have been decreased, future layoffs are being considered.

b) Staffing

Joe Neal asked in regards to staffing. Staff explained that it is anticipated there will be a decrease of approximately \$500,000.00 and staff layoffs are being considered.

c) Upcoming Fishing Season

GRCA 08/20

MOVED BY: Nicole Beatty

SECONDED BY: Vicki Mink

A recorded voted was requested by Joe Neal.

Nicole Beatty – Town of Cobourg	- Yes
Greg Booth – Township of Alnwick/Haldimand	- Yes
Brian Darling – Town of Cobourg	- Yes
Jeff Lees – Municipality of Port Hope	- Yes
Mark Lovshin – Township of Hamilton	- Yes
Vicki Mink, Municipality of Port Hope	- Yes
Joe Neal – Municipality of Clarington	- No
Tracy Richardson – City of Kawartha Lakes	- Yes
Margaret Zwart – Municipality of Clarington	- Yes

THAT the GRCA Board of Directors authorize the Chair to send a letter to the affected municipalities to support a proposed ban of the 2020 fishing season, and

FURTHER THAT the letter will inform the municipalities that all GRCA owned lands are closed to the public, and

FURTHER THAT the letter which will be copied to MPP Piccini, as well as the watershed municipal councils.

CARRIED.

13. In Camera

None

14. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m. on a motion by Nicole Beatty.

CHAIR

CAO/SECRETARY-TREASURER