

# GANARASKA REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

November 19, 2020 (via Zoom)

**GRCA 07/20**

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### 1. Welcome and Call to Order

The 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  
Tim Belch – Township of Cavan Monaghan  
Brian Darling – Town of Cobourg  
Greg Booth - Township of Alnwick/Haldimand  
Vicki Mink - Municipality of Port Hope  
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  
Jeff Moxley, GIS/IT Coordinator  
Ed Van Osch, Forest Recreation Technician

**ABSENT WITH  
REGRETS:**

**ALSO ABSENT:** Joe Neal - Municipality of Clarington

### 2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None.

### 3. Minutes of Last Meeting

**GRCA 37/20**

**MOVED BY:** Mark Lovshin

**SECONDED BY:** Greg Booth

**THAT** the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority approve the minutes of the October 15, 2020 meeting.

**CARRIED.**

#### 4. Adoption of the Agenda

One additional presentation on Walleye Population under Business Arising from the Minutes was added

**GRCA 38/20****MOVED BY:** Nicole Beatty**SECONDED BY:** Brian Darling

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

#### 5. Delegations

a) Dave Dame – Non Issuance of Event Permit

Dave Dame, Runner's Life, made a presentation to the Board of Directors in regards to a cross country event that he wanted to run but the permit application was not approved. The Board supported the decision made by the CAO/Secretary-Treasurer.

**GRCA 39/20****MOVED BY:** Greg Booth**SECONDED BY:** Tim Belch

**THAT** the Board of Directors receive the delegation for information.  
**CARRIED.**

#### 6. Presentations

a) Ganaraska Forest Recreational Users Committee(RUC) Annual Report

Mark Gardiner, Chair of the RUC presented his annual report to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors thanked Mr. Gardiner for his presentation. The notes from the presentation are on the GRCA website attached to the minutes.

**GRCA 40/20****MOVED BY:** Tracy Richardson**SECONDED BY:** Vicky Mink

**THAT** the Board of Directors receive the presentation for information.  
**CARRIED.**

b) Proposed Amendments to the CAA and Planning Act – Bill 229

Staff made a presentation to the Board of Directors on Bill 229 Schedule 6 and the impact on both Conservation Authorities and the watershed municipalities. Members offered support and asked questions in regards to the implications.

**GRCA 41/20****MOVED BY:** Brian Darling**SECONDED BY:** Nicole Beatty

**THAT** the Board of Directors, through the Chair, send a letter to the Honourable Premier Ford, Honourable Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the Honourable Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, to have Schedule 6 removed from Bill 229 to allow for consultation with municipalities who are directly affected by the work of Conservation Authorities and;

**FURTHER THAT** a copy of this letter be forwarded to MPP David Piccini and the watershed municipalities, and;

**FURTHER THAT** the following resolution be sent to the watershed municipalities asking for their support:

**WHEREAS** the Province has introduced Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID 19 Act - Schedule 6 – Conservation Authorities Act

**AND WHEREAS**, municipalities believe that the appointment of municipal representatives on CA Boards should be a municipal decision; and the Chair and Vice Chair of the CA Board should be duly elected;

**AND WHEREAS**, changes to the legislation will create more red tape and costs for the conservation authorities, and their municipal partners, and potentially result in delays in the development approval process;

**AND WHEREAS**, municipalities require a longer transition time to put in place agreements with conservation authorities for non-mandatory programs;

**AND WHEREAS**, municipalities of the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority watersheds value and rely on the natural habitats and water resources within our jurisdiction for the economic health and well-being of residents and our communities;

**AND WHEREAS**, we rely on the watershed expertise provided by local conservation authorities to protect residents, property and local natural resources on a watershed basis by regulating development, undertaking watershed scale studies and planning, and engaging in reviews of applications submitted under the *Planning Act*.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,**

**THAT** Schedule 6 be removed from Bill 229 to allow for consultation with municipalities who are directly affected by the work of Conservation Authorities

**CARRIED.**

## 7. Business Arising from Minutes

### a) 2021 Municipal Levy

The CAO/Secretary-Treasurer explained the weighted vote procedure to the Board of Directors and answered questions in regards to the allocations provided by the Ministry that is to be used for the levy vote.

**GRCA 42/20**

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

**THAT** the GRCA Board of Directors approve the staff report that includes the 2021 levy in the amount of \$1,185,049.

Nicole Beatty – Town of Cobourg (10.5393%)	- Yes
Tim Belch – Township of Cavan Monaghan (0.1998%)	- Yes
Greg Booth – Township of Alnwick/Haldimand (0.9687%)	- Yes
Brian Darling – Town of Cobourg (10.5393%)	- Yes
Jeff Lees – Municipality of Port Hope (8.3422%)	- Yes
Mark Lovshin – Township of Hamilton (10.9780%)	- Yes
Vicki Mink, Municipality of Port Hope (8.3422%)	- Yes
Tracy Richardson – City of Kawartha Lakes (0.0905%)	- Yes
Margaret Zwart – Municipality of Clarington (25.000%)	- Yes

The total percentage present to vote was 75.0%. To carry the motion, 51% total of those present or 38.25 % is required and cannot be from a single municipality.

**CARRIED.**

b) Walleye Population in Rice Lake

Cory Harris provided a brief presentation of the most recent data from the MNRF regarding Walleye populations in Rice Lake. MNRF data is available through the Fish Online website: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/how-use-fish-line>.

**GRCA 43/20**

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

**THAT** the Board of Directors received for the presentation for information.

**CARRIED.**

8. Correspondence

a) 6/20 cc Maitland Conservation re: Voting Delegate and Alternative of Conservation Ontario Council

**GRCA 44/20**

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

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

**CARRIED.**

9. Applications under Ontario Regulation 168/06:

Permits approved by Executive:

**GRCA 45/20**

**MOVED BY:** Vicky Mink  
**SECONDED BY:** Tim Belch

**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 (RUC) Minutes

**GRCA 46/20**  
**MOVED BY:** Nicole Beatty  
**SECONDED BY:** Tim Belch

**THAT** the Board of Directors received for the RUC minutes for information.  
**CARRIED.**

11. New Business:

a) GRCA Open Data Policy

**GRCA 47/20**  
**MOVED BY:** Brian Darling  
**SECONDED BY:** Tracy Richardson

**THAT** the Board of Directors approve the Open Data Policy.  
**CARRIED.**

b) NDMP Proposal Submissions

**GRCA 48/20**  
**MOVED BY:** Mark Lovshin  
**SECONDED BY:** Greg Booth

**THAT** the Board of Directors support the NDMP Project Proposals submitted for Intake 6.  
**CARRIED.**

c) Vision 2020 Summary of Accomplishments 2015-2020

The Board members congratulated staff on the document and the accomplishments within the document,

**GRCA 49/20**  
**MOVED BY:** Vicky Mink  
**SECONDED BY:** Tracy Richardson

**THAT** the Board of Directors approve the document Vision 2020 – A Review that

Illuminates the Future: A Summary of Accomplishments 2015-2020.

**CARRIED.**

12. Other Business

a) GRCA permit #1171 (Letter of Credit No.:3184-9520673-05) and GRCA Permit #1233 (Letter of Credit No.: 3184-9520673-04)

**GRCA 50/20**

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

**THAT** the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority release the \$100,000.00 security taken as per condition 16 of GRCA Permit No. 1171, and

**FURTHER THAT** Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority release the \$100,000.00 security taken as per condition 14 of GRCA Permit No. 1233.

**CARRIED.**

b) 2021 Economic Adjustment

**GRCA 51/20**

**MOVED BY:** Nicole Beatty  
**SECONDED BY:** Mark Lovshin

**THAT** the Board of Directors approve the 2020 Economic Adjustment.

**CARRIED.**

13. In Camera

None.

14. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m. on a motion by Nicole Beatty.

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**CHAIR**

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**CAO/SECRETARY-TREASURER**