

GANARASKA REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

October 21, 2021 (via Zoom)

GRCA 06/21

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
Tim Belch - Township of Cavan Monaghan
Greg Booth - Township of Alnwick/Haldimand
Brian Darling - Town of Cobourg
Vicki Mink - Municipality of Port Hope
Jo 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
Lindsay Champagne, Watershed Biologist

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Nicole Beatty – Town of Cobourg

ALSO ABSENT:

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None.

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

Joe Neal enquired on the report he had requested on Heritage Trees. Staff indicated that they did not recall the report and would follow up on the request. Mark Lovshin also spoke to the request stating he recalled the same. Staff stated they would view the recording and follow up. Mr. Neal requested a copy of the recording.

GRCA 42/21 Tracy Richardson
SECONDED BY: Greg Booth

THAT the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority approve the minutes of the September 16, 2021 meeting.

CARRIED.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

GRCA 43/21

MOVED BY: Joe Neal
SECONDED BY: Brian Darling

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

5. Delegations

None

6. Presentations

a) Invasive Species

Watershed Biologist, Lindsay Champagne provided a presentation to the Board of Directors which gave an overview of invasive species and what the GRCA is doing to monitor and manage invasive species on GRCA lands. The presentation also provided information on the web applications and the existing data available.

Board members asked questions with regards to how staff are addressing invasive species on GRCA owned lands.

GRCA 44/21

MOVED BY: Tracy Richardson
SECONDED BY: Vicki Mink

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

7. Business Arising from Minutes

a) 2022 Preliminary Budget and Municipal Levy

GRCA 45/21

MOVED BY: Mark Lovshin
SECONDED BY: Brian Darling

THAT the Board of Directors receive the 2022 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 2022 levy will be taken at the November 2021 Board of Directors meeting.

CARRIED.

8. Correspondence

None.

9. Applications under Ontario Regulation 168/06:

Permits approved by Executive:

GRCA 46/21

MOVED BY: Tracy Richardson
SECONDED BY: Vicki Mink

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) Land Acknowledgement

GRCA 47/21

MOVED BY: Mark Lovshin
SECONDED BY: Tim Belch

THAT the Board of Directors adopt the following land acknowledgment statement:

“The Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority respectfully acknowledges that the land on which we gather is situated within the traditional and treaty territory of the Mississauga’s and Chippewa’s of the Anishinabek, know today as the Williams Treaties First Nations. Our work on these lands acknowledges their resilience and their longstanding contributions to the area. We are thankful for the opportunity to live, learn and share with mutual respect and appreciation”, and

FURTHER THAT the land acknowledgement statement be read at all public meetings of the Board of Directors and at Conservation Authority hosted events and meetings.
CARRIED.

12. Other Business

Joe Neal asked about ownership of the municipal road that runs by the Forest Centre and expressed concerns with regards to the amount of motorized vehicles and the noise. He also expressed concerns with regards to dogs off leash in the forest.

13. In Camera

None.

14. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. on a motion by Greg Booth.

CHAIR

CAO/SECRETARY-TREASURER