

GANARASKA REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

October 17, 2024 (Hybrid)

GRCA 06/24

1. Welcome, Land Acknowledgement and Call to Order

The Chair called the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority (GRCA) Board of Directors meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vicki Mink, Chair - Municipality of Port Hope
Willie Woo, Vice-Chair - Municipality of Clarington
Mark Lovshin, Chair - Township of Hamilton
Miriam Mutton - Town of Cobourg
Lance Nachoff - Township of Cavan Monaghan
Adam Pearson - Municipality of Port Hope
Tracy Richardson - City of Kawartha Lake
Joan Stover - Township of Alnwick/Haldimand
Margaret Zwart - Municipality of Clarington
Bruce Buttar - Agricultural Representative

ALSO PRESENT: Linda Laliberte, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer
Cory Harris, Watershed Services Coordinator
Ken Thajer, Planning and Regulations Coordinator

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Randy Barber - Town of Cobourg

ALSO ABSENT:

Land Acknowledgement

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, known today as the Williams Treaties First Nations. Our work on these lands acknowledges their resilience and their longstanding contribution to the area. We are thankful for the opportunity to live, learn and share with mutual respect and appreciation.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None.

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

GRCA 48/24**MOVED BY:** Adam Pearson**SECONDED BY:** Joan Stover

THAT the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority approve the minutes of the September 19, 2024 meeting.

CARRIED.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

GRCA 49/24**MOVED BY:** Tracy Richardson**SECONDED BY:** Lance Nachoff

THAT the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority adopt the agenda.

CARRIED.

5. Business Arising from Minutes:

None.

6. Delegations

a) Cheque Presentation: Ten Thousand Villages

Bob LeDrew, Derrick Cunningham and board chair Barb Henderson presented a cheque to Ganaraska Conservation for the purchase of trees to be planted in honor of Ten Thousand Villages 15th anniversary.

GRCA 50/24**MOVED BY:** Adam Pearson**SECONDED BY:** Joan Stover

THAT the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority receive the staff report for information and thank Ten Thousand Villages for their donation.

CARRIED.

7. Presentations

None.

8. Correspondence

None.

9. Applications under Ontario Regulation 41/24 and Conservation Authorities Act:

Permits approved by Executive:

GRCA 51/24**MOVED BY:** Willie Woo**SECONDED BY:** Bruce Buttar

THAT the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority 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) 2025 Preliminary Budget and Municipal Levy

The CAO/Secretary-Treasurer presented the 2025 Preliminary Budget and Municipal Levy staff report. Joan Stover asked for an update with regards to the Town of Cobourg storm water charges. The CAO/Secretary-Treasurer reported that the charges had been significantly reduced and the conservation authority would continue to seek an exemption.

GRCA 52/24

MOVED BY: Adam Pearson

SECONDED BY: Lance Nachoff

THAT the Board of Directors receive the 2025 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 2025 levy will be taken at the November 28, 2024 Board of Directors meeting.

CARRIED.

12. Other Business

None.

13. Public Question Period

None.

14. In Camera

None.

15. Adjourn

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MOVED BY: Adam Pearson

THAT the meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

CARRIED.

CHAIR

CAO/SECRETARY-TREASURER