



Grand River Conservation Authority

Minutes - General Membership Meeting

Date:	September 22, 2017
Time:	9:00 am
Location:	Auditorium Grand River Conservation Authority 400 Clyde Road, Box 729 Cambridge, ON N1R 5W6
Members Present	Les Armstrong, Bruce Banbury, Elizabeth Clarke, Bernie Corbett, Susan Foxtan, Guy Gardhouse, Helen Jowett, Geoff Lorentz, Cindy Lunau, Kirk McElwain, Jane Mitchell, David Neumann, Joe Nowak, Vic Prendergast, Wayne Roth, Mike Salisbury, Pat Salter, Shirley Simons, George Stojanovic, Warren Stauch, Chris White, George Wicke
Members Regrets	Robert Bell, Brian Coleman, Fred Morison, Sandy Shantz
Staff	Karen Armstrong, Dave Bennett, Dwight Boyd, Nancy Davy, Joe Farwell, Keith Murch, Sonja Radoja, Tracey Ryan, George Sousa, Lisa Stocco, Cameron Linwood, Eowyn Spencer
Others	Kayleigh Keighan, Beth Brown, Gus Rungis, Scott Roberson, Mary-Tim Hare, Gordon Hare, Tibby Hare, Ray Martin

1. Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order by the Chair at 9:30 a.m.

2. Roll Call and Certification of Quorum – 13 Members constitute a quorum (1/2 of Members appointed by participating Municipalities)

The Secretary-Treasurer called the roll and certified a quorum with 19 Members present. A total of 22 Members attended the meeting.

3. Chair's Remarks

The Chair welcomed the Members and made the following remarks:

Earlier this month our Chair, Foundation Members Malcolm Matheson and Joel Doherty, and several staff members attended a ceremony at Dumfries Park here in Cambridge. The event included unveiling a special rock engraved to recognize Percy Hilborn's contribution to the community by donating the land that has since become Dumfries Park. The property is a 75 hectare property in the center of Cambridge that provides the community with a natural space to enjoy and appreciate nature.

Bill 139 was introduced to legislature for the 2nd reading on Monday, September 11. Minister McGarry showed strong support for conservation authorities, and talked about GRCA specific program areas.

GRCA Chair and staff, and members of Lake Erie Source Protection Committee are scheduled to meet with Minister McGarry on November 3 to discuss source protection programs and planning.

Minister McGarry will also be in attendance at the Conservation Ontario Council meeting on September 25. H. Jowett and J. Farwell will attend the meeting.

4. Review of Agenda

The Chair noted that a verbal update on Landlord Tenant Board hearings will be added to the closed meeting agenda.

2017-162

Moved By Bernie Corbett

Seconded By Shirley Simons

THAT the agenda for the General Membership Meeting of September 22, 2017, be approved as amended.

Carried

5. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interests made in relation to the matters to be dealt with.

6. Minutes of the Previous Meetings

2017-163

Moved By Bruce Banbury

Seconded By Pat Salter

THAT the minutes of the General Membership Meeting of August 25, 2017, be approved as circulated.

Carried

7. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

8. Hearing of Delegations

8.1 Ms. Mary-Tim Hare

Ms. Hare returned to the Board to reiterate her concerns with her tenancy agreement with the Authority. Ms. Hare believes that the GRCA has not acted in good faith, and believes that there is a human rights issue regarding the termination of her tenancy agreement.

Board members had no questions for the delegation.

9. Presentations

There were no Presentations.

10. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

11. 1st and 2nd Reading of By-Laws

None.

12. Reports:

12.1 GM-09-17-101 - Chief Administrative Officer's Report

J. Farwell said that he was pleased to hear support for continued funding for projects and agreement with board governance concerns during the 2nd reading of Bill 139. These comments were consistent with GRCA's input on the CA Act Review.

The conservation areas are doing well into the late season, and are moving towards last year's record revenue.

2017-164

Moved By Warren Stauch

Seconded By Joe Nowak

THAT Report GM-09-17-101- Chief Administration Officer's Report be received as information.

Carried

12.2 GM-09-17-99 - Cash and Investment Status

2017-165

Moved By Susan Foxton

Seconded By Shirley Simons

THAT Report Number GM-09-17-99 – Cash and Investments Status Report as of August 31, 2017 be received as information.

Carried

12.3 GM-09-17-102 - Financial Summary

2017-166

Moved By Les Armstrong

Seconded By Vic Prendergast

THAT the Financial Summary for the period ending August 31, 2017 be approved.

Carried

12.4 GM-09-17-98 - Budget 2018 (draft #1)

B. Corbett asked about the decrease for per diems, and S. Radoja responded that per diems fluctuate due to attendance, and that some savings are expected.

2017-167

Moved By Les Armstrong

Seconded By Chris White

THAT Report Number GM-09-17-98 - Budget 2018 (draft #1) be received as information.

Carried

12.5 GM-09-17-97 - Bill 148 Fair Workplaces/ Better Jobs Act – Cost Analysis

2017-168

Moved By Elizabeth Clarke

Seconded By Pat Salter

THAT Report Number GM-09-17-97 - Bill 148 Fair Workplaces/ Better Jobs Act – Cost Analysis be received as information.

Carried

12.6 GM-09-17-96 - Environmental Assessments

2017-169

Moved By Les Armstrong

Seconded By Joe Nowak

That Report Number GM-09-17-96 Environmental Assessments be received as information.

Carried

12.7 GM-09-17-103 - Water Control Structures Capital Forecast – 2017-2022

D. Boyd presented an overview of the Water Control Structures Capital Forecast. Annual dam and dyke inspections, repairs, public safety concerns, technical studies, safety reviews, and external consultants make up the majority of costs.

D. Boyd responded to questions from board members, explaining the purpose of stop logs at dams, updated digital mapping for certain areas in the watershed, and tree and vegetation removal around dykes.

K. McElwain noted that there was nothing outlined in the forecast for the West Montrose Dam. D. Boyd said that he is preparing a board report to provide an overview of the West Montrose Dam, adding that it is not an active project.

2017-170

Moved By Jane Mitchell

Seconded By David Neumann

THAT Report Number GM-09-17-103 - Water Control Structures Capital Forecast – 2017-2022 be received as information

Carried

12.8 GM-09-17-100 - Current Watershed Conditions

D. Boyd presented the current watershed conditions. New information regarding the June 23rd flood event showed that the Harriston area received 170mm of rainfall during the event, and that tropical moisture from Hurricane Cindy may have contributed to the rainfall.

Current conditions are drier than in August, and higher than average temperatures are predicted throughout October. Temperatures will begin to drop closer to November and into the winter months.

D. Neumann asked about the expectation for Lake Erie water levels. D. Boyd said that there could be a higher potential for lake surge events once air temperatures begin to cool off, also noting that it is too soon to tell if the lakes will freeze this winter.

S. Foxtan mentioned that she had recently attended an emergency services training session, where the mock emergency was a flood. S. Foxtan noted that the role the GRCA plays during a flood event was not highlighted enough during the mock event.

2017-171

Moved By Elizabeth Clarke

Seconded By Shirley Simons

That Report Number GM-09-17-100 – Current Watershed Conditions as of September 13, 2017 be received as information.

Carried

13. Committee of the Whole

Not required.

14. General Business

There was no General Business.

15. 3rd Reading of By-Laws

None.

16. Other Business

J. Mitchell announced the opening of Trailblazing Women at the Waterloo Region Museum, and also invited members to attend the Great Woolly Rafting Ride on Saturday.

P. Salter said that over 275 children and adults attended the outdoor day at Luther Marsh, and thanked GRCA for starting the program years ago, and commended the MNRF for carrying it forward.

17. Closed Meeting

2017-172

Moved By Bernie Corbett

Seconded By Les Armstrong

THAT the General Membership enter a closed meeting to discuss property dispositions and legal advice received regarding hearings before the Landlord Tenant Board. .

Carried

2017-173

Moved By Susan Foxton

Seconded By Bruce Banbury

THAT the Minutes of the closed session of August 25, 2017 be approved as circulated.

Carried

2017-174

Moved By Pat Salter

Seconded By Bernie Corbett

IN ORDER TO FURTHER THE OBJECTS OF the Grand River Conservation Authority by assisting a member municipality in providing municipal services

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Grand River Conservation Authority declare surplus and convey to Wellington County the lands legally described as part of Lot 7,

Concession 10, Township of Puslinch, more particularly described as Part 1, 61R-21166; Township of Puslinch, Wellington County, for the nominal consideration of \$2.

Carried

2017-175

Moved By Jane Mitchell

Seconded By George Wicke

IN ORDER TO FURTHER THE OBJECTS OF the Grand River Conservation Authority by assisting a member municipality in providing municipal services;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Grand River Conservation Authority declare surplus and convey to the City of Waterloo the lands legally described as Pt Lt 29 German Company Tract, City of Waterloo as in 451325 Except Pt 1 & 2, 58R12257 & Pt 3, 58R11340; S/T 1500282; Block 14, Plan 58M-64 Waterloo; Block 15, Plan 58M-64 Waterloo; Block 13, Plan 58M-64; S/T Easement Instrument LT18319 in Favour of the Corporation of the City of Waterloo and Union Gas Limited over Pt. of said Blk being Pt 13 on 58R-11330; and Block 16, Plan 58M-64 S/T Easement Instrument LT18319 over Parts 15 & 16 58R11330; S/T Easement Over Pts 1 to 3 58R11747 as in LT62518; City of Waterloo, Regional Municipality of Waterloo for the nominal consideration of \$2.

Carried

2017-176

Moved By Les Armstrong

Seconded By Warren Stauch

THAT the General Membership return to open session.

Carried

17.1 Minutes of the closed session of August 25, 2017

17.2 Property Disposition

17.3 Property Disposition

17.4 Landlord and Tenant Board Update - If Required

18. Next Meetings

The next meeting of the General Membership is scheduled for Friday, October 27, at 9:30 a.m.

19. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

2017-177

Moved By Susan Foxton

Seconded By Vic Prendergast

THAT the General Membership Meeting be adjourned.

Carried

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer