



Grand River Conservation Authority

Minutes - General Membership Meeting

Date:	April 27, 2018
Time:	9:30 am
Location:	Auditorium Grand River Conservation Authority 400 Clyde Road, Box 729 Cambridge, ON N1R 5W6
Members Present	Les Armstrong, Bruce Banbury, Robert Bell, Elizabeth Clarke, Brian Coleman, Bernie Corbett, Susan Foxtan, Guy Gardhouse, Helen Jowett, Geoff Lorentz, Cindy Lunau, Kirk McElwain, Jane Mitchell, Fred Morison, David Neumann, Joe Nowak, Vic Prendergast, Wayne Roth, Mike Salisbury, Pat Salter, Sandy Shantz, George Stojanovic, Warren Stauch, Chris White, George Wicke
Regrets	Shirley Simons
Staff	Karen Armstrong, Dave Bennett, Dwight Boyd, Nancy Davy, Joe Farwell, Samantha Lawson, Sonja Radoja, Tracey Ryan, Lisa Stocco, Krista Bunn, Cameron Linwood, Trina Seguin, Eowyn Spencer, Janet Baine, Melissa Larion, Fred Natolochny, Jason Wagler, Krista White, Bryan McIntosh, Janet Ivey, Naomi Moore, Sandra Cooke, Sonja Strynatka
Others	L. Mugford (James Dick Construction), D. Trip (CRC), S. DeGrandis (CRC and Walnut Hill Tree & Critter Farm)

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 21 Members present. A total of 25 Members attended the meeting.

3. Chair's Remarks

The Chair welcomed the Members and made the following remarks:

- GRCA Staff attended the following municipal council meetings to present the 2018 budget. These included:
 - Town of Erin – April 3
 - Township of Puslinch – April 4
 - Guelph/Eramosa Township – April 23
- Conservation Ontario Council held its Annual General Meeting on April 16, and hosted a day at Queen's Park on April 17th. J. Farwell was in attendance and has further detail on these in the CAO's Report
- Mill Creek Trout Stocking Event occurred on April 26. Local politicians along with staff and volunteers were in attendance

4. Review of Agenda

18-77

Moved By George Wicke

Seconded By Sandy Shantz

THAT the agenda for the General Membership Meeting of April 27, 2018, be approved as circulated.

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

18-78

Moved By Susan Foxton

Seconded By Bernie Corbett

THAT the minutes of the General Membership Meeting of March 23, 2018, 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

There were no Delegations.

9. Presentations

There were no Presentations.

10. Correspondence

Five additional correspondence items were received and copied for members.

18-79

Moved By Guy Gardhouse

Seconded By Les Armstrong

THAT Correspondence from S. Jones, MPP, and T. Arnott, MPP, to Minister Mauro regarding the Greenbelt expansion, and a resolution from the Township of Amaranth, and a resolution from the City of Brantford, be received as information.

Carried

18-80

Moved By Elizabeth Clarke

Seconded By Brian Coleman

THAT additional correspondence from the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs regarding the Agricultural Soil Health and Conservation Strategy, and from the Township of Grand Valley regarding a resolution passed in council, and from the Township of Guelph/Eramosa regarding a resolution passed in council, and from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry regarding the approval of reserves for hazard tree management, and from the Grand River Conservation Authority regarding comments on the Hidden Quarry Application.

Carried

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

None.

12. Reports:

12.1 GM-04-18-47 - Chair's Report of the Special Recognition Committee

18-81

Moved By Pat Salter

Seconded By Chris White

THAT the report of the Special Recognition Committee with respect to its meeting held March 23, 2018 be received for information.

Carried

12.2 GM-04-18-52 - Chief Administrative Officer's Report

C. Lunau, J. Mitchell, W. Stauch, and G. Stojanovic joined the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

J. Farwell summarized the CAO's report noting the following highlights:

- Don MacIver, Mayor of the Township of Amaranth, has been elected as Chair of Conservation Ontario Council
- Recent weather has delayed opening at some GRCA campgrounds
- Board members were encouraged to attend upcoming water festivals throughout May
- GRCA's annual tree sale will occur on May 11 this year

18-82

Moved By Les Armstrong

Seconded By Sandy Shantz

THAT Report Number GM-04-18-52 - Chief Administration Officer's Report be received as information.

Carried

12.3 GM-04-18-50 - General Insurance Renewal 2018/2019

B. Corbett asked about any benefit of increasing deductibles. K. Armstrong responded that GRCA is part of a group insurance program with Ontario Conservation Authorities, and that deductibles and premiums are discussed as part of an annual review process.

18-83

Moved By Brian Coleman

Seconded By Bruce Banbury

THAT Report Number GM-04-18-50 – General Insurance Renewal, 2018-2019, be received for information.

Carried

12.4 GM-04-18-42 - Cash and Investment Status

18-84

Moved By George Wicke

Seconded By Sandy Shantz

THAT Report Number GM-04-18-42 Cash and Investment Status – March 2018 be received as information.

Carried

12.5 GM-04-18-45 - Financial Summary

18-85

Moved By Chris White

Seconded By Sandy Shantz

THAT the Financial Summary for the period ending March 31, 2018 be approved.

Carried

12.6 GM-04-18-42 - Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines Regulation

18-86

Moved By Vic Prendergast

Seconded By Jane Mitchell

THAT Report GM-04-18-42 - Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation, be received for information.

Carried

12.7 GM-04-18-43 - Environmental Assessments

18-87

Moved By Geoff Lorentz

Seconded By Bruce Banbury

THAT Report Number GM-04-18-43 Environmental Assessments be received as information.

Carried

12.8 GM-04-18-41 - Hidden Quarry

N. Davy provided an overview of the report, noting that GRCA staff have reviewed the additional information provided by the applicant for Hidden Quarry and the response to GRCA's requests for additional information on model development and calibration are satisfactory. GRCA staff are not requesting additional groundwater modelling or hydrogeological information at this time. Minor comments concerning the site plan notes, trigger levels and monitoring conditions have been requested. Based on the information provided, the GRCA is now satisfied that extraction can proceed without adverse environmental impacts to onsite/adjacent surface water features and wetlands.

Board members posed questions regarding which parties' technical reports were reviewed, and the role of the GRCA in these types of applications. N. Davy responded on behalf of staff, stating that the role of the GRCA is clearly defined by legislation, and that GRCA provides technical advice to the MNRF, but does

not have authority to approve or decline aggregate applications. The Ontario Municipal Board Hearing is scheduled to commence in May 2019, and the OMB will consider any outstanding issues at that time. Chair Jowett added that the Province is the arbitrator in this matter, and that GRCA's role is mandated.

18-88

Moved By Elizabeth Clarke

Seconded By Brian Coleman

THAT Report GM-04-18-41 – Hidden Quarry is received for information.

Carried

12.9 GM-04-18-48 - Selection of a Hydro Generation Equipment Supplier for the Parkhill Hydro Project

18-89

Moved By Geoff Lorentz

Seconded By Jane Mitchell

THAT staff be authorized to issue a water to wire supply tender for the Parkhill Hydro project with the understanding GRCA would only enter into a contract with the supplier to supply equipment if a Notice to Proceed is granted by the Independent Electricity System Operator and all other necessary approvals are obtained.

Carried

12.10 GM-04-18-46 - Haldimand County Lake Erie Hazard Mapping

18-90

Moved By George Stojanovic

Seconded By Warren Stauch

THAT the Grand River Conservation Authority enter into a contract with W.F. Baird & Associates Coastal Engineers Limited to complete the Haldimand County Lake Erie Shoreline Hazard Mapping and Risk Assessment project for the amount of \$195,904 (exclusive of taxes).

Carried

12.11 GM-04-18-49 - Centre Wellington Scoped Tier 3 Water Budget 2018/2019 Update

18-91

Moved By Pat Salter

Seconded By Vic Prendergast

THAT Matrix Solutions Inc. be retained to carry out additional work on the Centre Wellington Scoped Tier 3 Water Budget Study at \$300,500 plus taxes to

incorporate scope change and work included in the 2018-2019 fiscal year budget provided by the Province.

Carried

12.12 GM-04-18-51 - Grand River Water Management Plan - 2017 Progress Report

18-92

Moved By David Neumann

Seconded By Chris White

THAT Report Number GM-04-18-51 – Grand River Water Management Plan – 2017 Progress Report be received as information and copies be circulated to all municipalities.

Carried

12.13 GM-04-18-44 - Current Watershed Conditions

D. Boyd summarized the current watershed conditions, highlighting the following:

- GRCA reservoirs are at normal capacity for Spring
- Long term forecast is currently pointing to a warmer, drier summer.
- High water level in the lower Grand is due to meltout from the Northern part of the watershed

There followed some discussion on climate change, with D. Boyd noting that the watershed may begin to see more frequent mid-winter melts, which can make decisions regarding filling the reservoirs more complex. J. Farwell added that climate change discussions are necessary as we move forward.

18-93

Moved By George Stojanovic

Seconded By Pat Salter

THAT Report Number GM-04-18-44 – Current Watershed Conditions as of April 18, 2018 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. Nowak commended GRCA staff on recent project efforts with the Friends of Wellesley Pond community group, and suggested that C. Allan attend a future general membership meeting to provide an overview of the project and process.

J. Nowak invited Members to attend a Wellesley Fish Fry fundraising event on May 25, as well as a trout stocking event with Conestoga River Enhancement Working Group on May 9 & 10.

C. Lunau noted that it would be beneficial to see an explanation of what projects are supported by the Grand River Conservation Foundation Community Conservation Grants and where the schools are located. J. Farwell said that Foundation staff can bring a report to the Board.

17. Closed Meeting

18-94

Moved By Les Armstrong

Seconded By Bruce Banbury

THAT the General Membership enter a closed meeting to discuss a land disposition.

Carried

18-95

Moved By Jane Mitchell

Seconded By Fred Morison

THAT the General Membership return to open session.

Carried

17.1 Minutes of the previous closed meeting

18-96

Moved By Geoff Lorentz

Seconded By Chris White

THAT the Minutes of the closed meeting of March 23, 2018, be approved as circulated.

Carried

17.2 Land Disposition - City of Brantford

The Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA) owns almost 48,000 acres of land in the Grand River Watershed. Many of these lands were acquired for flood control projects and to protect floodplain lands. Ownership of floodplain lands was the best method of protection prior to the most current Regulation 150/06. Through the years municipalities have used these floodplain lands for parks and municipal services. Three properties have been identified in Brantford that, based on their use and proximity to municipally-owned lands, are being recommended for municipal ownership. These lands include: the portion of the rail trail and slope lands along Beach Road, the parcel of land containing

floodplain and a portion of the dike along Mohawk Street in Brantford; and, a parcel along Gilkison Street in Brantford that contains a municipal trail and municipal sanitary sewer line.

18-97

Moved By Chris White

Seconded By Brian Coleman

THAT IN ORDER TO FURTHER THE OBJECTS of the Grand River Conservation Authority by assisting a member municipality in providing municipal services, that the property described as all of PIN 322850339 and legally described as Landing Road Plan 29 Brantford City; Lot L Plan 29 Brantford City; Lot 61-64, 67 Plan 443 Brantford City; Part Lot 1-15, H, I, K, M, Plan 29 Brantford City; Part Block N Plan 29 Brantford City; Part Lot 59-60 Plan 443 Brantford City; Part Eliza Place Plan 443 (Closed by TB47119) Brantford City; Part Oneida Mission School Lot Brantford City; Part Grand River Navigation Company Lands Brantford City; Part 1, 2, 2R741, Part 1, 2, 2R402, Part 1, 2R3282; as in A455161, A455415, A340242, A432400, A344146, A344984, A341713, A392175, A410833, A340691, A340240, A340246, A432111, A340776, A444785, A392326; except P 1, 2R3195; save & except BC82694; Brantford City, known as the Beach Road lands, comprised of 17.48 acres (7.07 hectares), be transferred to the City of Brantford for the nominal consideration of \$2;

AND THAT the property described as Lot B Plan 29 Brantford City; Part Lot A, C, D Plan 29 Brantford City; PT Lovejoy Grant Brantford city as in A306655 & A382762; S/T A96929; County of Brant, known as the Mohawk Lands, comprised of 29.29 acres (11.85 hectares), be transferred to the City of Brantford at the nominal consideration of \$2;

AND THAT the property described as Part of Steward & Ruggles Tract, City of Brantford, as in A106249; S/T A245532, PL1177; Brantford City, known as the Gilkison Flats, comprising 73.13 acres (29.59 hectares) be transferred to the City of Brantford for the nominal consideration of \$2.

Carried

19. Next Meetings

General Membership - May 25, 2018, at 9:30 a.m.

20. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

18-98

Moved By Bruce Banbury

Seconded By Les Armstrong

THAT the meeting of the General Membership be adjourned.

Carried

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer