



Grand River Conservation Authority

Minutes - General Membership Meeting

Date:	June 22, 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, Elizabeth Clarke, Brian Coleman, Bernie Corbett, Susan Foxtan, Guy Gardhouse, Helen Jowett, Geoff Lorentz, Cindy Lunau, Kirk McElwain, Jane Mitchell, David Neumann, Joe Nowak, Vic Prendergast, Wayne Roth, Sandy Shantz, Shirley Simons, George Stojanovic, Warren Stauch, Chris White, George Wicke
Regrets	Robert Bell, Fred Morison, Mike Salisbury, Pat Salter
Staff	Karen Armstrong, Dave Bennett, Dwight Boyd, Nancy Davy, Joe Farwell, Fred Natolochny, Sonja Radoja, Tracey Ryan, Lisa Stocco, Sara Wilbur, Pam Walther-Mabee, Cameron Linwood, Eowyn Spencer
Others	Stephanie De Grandis (CRC), Doug Tripp, (CRC), Linda Sword (CRC)

1. Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order by the Chair at 9:33 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 20 Members present. A total of 22 Members attended the meeting.

3. Chair's Remarks

The Chair welcomed the Members and made the following remarks:

- H. Jowett and J. Farwell will attend Conservation Ontario council on June 25
- Board members will be presenting Community Conservation Grant cheques to public schools throughout June. Thanks to Cindy Lunau, Sue Foxton, Pat Salter, and Shirley Simons.
- The annual GRCF Grand River Dinner Cruise happened on June 8. The cruise was well attended and is a great opportunity to get involved with the Foundation
- The Annual River fundraiser dinner is being held on June 25 at four locations in Guelph and Kitchener. All funds from ticket sales benefit the Foundation. Members can contact the participating restaurants listed in the distributed handout to purchase tickets.
- With the onset of summer, board members are encouraged to make use of their GRCA membership pass and visit any of our conservation areas across the watershed
- The union at GRCA has filed for conciliation and we will be proceeding through that process. A reminder to Labour Relations Steering Committee members that a meeting is being held immediately following the Board meeting.

4. Review of Agenda

18-112

Moved By Susan Foxton

Seconded By Vic Prendergast

THAT the agenda for the General Membership Meeting of June 22, 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

18-113

Moved By Bernie Corbett

Seconded By George Wicke

THAT the minutes of the General Membership Meeting of May 25, 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

8.1 Concerned Residents Coalition

S. De Grandis spoke before the board regarding the key issues as seen by the Concerned Residents Coalition (CRC) in regard to the Hidden Quarry application, and to note concerns relating to the involvement of the GRCA on the review of the application. Board members received a Fast Facts sheet, which outlined the key issues of the CRC from the delegation.

D. Tripp provided a conclusion regarding an apparent lack of technical justifications for the recommendations of the GRCA, and expressed concern that third party reports are not reviewed by GRCA staff.

J. Mitchell joined the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

N. Davy thanked the delegation and provided a brief summary of the GRCA's involvement. Materials were reviewed and comments were provided to the applicant. The GRCA provided comments to the applicant and the municipality. The application is now before the OMB, and the process will include expert meetings. The GRCA has been asked to participate in the meetings to discuss all of the facts with other experts. GRCA staff are prepared to participate.

C. Lunau joined the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

In response to questions from board members, N. Davy noted the following:

- CRC will be included in the OMB expert meetings as a party to the appeal.
- The same legislation that amended the Conservation Authorities Act also amended the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) Act. The OMB is now called the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal. The two names are being used interchangeably during the transition period.

B. Corbett commented that there is no lack of transparency from the GRCA, as a report provided comments to the municipal planning department. The GRCA is not required to provide comments to third parties.

9. Presentations

There were no Presentations.

10. Correspondence

10.1 Concerned Residents Coalition - Hidden Quarry

Board members had further questions regarding transparency concerns, technical information provided, and participation in the OMB/LPAT hearing. N. Davy spoke on behalf of staff and provided the following responses:

- Comments on the application were provided to the applicant. The letter provided is a summary of technical information
- GRCA is prepared to participate in the expert meetings that are part of the Tribunal process
- The groundwater modelling and related information will be discussed the expert meetings

S. Foxtan commented that the GRCA is within its mandated role in this application. S. Shantz asked for confirmation that the CRCs comments will be considered at the OMB expert meeting, and N. Davy responded in the affirmative.

18-114

Moved By Brian Coleman

Seconded By Susan Foxtan

THAT Correspondence from the Concerned Residents Coalition regarding the Hidden Quarry Application be received as information.

Carried

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

None.

12. Reports:

12.1 GM-06-18-60 - Chair's Report of the Special Recognition Committee

18-115

Moved By Les Armstrong

Seconded By Wayne Roth

THAT the report of the Special Recognition Committee with respect to its meeting held May 25, 2018 be received for information; and THAT the recommendation of the Special Recognition Committee to the General Membership be approved.

Carried

12.2 GM-06-18-67 - Chief Administrative Officer's Report

J. Farwell provided an update from the CAO's report in regard to ongoing flooding concerns in New Hamburg. GRCA staff have identified an opportunity to apply for funding through the National Disaster Mitigation Program to help address the concerns. Further study will be required, and a report regarding funding options will be brought to the board in August.

B. Corbett asked about criterion for the federal program. D. Boyd responded that there are four main components to the program: risk assessment, hazard

mapping, mitigation options, and small projects. A cost benefit analysis of any mitigation project would be required for potential funding.

L. Armstrong commented that a lot of work has been done by the township, including updates to the flood warning system and repairs to the berm near downtown, and agrees that further study is required.

J. Mitchell asked if there is a possibility to partner with the new alert ready system. D. Boyd said that there is very specific criteria for emergency notifications through that system, and added that the GRCA is exploring opportunities with other agencies to make use of alternative alert systems.

18-116

Moved By Les Armstrong

Seconded By Bruce Banbury

THAT Report Number GM-06-18-67 - Chief Administration Officer's Report be received for information.

Carried

12.3 GM-06-18-65 - New Conservation Authority Administrative By-Law

K. Armstrong provided an overview and outlined next steps in the process of adopting a new by-law. In response to changes to the Conservation Authorities Act, Conservation Ontario has drafted a new administrative by-law for conservation authorities to use to ensure compliance with the updated Act. A draft to replace GRCA by-law 1-2016 will be brought to the board for first reading in July. Key changes to the new by-law will be highlighted for ease of reading. The readings of the by-law can be split over two meetings to allow time for board members to provide feedback.

18-117

Moved By Geoff Lorentz

Seconded By Warren Stauch

THAT Report Number GM-06-18-65 – New Conservation Authority Administrative By-Law be received for information.

Carried

12.4 GM-06-18-61 - Cash and Investment Status

18-118

Moved By Shirley Simons

Seconded By Sandy Shantz

THAT Report Number GM-06-18-61 Cash and Investment Status – May 2018 be received for information.

Carried

12.5 GM-06-18-63 - Financial Summary

18-119

Moved By Bruce Banbury

Seconded By Chris White

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

Carried

12.6 GM-06-18-64 - Reconstruction of Outlet Berm at Chesney Wilderness Area

18-120

Moved By Susan Foxton

Seconded By Guy Gardhouse

THAT Report Number GM-06-18-64 - Reconstruction of Outlet Berm at Chesney Wilderness Area be received for information.

Carried

12.7 GM-06-18-68 - Memorandum of Understanding for an Integrated Halton Area Planning System

18-121

Moved By Jane Mitchell

Seconded By Joe Nowak

THAT the Grand River Conservation Authority endorse the Memorandum of Understanding for an Integrated Halton Area Planning System dated May 30, 2018, and THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign the Memorandum of Understanding for an Integrated Halton Area Planning System on behalf of the Grand River Conservation Authority, and THAT the existing 1999 Memorandum of Understanding for an Integrated Halton Area Planning System be terminated.

Carried

12.8 GM-06-18-59 - Projects and Programs Supported by Grand River Conservation Foundation

S. Wilbur provided a presentation highlighting the projects and programs of the Grand River Conservation Foundation. The GRCF is the charitable partner of the GRCA and provides support for programs that lack other sources of funding.

The Chair thanked S. Wilbur for the presentation, adding that GRCF could provide a list of events in which board members can participate. The Chair also noted that the GRCF has a goal of 100% participation from board members.

18-122

Moved By Shirley Simons

Seconded By Warren Stauch

THAT Report Number GM-06-18-59 – Projects and Programs Supported by the Grand River Conservation Foundation be received for information.

Carried

12.9 GM-06-18-62 - Wind Storm Update

D. Neumann asked if tornadoes had been recorded during the wind storm. D. Bennett responded that no actual tornadoes were reported to our knowledge the force of the wind did hit tornado speed in some areas but it was straight-line wind.

18-123

Moved By Les Armstrong

Seconded By Susan Foxtan

THAT Report Number GM-06-18-62 - Wind Storm Update be received for information.

Carried

12.10 GM-06-18-66 - Current Watershed Conditions

18-124

Moved By Joe Nowak

Seconded By Vic Prendergast

That Report Number GM-06-18-66 – Current Watershed Conditions as of June 12, 2018 be received for 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

W. Stauch noted that Drayton Entertainment is hosting a Canada 151 Event for Canada Day. L. Armstrong announced that former Prime Minister Kim Campbell will be attending

an unveiling event of the Prime Minister's Path in Wilmot Township on June 28. D. Neumann shared the theme for the 2019 Heritage Day event: 'Celebrate our Past. Build Our Future'. The event will be held at the Sanderson Centre in Brantford on February 15, 2019.

Thanks to W. Stauch for encouraging community engagement within the Grand River watershed.

17. Closed Meeting – Not required

18. Next Meetings

- General Membership - July 27, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.
- General Membership - August 24, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.
- General Membership - September 28, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.

19. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

18-125

Moved By Elizabeth Clarke

Seconded By Susan Foxton

THAT the General Membership Meeting be adjourned.

Carried

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer