



Grand River Conservation Authority

Minutes - General Membership Meeting

Date: July 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, Joe Nowak, Vic Prendergast, Wayne Roth, Pat Salter, Sandy Shantz, Shirley Simons, George Stojanovic, Warren Stauch, Chris White, George Wicke

Members Regrets Fred Morison, David Neumann, Mike Salisbury

Staff Karen Armstrong, Dave Bennett, Dwight Boyd, Nancy Davy, Joe Farwell, Samantha Lawson, Sonja Radoja, Tracey Ryan, George Sousa, Lisa Stocco, Sara Wilbur, Cameron Linwood, Eowyn Spencer, Fred Natolochny, Trina Seguin, Scott Robertson, Janet Baine

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 23 Members attended the meeting.

3. Chair's Remarks

The Chair welcomed the Members and made the following remarks:

- On August 12th Joe Farwell and Helen Jowett will attend the Waterloo Region Police Service memorial ceremony at Mill Race Park. This event marks the 20th anniversary of the loss of Constable David Nicholson and Mark Gage. Constable Nicholson died in the line of duty while attempting to rescue Mark Gage from the Parkhill Dam on August 12, 1998.
- Helen Jowett attended a tour of tent cities inclusive of GRCA properties. Tenting continues to be an issue throughout the Region, and GRCA is continuing collaboration with WRPS and the municipalities.
- Joe Farwell provided a verbal CAO update in lieu of a report on the agenda with the following items:
 - A conciliation date for union negotiations is set for August 9, 2018. If an agreement is not reached, a 'no board' report will be issued.
 - The Lieutenant Governor in Council has assigned certain ministerial powers to ministers on an interim basis pending full on assignments and transfers. Former MNRF responsibilities related to conservation authorities, Provincial parks, and species-at-risk have been assigned to the Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks. During the transition, staff will remain in contact with MNRF and will be establishing a working relationship with the new Ministry.
 - The GRCA contract with IESO for the sale of hydro at the Parkhill Road dam has been cancelled. Staff are preparing a request to the IESO for a refund of costs incurred to date. The Ontario Waterpower Association is requesting the Province to reconsider this decision. In response to a question from S. Foxtton, J. Farwell added that GRCA has stopped work on the project, and may consider reevaluating the project if suitable alternative options become available.
 - GRCA staff are preparing an expression of interest for funding support from the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund. The EOI is due on July 31, 2018, and successful applicants will be invited to submit proposals. GRCA is approaching this funding program on two fronts:
 - jointly with the City of Kitchener for the Bridgeport dyke
 - independently for GRCA's capital program

Funding requests require a minimum project level of 20 million over a 10 year period. The program provides 40 per cent funding and the remainder would be covered by the capital levy and provincial matching funding.

4. Review of Agenda

18-126

Moved By Les Armstrong

Seconded By Susan Foxtton

THAT the agenda for the General Membership Meeting of July 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

Member B. Corbett's name will be corrected on page three of the published minutes.

18-127

Moved By Warren Stauch

Seconded By Chris White

THAT the minutes of the General Membership Meeting of June 22, 2018, be approved as amended.

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

10.1 City of Brantford - February Flooding

10.2 Halton Region - 2019 Budget Direction

10.3 Parkhill Dam FIT Contract

18-128

Moved By Bernie Corbett

Seconded By Shirley Simons

THAT Correspondence from the City of Brantford regarding the February flood event, and from Halton Region regarding the 2019 budget direction, and from IESO regarding the Parkhill Dam FIT contract be received for information.

Carried

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

See agenda item 12.9

12. Reports:

12.1 GM-07-18-69 Cash and Investment Status

B. Corbett asked about the competitiveness of interest rates for a specific investment made in March 2018. S. Radoja will review and follow up directly with B. Corbett.

18-129

Moved By Shirley Simons

Seconded By Sandy Shantz

THAT Report Number GM-07-18-69 Cash and Investment Status – June 2018 be received for information.

Carried

12.2 GM-07-18-77 Financial Summary for June 30

G. Stojanovic and C. Lunau joined the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

18-130

Moved By Les Armstrong

Seconded By Bruce Banbury

THAT the Financial Summary for the period ending June 30, 2018 be approved.

Carried

12.3 GM-07-18-72 2018 Foundation Member Appointments

18-131

Moved By Pat Salter

Seconded By Geoff Lorentz

THAT the following new member be appointed to the Grand River Conservation Foundation for a term of three years:

- Kathy Reston

AND THAT the following members be re-appointed to the Grand River Conservation Foundation for a term of three years:

- Floyd Davis
- James den Ouden
- Joel Doherty
- Paul General

AND THAT the following member be re-appointed to the Grand River Conservation Foundation for a term of two years:

- Joy O'Donnell

Carried

12.4 GM-07-18-70 Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines Regulation

18-132

Moved By Brian Coleman

Seconded By Joe Nowak

THAT Report GM-07-18-70, Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation, be received for information.

Carried

12.5 GM-07-18-73 Environmental Assessments

18-133

Moved By Guy Gardhouse

Seconded By George Wicke

THAT Report Number GM-07-18-73 Environmental Assessments be received for information.

Carried

12.6 GM-07-18-71 Cottage Lot Program - Legal Documentation for Lease Assignments for Estates

In response to questions, S. Lawson indicated that the fee charged to tenants for the certificate is based on a percentage of the value of the chattel and that a broad mail-out to advise of this change and their options will be sent to cottagers.

18-134

Moved By Bruce Banbury

Seconded By Wayne Roth

THAT the Grand River Conservation Authority require a Certificate of Appointment of Estate Trustee for cottage lot lease assignments for estate transfers.

Carried

12.7 GM-07-18-75 HEC-HMS Hydrology Modelling Software Contract

18-135

Moved By Susan Foxtton

Seconded By Chris White

THAT the Grand River Conservation Authority enter into a contract with Resource Management Associates to complete enhancements to the US Army Corps HEC-HMS hydrology modeling software in the amount of \$66,000 USD.

Carried

12.8 GM-07-18-76 Current Watershed Conditions

D. Boyd provided a brief summary, noting that the watershed has received some much needed rain recently, and that groundwater levels are average due to a good recharge earlier this year.

18-136

Moved By Susan Foxtton

Seconded By Sandy Shantz

THAT Report Number GM-07-18-76 – Current Watershed Conditions as of July 18, 2018 be received for information.

Carried

12.9 GM-07-18-74 Proposed Bylaw 1-2018

K. Armstrong provided an overview of proposed changes to GRCA's administrative by-law, and advised the board that staff would be formalizing a retention of records policy to ensure compliance with the new by-law.

S. Foxtton raised a concern regarding speaking time for members and asked members to consider a time limit. Board members discussed this item and generally agreed that a time limit would be beneficial in some cases.

18-137

Moved By Susan Foxtton

Seconded By Chris White

THAT the following point be added to the GRCA's updated by-law:

...a Member is allowed a time limit of ten minutes to speak on any given point, and extensions of five minute intervals may be granted at the discretion of the Chair.

Carried

C. White suggested that the delegation section of the by-law could be reviewed. Board members discussed concerns regarding when delegations register for meetings, suggested options for deadlines to register, allowing unregistered delegations to speak at meetings, and how much time to allow. It was suggested that issues presented by unregistered delegations could be referred to staff for a report back at a future meeting.

18-138

Moved By Sandy Shantz

Seconded By Les Armstrong

THAT the following point be added to GRCA's updated by-law:

...delegations can register through the office of the CAO up to two business days immediately preceding a meeting of the General Membership. Unregistered

delegations present at the meeting may request to speak and can be allowed three minutes to address the Board at the discretion of the majority of members present at the meeting.

Carried

18-139

Moved By Les Armstrong

Seconded By Jane Mitchell

THAT By-law 1-2018 be read a first and second time;

AND THAT staff be directed to make amendments based on discussion at the meeting.

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 advised the board of watershed events, including the Dunnville Fair on August 17th, and the Cambridge Scottish Festival that happened July 14th and 15th. Mr. Stauch also reminded members to use their GRCA passes to visit any GRCA conservation area.

17. Closed Meeting

18-140

Moved By Brian Coleman

Seconded By Warren Stauch

THAT the General Membership enter a closed meeting to discuss a civil injunction application.

Carried

18-141

Moved By Susan Foxtton

Seconded By Geoff Lorentz

THAT the General Membership return to open session.

Carried

18-142

Moved By Bernie Corbett

Seconded By Susan Foxtton

THAT Report Number GM-07-18-C09 - Violation – Civil Injunction Application and Liability of Damages be received for information.

Carried

17.1 Report - Civil Injunction Application and Liability of Damages

18. Next Meetings

- August 24, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.
- September 28, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.
- October 26, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.

19. Adjourn

G. Lorentz asked about the lack of media at the meeting. L. Stocco responded that members of the media will not regularly be attending meetings in the future. GRCA engages with media for a number of issues, and has a strong social media presence. GRCA also provides news releases to media outlets as necessary. J. Mitchell asked about the possibility of live-streaming the meetings, and L. Stocco noted that the question would be referred to staff for review.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

18-143

Moved By Susan Foxtton

Seconded By Les Armstrong

THAT the General Membership Meeting be adjourned.

Carried

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer