



## **Grand River Conservation Authority**

### **Minutes - General Membership Meeting**

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| Date:           | June 28, 2019   |
| Time:           | 9:30 am   |
| Location:       | Auditorium<br>Grand River Conservation Authority<br>400 Clyde Road, Box 729<br>Cambridge, ON N1R 5W6  |
| Members Present | Marcus Adili, Les Armstrong, Bruce Banbury, Robert Bell, Don Brunk, Richard Carpenter, John Challinor II, Bernie Corbett, Jim Erb, Susan Foxton, Guy Gardhouse, Joan Gatward, Rodrigo Goller, Helen Jowett, Geoff Lorentz, Ian MacRae, Jane Mitchell, Joe Nowak, Vic Prendergast, Warren Stauch, Bruce Whale, Chris White         |
| Regrets         | Brian Coleman, Michael Harris, Daniel Lawrence, Kathryn McGarry   |
| Staff           | Karen Armstrong, Dave Bennett, Dwight Boyd, Krista Bunn, Nancy Davy, Joe Farwell, Samantha Lawson, Sonja Radoja, Tracey Ryan, George Sousa, Lisa Stocco, Pam Walther-Mabee, Sara Wilbur, Cameron Linwood, Eowyn Spencer, Crystal Allan, Sandra Cooke, Louise Heyming, Julie Vasseur, Lisa James, Scott Robertson, Fred Natolochny |
| Others          | Virginia Buchanan-Smith, Jock Buchanan-Smith, David Pady, Irene LaPointe, Kathy White   |

#### **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 22 Members attended the meeting.

### **3. Chair's Remarks**

The Chair welcomed the Members and made the following remarks:

- The July meeting has been cancelled for summer break. The August meeting remains tentative at this point, but confirmation will be sent as soon as possible in August. The Chair reserves the ability to call a meeting with five days notice in the event that matters requiring board approval arise
- Thank you to board member Bruce Whale for attending the Rural Water Quality Program Lunch & Tour on June 26 which celebrated the 20th Anniversary of the program
- On June 26, J.Farwell, S.Lawson and H.Jowett met with the Honourable Ted Arnott to introduce our incoming CAO and discuss our continued partnership with the Province
- On June 24, J.Farwell and S.Lawson attended Conservation Ontario Council. Agenda items included Conservation Ontario's comments on recent environmental registry postings and other administrative matters
- Requests have been sent to meet with the MECP, MNRF, OMAFRA & MMAH at this year's AMO conference in August. S.Lawson and H.Jowett will attend as delegations on behalf of the GRCA if meetings are approved
- This board meeting marks the last of current CAO, Joe Farwell as Samantha Lawson will be taking over the role on July 15th. The Chair expressed gratitude to Joe for his contributions to this organization over his time here

### **4. Review of Agenda**

19-109

**Moved By** Les Armstrong

**Seconded By** John Challinor II

THAT the agenda for the General Membership Meeting of June 28, 2019, 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**

19-110

**Moved By** Bruce Banbury

**Seconded By** Vic Prendergast

THAT the minutes of the General Membership Meeting of May 24, 2019, 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 David Pady - Hunting at Vance Tract**

- D.Pady spoke to Members regarding issues related to hunting at the Vance Tract in Puslinch. Issues include trespassing on private property, increased traffic and noise, and risks to human life. Mr. Pady expressed his support of the staff recommendation to remove the hunting area

19-111

**Moved By** Rodrigo Goller

**Seconded By** Warren Stauch

THAT agenda item 12.9 be moved to immediately following the Hearing of Delegations

**Carried**

**9. Presentations**

There were no Presentations.

**10. Correspondence**

19-113

**Moved By** Susan Foxton

**Seconded By** Joan Gatward

THAT Correspondence from the Township of Amaranth regarding Conservation Authority Levies, and items from Irene LaPointe, Fred Brunmeier, Bev Bezplay, Laura Murr, Kathy White, Judi Morris, and Virginia Buchanan-Smith regarding hunting at the Vance Tract, and from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry regarding the Water and Erosion and Control Infrastructure program be received as information.

**Carried**

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

None.

**12. Reports:**

**12.1 GM-06-19-72 - Grand River Conservation Foundation Member Appointments**

19-114

**Moved By** Bernie Corbett

**Seconded By** Geoff Lorentz

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

- Evelyn Allen

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

- George Lourenco
- Malcolm Matheson
- Paul Salvini
- Richard Seibel

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

- Robin-Lee Norris

**Carried**

**12.2 GM-06-19-75 - Proposed Joint GRCA-GRCF Donor Naming Opportunities**

19-115

**Moved By** Don Brunk

**Seconded By** Richard Carpenter

THAT the Grand River Conservation Authority approve a revised Joint GRCA-GRCF Donor Naming Opportunities Policy.

**Carried**

**12.3 GM-06-19-62 - Cash and Investment Status**

19-116

**Moved By** Guy Gardhouse

**Seconded By** Rodrigo Goller

THAT Report Number GM-06-19-62 Cash and Investment Status – May 2019 be received as information.

**Carried**

**12.4 GM-06-19-73 - Financial Summary**

- B.Corbett asked how decreased parks revenues affect the overall budget. S.Radoja noted that low revenues can be due to poor weather and that if overall targets for the season are not met, options would be to utilize a stabilization reserve fund or defer capital projects

- S.Radoja noted a correction in the summary chart, indicating that the deficit should read \$321,385.

19-117

**Moved By** John Challinor II

**Seconded By** Bernie Corbett

THAT the Financial Summary for the period ending May 31, 2019 be approved as amended.

**Carried**

## **12.5 GM-06-19-65 - Environmental Assessments**

19-118

**Moved By** Chris White

**Seconded By** Joe Nowak

THAT Report Number GM-06-19-65 Environmental Assessments be received as information.

**Carried**

## **12.6 GM-06-19-74 - Brant Rural Water Quality Program Delivery Agreement Renewal**

19-119

**Moved By** Susan Foxton

**Seconded By** Joe Nowak

THAT Resolution 19-13 adopted on January 25, 2019 be amended by updating the parties to the agreement:

THAT the Grand River Conservation Authority renew the agreement with the County of Brant to continue delivery of a Rural Water Quality Program on their behalf.

**Carried**

## **12.7 GM-06-19-64 - Wellesley Pond Update**

### **12.7.1 Friends of Wellesley Pond - Case for Support**

- C.Allan provided an overview of the Wellesley Pond including a history of the area, current day uses, dam maintenance, enhancement project objectives and community support for rehabilitation efforts
- Conceptual plans for the pond include removing accumulated sediment, reducing pond size to increase flows, naturalized wetlands and habitat improvement
- Next steps include creating a terms of reference, fundraising, and issuing a tender for implementation and construction of the design

- J.Nowak thanked Crystal Allan, Ryan Hamelin, and Lindsay Campbell for their hard work and expressed his appreciation to the GRCA for committing to the project. J.Nowak noted that the Township is committed to assisting fundraising efforts in the community and requested that GRCA staff be directed to seek alternate funding methods that may be available through provincial or federal programs. J.Farwell confirmed that staff would investigate available funding opportunities
- Members discussed the project and funding opportunities, past projects, habitat considerations during construction, and Fisheries and Oceans permit processes

19-120

**Moved By** Joe Nowak

**Seconded By** Warren Stauch

THAT Report Number GM-06-19-64 – Wellesley Pond Enhancement Project, and the Friends of Wellesley - Case for Support be received as information.

**Carried**

**12.8 GM-06-19-63 - Amendment to Restricted Areas & Hunting Areas at Luther Marsh Wildlife Management Area**

19-121

**Moved By** Les Armstrong

**Seconded By** Joan Gatward

THAT Report Number GM-06-19-63 - Modifications to Restricted Areas and Hunting Areas at Luther Marsh Wildlife Management Area be received as information.

**Carried**

**12.9 GM-06-19-71 - Hunting Program Review - Vance Tract**

- G.Lorentz asked about the September 1 effective date and D.Bennett confirmed that it aligns with the start of hunting season. G.Lorentz asked that signage be posted in the area prior to September 1.

19-112

**Moved By** Les Armstrong

**Seconded By** Marcus Adili

THAT the Grand River Conservation Authority remove the Vance Tract from the list of GRCA properties that are available for permitted hunting effective September 1, 2019.

**Carried**

**12.10 GM-06-19-66 - Brant Park Fuel Spill Remediation**

- In response to questions from Members, D.Bennett estimated that the spill was ongoing for approximately 9 months and that GRCA staff are implementing a thorough inspection program to help prevent another occurrence. Best actions will be reviewed over the summer and a report will come to a future board meeting

19-122

**Moved By** Chris White

**Seconded By** Guy Gardhouse

THAT Report Number GM-06-19-66 – Brant Park Fuel Oil Spill Remediation be received as information.

**Carried**

**12.11 GM-06-19-68 - Reassignment of GDS LiDAR Contract to a New Vendor**

- D.Boyd indicated that the value of the contract remains the same as previously approved by the Board

19-123

**Moved By** Richard Carpenter

**Seconded By** Joan Gatward

THAT the Grand River Conservation Authority approves the assignment of the Agreement by Assignor (Geomatics Data Solutions Inc. (GDS)) to the Assignee (GDS Canada Acquisition Corp.) with no change in any other Terms and Conditions.

**Carried**

**12.12 GM-06-19-69 - Brantford Floodwall Rehabilitation Ballantyne Drive Tender Award**

19-124

**Moved By** Richard Carpenter

**Seconded By** John Challinor II

THAT the Grand River Conservation Authority award the tender with Advanced Construction Techniques Ltd. in the amount of \$492,386.20 (including HST),

AND THAT a project budget of \$572,000 be approved.

**Carried**

**12.13 GM-06-19-70 - Brantford Dike Slab Repair Budget Update & Contract Extension**

19-125

**Moved By** Richard Carpenter

**Seconded By** Geoff Lorentz

THAT the Grand River Conservation Authority increase the value of the contract with Dynex Construction Inc from \$667,455.97 (including HST) to \$791,507.37 (including HST) a total net increase of \$124,051.40 (including HST).

**Carried**

**12.14 GM-06-19-61 - Water Management Plan Implementation Summary**

19-126

**Moved By** John Challinor II

**Seconded By** Don Brunk

THAT Report Number GM-06-19-61 – Water Management Plan Reporting – Five years of implementation be received as information.

**Carried**

**12.15 GM-06-19-67 - Current Watershed Conditions**

- D.Boyd reviewed current conditions, highlighting shifts in late summer forecasts, and noted that Lake Erie is still at an all-time high level
- B.Corbett asked if the high lake level is cyclic or could be attributed to climate change. D.Boyd responded that the long term historic data shows cyclical highs and lows

19-127

**Moved By** Richard Carpenter

**Seconded By** Joe Nowak

THAT Report Number GM-06-19-67 – Current Watershed Conditions as of June 19, 2019 be received as information.

**Carried**

**13. Committee of the Whole**

Not required.

**14. General Business**

There was no General Business.

**14.1 3rd Reading of By-Laws**

None.

**15. Other Business**

- W.Stauch shared information about a new exhibit at the Ken Seiling Museum in Kitchener
- L.Armstrong, S.Foxton and R.Carpenter shared information about Canada Day celebrations in Wilmot, North Dumfries, and Brantford



- W.Stauch reminded Members of their GRCA Membership passes and encouraged Members to visit a GRCA conservation area over the summer season

**16. Closed Meeting**

19-128

**Moved By** Richard Carpenter

**Seconded By** Rodrigo Goller

THAT the General Membership enter a closed meeting to discuss proposed or pending acquisitions or dispositions.

**Carried**

19-129

**Moved By** Guy Gardhouse

**Seconded By** Warren Stauch

THAT the General Membership return to open session.

**Carried**

**17. Resolutions from Closed Meeting**

**16.1 Minutes of the Previous Closed Session**

19-130

**Moved By** Susan Foxton

**Seconded By** Les Armstrong

THAT the Minutes of the previous closed session be approved.

**Carried**

**16.2 GM-06-19-C10 - Grant of Easement - Centre Wellington**

The Township of Centre Wellington has an existing storm outlet that collects/conveys drainage from County Road 21, Sideroad 4 and the newly constructed Swan Creek Subdivision. Upgrades to the stormwater management infrastructure are necessary to improve drainage conveyance in the area. The stormwater infrastructure also needs to be relocated because the current location makes it very difficult to replace or maintain the infrastructure. The Township of Centre Wellington has asked the GRCA for an easement to install a replacement stormwater outlet on the GRCA's property. It is proposed that a survey will be completed and reference plan will be prepared to define the easement area. It is proposed that the Township of Centre Wellington and the GRCA enter into an easement agreement for maintenance of the infrastructure.

19-131

**Moved By** Chris White

**Seconded By** Warren Stauch

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

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT Grand River Conservation Authority grant an easement over the lands described as PT PKLT 23 PL 140 PILKINGTON AS IN RO739020, PT 1 & 2, 61R2056; S/T INTEREST IN RO739020; CENTRE WELLINGTON to be more particularly described on a Reference Plan to be deposited, to the Township of Centre Wellington, for the construction and maintenance of a stormwater outlet, for the nominal consideration of \$2.00.

**Carried**

### **16.3 GM-06-19-C11 - Land Disposition - Guelph-Eramosa Township**

Residences were often acquired historically when the GRCA purchased lands for various flood control and recreation projects. The former Watson Residence was rented out to residential tenants since it was acquired in 1974. Rental of the house was discontinued due to the wind-down of the residential rental program. The property was declared surplus on December 15, 2017 (Resolution #2017-242), and staff commenced with a severance approval, survey, appraisal, public notification and listing of the property. An offer to purchase has been received and is recommended for approval. Proceeds received from the sale will be held in a reserve and can be used for specific projects approved by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.

19-132

**Moved By** John Challinor II

**Seconded By** Susan Foxtan

IN ORDER TO FURTHER THE OBJECTS OF the Grand River Conservation Authority by raising funds through the disposition of surplus lands,

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT the Grand River Conservation Authority sell the lands described as Part Lot 5, Concession 9, Division C, Guelph Township, Being Part 1 on Plan 61R-21484; Township of Guelph-Eramosa, County of Wellington, municipally known as 5524 Watson Road North, Guelph, comprised of 3.015 acres (1.22 hectares), to Zachary Fischer and Karla Diaz, at the offered price of \$907,000.

**Carried**

### **16.4 GM-06-19-C12 - Declaration of Surplus Lands - City of Guelph**

On July 27, 2012 the Grand River Conservation Authority declared a portion of land (1.8 hectares/4.38 acres) as surplus within the Guelph Conservation Area land holdings. These lands were acquired lands in 1973 to facilitate the construction of the Guelph Lake Flood Control Project. The flood control project was completed in the mid-1970s and the surplus land was not required for flood control purposes.

In late 2013, the Grand River Conservation Authority released a Request for Proposal for the Offer to Purchase Property (RFP) for this surplus land. After extensive discussion

at the Board, the Grand River Conservation Authority decided to reject all offers for the purchase of this land. Since that time, staff have reviewed alternate surplus land/development scenarios on Victoria Rd. N., City of Guelph.

Staff are recommending that additional lands be declared surplus and that GRCA proceed with municipal approvals.

19-133

**Moved By** Bob Bell

**Seconded By** Les Armstrong

WHEREAS Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA) declared approximately 1.8 hectares (4.38 acres) of land on Victoria Road North, City of Guelph, as surplus on July 27, 2012;

AND WHEREAS the subsequent process undertaken to dispose of those surplus lands was unsuccessful;

THAT Grand River Conservation Authority declare surplus approximately 2.2 hectares (5.4 acres) of land at Guelph Lake Conservation Area, legally described as Part Lot 1, Concession 7, Division C, former Township of Guelph, now the City of Guelph, to be more particularly described on a Reference Plan to be deposited;

AND THAT Grand River Conservation Authority staff be directed to obtain municipal planning approval(s) for the surplus land of approximately 4 hectares (10 acres) from the Guelph Lake Conservation Area;

AND THAT Grand River Conservation Authority staff be directed to list these surplus lands on the open market and bring a future recommendation for sale of these surplus lands to the General Membership.

**Carried**

**18. Next Meetings**

- CANCELLED - General Membership - July 26, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.
- TENTATIVE - General Membership - August 23, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. **Confirmation to be sent a minimum of five days in advance**
- General Membership - September 27, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.

**19. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

19-134

**Moved By** John Challinor II

**Seconded By** Jim Erb

THAT the General Membership meeting be adjourned.

**Carried**

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Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer