



Grand River Conservation Authority

Minutes - General Membership Meeting

Date:	August 23, 2019
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, Don Brunk, Richard Carpenter, John Challinor II, Brian Coleman, Bernie Corbett, Jim Erb, Susan Foxton, Guy Gardhouse, Joan Gatward, Helen Jowett, Daniel Lawrence, Geoff Lorentz, Ian MacRae, Kathryn McGarry, Jane Mitchell, Joe Nowak, Vic Prendergast, Warren Stauch, Chris White
Regrets	Marcus Adili, Rodrigo Goller, Michael Harris, Bruce Whale
Staff	Karen Armstrong, Dwight Boyd, Beth Brown, Nancy Davy, Joe Farwell, Lisa James, Samantha Lawson, Katelyn Lynch, Fred Natolochny, Sonja Radoja, Scott Robertson, Tracey Ryan, George Sousa, Sara Wilbur, Cameron Linwood, Eowyn Spencer, Julie Vasseur, Sonja Strynatka
Others	Stephanie De Grandis, Julia Morrison, Leonard Chaplinsky, Ray Martin, Catherine Thompson

1. Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order by the Chair at 9:32 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 certified quorum with 21 Members present. A total of 22 Members attended the meeting

3. Chair's Remarks

Jane Mitchell joined the meeting at 9:34 a.m.

The Chair welcomed the Members and made the following remarks:

- The General Membership Composition Committee met on June 28, 2019 and discussed background information, the applicable legislation and potential options available. Marcus Adili will be meeting with City of Hamilton council members to understand their interests. Following that, M.Adili will request a meeting with them, K.Armstrong and City of Hamilton staff, as appropriate. At that point, the Chair will reconvene a meeting to discuss the next steps.
- Samantha Lawson and Chair Jowett attended the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) conference this week. Meetings were held with the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, as well as the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks. GRCA will continue to drive discussions with Ministry staff to help build awareness of conservation authority programs and services

4. Review of Agenda

19-135

Moved By Kathryn McGarry

Seconded By Les Armstrong

THAT the agenda for the General Membership Meeting of August 23, 2019 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 Meeting

19-136

Moved By Bernie Corbett

Seconded By Joan Gatward

THAT the minutes of the General Membership Meeting of June 28, 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 Julia Morrison and Leonard Chaplinsky - re: Residential Wind-down

- The General Membership heard from Ms. Julia Morrison and Mr. Leonard Chaplinsky, tenants of a GRCA rental house in Wellington County that is being considered for demolition later in the agenda. Mr. Chaplinsky said that they have been tenants for a number of years and operate a commercial forestry business at the property. Board members were asked to consider two proposals from the delegation to sever and purchase the land

9. Presentations

There were no Presentations.

10. Correspondence

10.1 Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing - National Disaster Mitigation Program Funding

10.2 Halton Region - 2020 Budget Direction

10.3 City of Hamilton - 2020 Budget Direction

10.4 City of Guelph - 2020 Budget Direction

10.5 Julie McCann - Residential Wind-down

19-137

Moved By Kathryn McGarry

Seconded By John Challinor II

THAT Correspondence from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding National Disaster Mitigation Funding, and from Halton Region, the City of Hamilton, and the City of Guelph regarding 2020 Budget direction, and from Julie McCann regarding the Residential Wind-down program be received as information.

Carried

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

None.

12. Reports:

12.1 GM-08-19-76 - Residential Program Wind-down - Demolitions

- Board members discussed the property known as the Leishman Residence with respect to severing and selling the land, options for future use of the remaining property, the existing tenants, structural state of the house, and future development plans
- S.Lawson reiterated that a severance can only be completed one time and would limit future use of the remaining property, and that the option was considered by staff and ultimately found to not be in the GRCA's best interest. S.Lawson also added that any sale of property follows a public

process; the house on the property would be listed for sale on the public market and the highest offer would be accepted

- Board members discussed the Kagera property, noting correspondence sent in by the tenant requesting consideration for an opportunity to continue to live in the home. S.Lawson reiterated that due to water features on the property, a severance approval is unlikely
- There was some further discussion regarding the residential wind-down program approved by the Board in 2016, previous sales of GRCA property, cost of severing the land, municipal plans for the agricultural land in the area, and S.Lawson reiterated the process to consider severance applications for each property
- Board members agreed that further review of the Leishman property is required, and a new report will be brought to the September meeting
- S.Lawson also noted that all tenants were notified of the wind-down program following its approval in 2016 and that regular status updates are sent annually

19-138

Moved By Brian Coleman

Seconded By Bernie Corbett

THAT the recommendation as written be amended to three separate recommendations dealing with each property separately.

Carried

19-139

Moved By Bob Bell

Seconded By Brian Coleman

THAT the Grand River Conservation Authority defer the motion to demolish the house, known as the **Leishman Residence**, located on Lot 1, Concession 9, Division C, Pt Lot 2, Concession 9, Division C , Township of Guelph, Parts 1, 2,3, 61R244, save and except Pt 1 61R6941, Pt 1 61R6839 ; Township of Guelph, known municipally as 5501 Wellington Road 38, Guelph/Eramosa until the September 27, 2019 meeting of the General Membership.

Carried

19-140

Moved By Chris White

Seconded By Susan Foxton

THAT the Grand River Conservation Authority demolish the house, known as the **Kagera Residence**, located on Pt Road Allowance Between Lots 10 & 11 Concession 1 Eramosa as Closed by Unregistered Bylaw No. 155; Pt Lt 11 Conc 1 Eramosa; Pt Lt 12 Conc 1 Eramosa Pts 1 to 5 Expropriation PI MS135240

Except Pts 3, 6 & 7 61R984; Pt Lt 13 Conc 1 Eramosa ;Pt Lt 11 Conc 1 Eramosa; Pt Lt 12 Conc 1 Eramosa; Pt Lt 12 Conc 2 Eramosa; Pt Road Allowance Between Concessions 1 & 2 Eramosa Pts 1 to 10 Expropriation Plan MS135239 Except Pt 3 61R984; Pt Lt 11 Conc 2 Eramosa Pt 1 61R212; Guelph-Eramosa, known municipally as 8059 Wellington Road 124, Guelph/Eramosa Township

Carried

19-141

Moved By Jane Mitchell

Seconded By Les Armstrong

THAT the Grand River Conservation Authority demolish the house, known as the **Laurel Superintendent's Residence**, located on Part Lots 26, 27, 29, 30 GCT, Pts 1, 2, 3, 58EX149 S&E Pts 1 & 2, 58R10711, Pt 1, 58R-9660, Pt 6, 58R11340, Pts 4, 7 to 10, 13, 24 & 25, 58R4505, Pt 2, 58R-14802 & Pts 1 & 11, 58R14517, City of Waterloo. S/T 271347; S/T 218882 as amended by 233363 and assigned by 299033; S/T 218883 as amended by 233364 & Assigned by 299033; S/T 218884 as Amended by 233365 and Assigned by 299033; S/T 1142319, 1382380, 1500278, 492210, B28753, B28758, B28778 known municipally as 292 Laurelwood Drive, Waterloo.

Carried

12.2 GM-08-19-77 - Cash and Investment Status

19-142

Moved By John Challinor II

Seconded By Chris White

THAT Report Number GM-08-19-77 – Cash and Investment Status – July 2019 be received as information.

Carried

12.3 GM-08-19-80 - Financial Summary

19-143

Moved By Warren Stauch

Seconded By Vic Prendergast

THAT the Financial Summary for the period ending July 31, 2019 be approved.

Carried

12.4 GM-08-19-83 - Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines Regulation

19-144

Moved By Joe Nowak

Seconded By Jane Mitchell

THAT Report Number GM-08-19-83 – Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation be received as information.

Carried

12.5 GM-08-19-79 - Environmental Assessments

19-145

Moved By Richard Carpenter

Seconded By Joe Nowak

THAT Report Number GM-08-19-79 Environmental Assessments be received as information.

Carried

12.6 GM-08-19-82 - Region of Waterloo Memorandum of Understanding for Plan Review Services

19-146

Moved By Jim Erb

Seconded By Warren Stauch

THAT the Grand River Conservation Authority endorse report GM-08-19-82, Memorandum of Understanding for Plan Review Services - Regional Municipality of Waterloo,

AND THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign the Memorandum of Understanding for Plan Review Services on behalf of the Grand River Conservation Authority,

AND THAT the existing 1996 Memorandum of Understanding be terminated.

Carried

12.7 GM-08-19-84 - Centre Wellington Tier 3 Water Budget Study - 2019-20 Budget Update

19-147

Moved By Chris White

Seconded By Guy Gardhouse

THAT Matrix Solutions Inc. be retained to carry out additional work on the Centre Wellington Tier 3 Water Budget Study at \$177,979 plus taxes to incorporate scope change and work included in the approved 2019-2020 fiscal year budget provided by the Province.

Carried

12.8 GM-08-19-81 - New Hamburg Flood Mitigation Study Contract

19-148

Moved By Les Armstrong

Seconded By Susan Foxton

THAT the Grand River Conservation Authority enter into a contract with Matrix Solutions Inc for \$114,582 (exclusive of taxes) to complete the New Hamburg Flood Mitigation Study (Bid # GRCA-2019-NHFMS);

AND THAT an overall project budget of \$180,000 be approved for this project.

Carried

12.9 GM-08-19-78 - Current Watershed Conditions

- D.Boyd provided an overview of current watershed conditions noting normal reservoir operating levels and the high water levels seen throughout the summer in the Great Lakes
- D.Boyd notified the Board that the GRCA would be hosting the provincially appointed flood advisor on September 13. The day will include round table discussions and meetings with key flood response staff from across the region
- In response to questions regarding blue-green algae in Lake Erie and erosion along the shoreline, D.Boyd said that updated hazard mapping work along the shoreline continues in an effort to assist in setting an erosion limit for new developments. Water quality staff can prepare an information report regarding the blue-green algae. K.McGarry offered to share information received at the AMO conference regarding the algae and preventing phosphorus from entering the waterways

19-149

Moved By Les Armstrong

Seconded By Brian Coleman

THAT Report Number GM-08-19-78 – Current Watershed Conditions as of August 14, 2019 be received as information.

Carried

12.10 GM-08-19-85 - Provincial Update to Conservation Authorities

- Regarding a letter sent to Conservation Authorities on August 16, 2019 from Minister Jeff Yurek, the Chair and CAO said that meetings at the recent AMO conference allowed staff to share key GRCA messages about an integrated watershed approach and noted that GRCA staff are interested in collaborating with MECP.

- Board members discussed the potential impact of the letter on the GRCA, and current programs that may be considered to fall outside of the GRCA's core mandate
- The Chair reiterated that the GRCA intends to continue discussions with Ministry staff and to collaborate with the Province on defining core and non-core programs
- S.Lawson added that stakeholder groups will participate in the development of legislation this fall. After the legislation and the core mandate are defined, staff can provide a report to the Board on GRCA's programs and services

19-150

Moved By Joe Nowak

Seconded By Warren Stauch

THAT Report Number GM-08-19-85 – Provincial Update to Conservation Authorities 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

- W.Stauch announced that refurbishment of the Glasgow Street Bridge over the Conestogo River has been approved for funding through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program, and encouraged Members to take a look at *Arch, Truss, and Beam*, a book that showcases historic bridges in the Region

B.Coleman and G.Lorentz left the meeting at 11:10 am.

17. Closed Meeting

- The Chair inquired if there were any questions or discussion required pertaining to the closed meeting items and there were none. The Board did not enter a closed meeting and the following resolutions were passed in open session

17.2 GM-08-19-C13 - Grant of Easement - Township of Centre Wellington

19-151

Moved By Chris White

Seconded By Les Armstrong

IN ORDER TO FURTHER THE OBJECTS of the Grand River Conservation Authority by facilitating the development of community infrastructure,

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT Grand River Conservation Authority grant an easement over the lands described as Part Broken Front Lot 8 NW of River Nichol as in RO699227 (Schedule C-Fourthly to Sixthly Portions 5-7) Lying East of Part Part 1, 61R9719; Centre Wellington, to be more particularly described on a Reference Plan to be deposited, to the Groves Memorial Community Hospital for the construction and maintenance of a trail connection, for the nominal consideration of \$2.00.

Carried

17.1 Minutes of the Previous Closed Meeting

19-152

Moved By Joe Nowak

Seconded By John Challinor II

THAT the minutes of the previous closed session be approved as circulated.

Carried

18. Next Meeting

- General Membership - September 27, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.

19. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

20. Grand River Source Protection Authority Meeting

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer