



Grand River Conservation Authority

Minutes - General Membership Meeting

Date: May 22, 2020
Time: 9:30 am
Location: GRCA Zoom Virtual Meeting
This meeting was streamed live for the public on GRCA's board webcast page

Members Present Marcus Adili, Les Armstrong, Bruce Banbury, Robert Bell, Don Brunk, John Challinor II, Brian Coleman, Bernie Corbett, Kevin Davis, Jim Erb, Susan Foxton, Guy Gardhouse, Joan Gatward, Rodrigo Goller, Michael Harris, Helen Jowett, Daniel Lawrence, Geoff Lorentz, Ian MacRae, Kathryn McGarry, Jane Mitchell, Joe Nowak, Warren Stauch, Bruce Whale, Chris White

Regrets Richard Carpenter

Staff Samantha Lawson, Karen Armstrong, Dwight Boyd, Beth Brown, Krista Bunn, Nancy Davy, Brandon Heyer, Sonja Radoja, Tracey Ryan, Gus Rungis, George Sousa, Lisa Stocco, Pam Walther-Mabee, Sara Wilbur, Eowyn Spencer

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:48 a.m.

2. Certification of Quorum

The Secretary-Treasurer certified quorum with 25 Members present. A total of 25 Members attended the meeting.

3. Chair's Remarks

The Chair provided the following remarks during the preceding Source Protection meeting, and they are copied here for ease of reference:

- On May 23 additional conservation areas and passive use properties will also reopen for limited day use

- The Chair thanked staff for their hard work in getting the areas ready for reopening to the public
- The Chair reiterated protocols for the virtual meeting

4. Review of Agenda

20-68

Moved By Bruce Banbury

Seconded By Warren Stauch

THAT the agenda for the General Membership Meeting 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

20-69

Moved By Bernie Corbett

Seconded By Joan Gatward

THAT the minutes of the General Membership Meeting of April 24, 2020 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

10.1 Township of Amaranth - Council Resolution

20-70

Moved By Guy Gardhouse

Seconded By Chris White

THAT Correspondence from the Township of Amaranth Council resolution regarding the deferral of payments from lower tier municipalities be received as information.

Carried

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

None.

12. Reports:

12.1 GM-05-20-32 - Cash and Investment Status

K.Armstrong highlighted an error in the report. The CIBP-SPP Holding current account reads 1.34 percent in the report; the correct number is 0.65 percent.

20-71

Moved By Les Armstrong

Seconded By Chris White

THAT Report Number GM-05-20-32 Cash and Investment Status – April 2020 be received as information.

Carried

12.2 GM-05-20-37 - Financial Summary - February

20-72

Moved By John Challinor II

Seconded By Jane Mitchell

THAT the Financial Summary for the period ending February 29, 2020 be approved.

Carried

12.3 GM-04-20-21 - Financial Summary - March

The following Motion was deferred from the April 24, 2020 General Membership Meeting as the referenced report was not included.

20-52

Moved By Brian Coleman

Seconded By Bruce Whale

THAT the Financial Summary for the period ending March 31, 2020 be approved.

Carried

12.4 GM-05-20-35 - Financial Summary - April

K.Armstrong provided a presentation on the GRCA's approach to a phased reopening of select conservation areas for limited passive recreation. The presentation highlighted the decision criteria considered for reopening, typical work required prior to opening, and additional considerations relating to safety during the pandemic.

K.Armstrong also discussed the reopening of seasonal camping in mid-June and steps being taken to ensure safety measures are in place for staff and members of the public.

S.Radoja continued the presentation and provided an overview of the overall estimated financial impact on the budget as a result of reduced operations, and loss of self-generated revenue. S.Radoja also highlighted incremental costs of reopening the CAs

and provided an overview of mitigation measures the GRCA has implemented to date to reduce the projected operating loss.

Board members discussed the impact of closures and considerations required to safely reopen the conservation areas and some passive use areas. S.Lawson and K.Armstrong responded to questions relating to property use, on-site amenities, safety considerations and government direction on essential services.

20-73

Moved By Bernie Corbett

Seconded By Chris White

THAT the Financial Summary for the period ending April 30, 2020 be approved.

Carried

12.5 GM-05-20-34 - Provincial Offences Act Officer Appointment

20-74

Moved By Les Armstrong

Seconded By Susan Foxtan

THAT the Grand River Conservation Authority designate Courtney Taylor as a Provincial Offences Act Officer to enforce section 29 of the Conservation Authorities Act.

Carried

12.6 GM-05-20-33 - Conestogo Dam Concrete Rehabilitation Phase 2 Contract Budget Increase

20-75

Moved By Jane Mitchell

Seconded By Geoff Lorentz

THAT the Grand River Conservation Authority approve a total project budget increase for the Conestogo dam concrete rehabilitation phase 2a in the amount of \$439,026 including HST;

AND THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign a contract with MTM-2 Contracting Inc. to complete the phase 2a of the concrete repair at Conestogo Dam.

Carried

12.7 GM-05-20-36 - Current Watershed Conditions

20-76

Moved By Susan Foxtan

Seconded By Kevin Davis

THAT Report Number GM-05-20-36 – Current Watershed Conditions as of May 13, 2020 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 reminded Members to enjoy the outdoor areas throughout the watershed in a safe manner with the onset of nice weather.
- J.Gatward requested a map of GRCA properties where cottage lots are located, and K.Armstrong confirmed a map will be sent.

17. Closed Meeting

20-77

Moved By Joe Nowak

Seconded By John Challinor II

THAT the General Membership enter a closed meeting to discuss a proposed or pending property acquisition or disposition.

Carried

L.Armstrong exited the meeting during the closed session at 10:58 a.m.

20-78

Moved By John Challinor II

Seconded By Jim Erb

THAT the General Membership reconvene in open session.

Carried

20-79

Moved By Guy Gardhouse

Seconded By Susan Foxtton

17.1 Minutes of the Previous Closed Session

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

Carried

17.2 Property Agreement - City of Cambridge

The property at 93 Grand Avenue South in the City of Cambridge is situated along one of the main thoroughfares in the City. Developers are proposing a three (3) storey multi-use building (commercial/residential) on the property. In order to meet the Ontario Building Code, a limiting distance agreement is necessary to protect adjacent properties and buildings from fire within

the proposed building, and vice-versa. The adjacent property is owned by the Grand River Conservation Authority. This parcel abuts the Grand River and is used as green space with a portion of the Living Levee Trail running through it. This parcel is managed and operated by the City of Cambridge under a Maintenance Agreement.

20-80

Moved By Kathryn McGarry

Seconded By Chris White

IN ORDER TO FURTHER THE OBJECTS of the Grand River Conservation Authority by assisting a member municipality to achieve building safety requirements and facilitate infill development;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Grand River Conservation Authority to enter into a Limiting Distance Agreement with the City of Cambridge and the developer of 93 Grand Avenue South on a portion of land identified as PIN 038060097 in the City of Cambridge, to meet the requirements of the Ontario Building Code, for the nominal consideration of \$2.00.

Carried

18. Next Meeting

General Membership - June 26 at 9:30 a.m. Location to be determined.

19. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

20-81

Moved By Susan Foxtton

Seconded By Kathryn McGarry

THAT the meeting of the General Membership be adjourned.

Carried

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer