



# Grand River Conservation Authority

## Minutes - General Membership Meeting

Date: October 23, 2020  
Time: 9:30 am  
Location: GRCA Zoom Virtual Meeting  
This meeting was streamed live on GRCA's Board webcast page

Members Present Les Armstrong, Bruce Banbury, Robert Bell, Don Brunk, Richard Carpenter, 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, Chris White

Regrets Marcus Adili, Bruce Whale  
Staff Samantha Lawson, Karen Armstrong, Dwight Boyd, Beth Brown, Krista Bunn, Nancy Davy, Brandon Heyer, Sonja Radoja, Lisa Stocco, Pam Walther-Mabee, Melissa Larion, Eowyn Spencer

### 1. Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order by the Chair at 9:28 a.m.

### 2. Certification of Quorum

The Secretary-Treasurer certified quorum with 18 Members present. A total of 24 Members attended the meeting.

### 3. Chair's Remarks

Les Armstrong, Kathryn McGarry and Jim Erb joined the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

The Chair welcomed the Members and made the following remarks:

- Reminder to Members that this Board meeting is being broadcast live for members of the public

- Reminder to Members to please contact S.Lawson directly when inquiring about an operational matter. Fielding inquiries through the CAO will ensure all operational inquiries are handled appropriately
- On September 28, S.Lawson was elected to Conservation Ontario's Board of Directors at the Annual General Meeting. We are happy to have Samantha expand her role on Conservation Ontario's Board
- The tour of Brant Conservation Area with the Minister Yurek scheduled for October 2nd was cancelled. The Minister's office is hopeful that a tour of the park can be rescheduled in the future.
- S. Lawson was invited to speak at the Ontario Minister of Finance Fall 2020 pre-budget discussions on October 2nd. A written submission has also been submitted to the Province on October 16. The written and verbal submissions highlighted the importance of flood management in the Grand River watershed and impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on GRCA.
- The Waste Water Optimization Program (WWOP) Annual Report was released on October 9th. This report will be circulated directly to participating municipalities along with a one page summary of each Waste Water Treatment Plant's performance in 2019.
- Martin Keller (Source Water Protection Program Manager) and Chitra Gowda from Conservation Halton presented to the AMO board on September 25, 2020 on Winter Maintenance Chemicals: Challenges and Opportunities, highlighting the need to look at broader issues such as the liability framework and training. The presentation was well received.
- GRCA Online tree ordering opened on Oct.1st for the public and staff. More information can be found on GRCA's website.

Richard Carpenter, Jane Mitchell, and Kevin Davis joined the meeting at 9:31 a.m.

**4. Review of Agenda**

20-133

**Moved By** Richard Carpenter

**Seconded By** Kathryn McGarry

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**

20-134

**Moved By** Joan Gatward

**Seconded By** John Challinor II

THAT the minutes of the General Membership Meeting of September 25, 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**

None.

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

None.

**12. Reports:**

**12.1 GM-10-20-69 - Budget 2021 - General Municipal Levy Apportionment - Correction**

20-135

**Moved By** Bruce Banbury

**Seconded By** Michael Harris

THAT Report Number GM-10-20-69 – 2021 Budget Update – General Municipal Levy Apportionment - corrected version be received as information.

**Carried**

**12.2 GM-10-20-68 - Cash and Investment Status**

20-136

**Moved By** Susan Foxtton

**Seconded By** Brian Coleman

THAT Report Number GM-10-20-68 Cash and Investment Status – September 2020 be received as information.

**Carried**

**12.3 GM-10-20-71 - Financial Summary**

20-137

**Moved By** Joan Gatward

**Seconded By** Guy Gardhouse

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

**Carried**

**12.4 GM-10-20-66 - 2021 Board Meeting Schedule**

K.Armstrong requested input from the Board regarding the scheduling of the July and August meeting. It was agreed that a July meeting will not be scheduled, but that a meeting could be called by the Chair if needed.

20-138

**Moved By** John Challinor II

**Seconded By** Geoff Lorentz

THAT the Meeting Schedule for 2021 Grand River Conservation Authority General Membership meetings be approved.

**Carried**

**12.5 GM-10-20-67 - Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines Regulation**

20-139

**Moved By** Les Armstrong

**Seconded By** Don Brunk

THAT Report Number GM-10-20-67 – Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation be received as information.

**Carried**

**12.6 GM-10-20-70 - Current Watershed Conditions**

20-140

**Moved By** John Challinor II

**Seconded By** Bernie Corbett

THAT Report Number GM-10-20-70 – Current Watershed Conditions as of October 14, 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**

- J.Nowak highlighted the Township of Wellesley's Planting Roots Tree Program and thanked GRCA staff at the Burford Nursery for their work in providing 1,200 healthy trees for the program. Trees are provided by the Township to Wellesley residents at no charge as part of this program.
- J.Nowak raised a question about the Gypsy Moth infestation that affected trees throughout the watershed this year, and requested that staff bring an information report to a future meeting. Board members discussed the infestation and its impact on trees in their respective municipalities. S.Foxton added that the Township of North Dumfries has petitioned the Province about spraying, and J.Nowak wondered if the GRCA could do the same. S.Lawson added that the GRCA is responsible only for its own properties. The Chair confirmed direction to staff to bring an information report to a future meeting.
- K.Davis thanked the GRCA for moving forward with work to mitigate ice jams along the river in Brantford
- R.Carpenter requested that the Board members representing the City of Brantford be notified when the MECP reschedules its tour of Brant Park

**17. Closed Meeting**

20-141

**Moved By** Susan Foxton

**Seconded By** Brian Coleman

THAT the General Membership enter a closed session for the following purpose: a personal matter about an identifiable individual.

**Carried**

The General Membership convened in closed session and the live meeting stream was stopped.

20-142

**Moved By** John Challinor II

**Seconded By** Kathryn McGarry

THAT the General Membership return to open session.

**Carried**

The General Membership reconvened in open session and the live meeting stream was resumed.

**17.1 Minutes of the Previous Closed Session**

20-143

**Moved By** Richard Carpenter

**Seconded By** Susan Foxtan

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

**Carried**

**17.2 Personal matter about an identifiable individual**

No motion was required for this item.

**18. Next Meetings**

General Membership - November 27, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.

Audit Committee - November 27, 2020 following the General Membership

**19. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

20-144

**Moved By** Jane Mitchell

**Seconded By** Richard Carpenter

THAT the meeting of the General Membership be adjourned.

**Carried**

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Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer