



## Grand River Conservation Authority Minutes - General Membership Meeting

Date: September 24, 2021  
Time: 9:30 am  
Location: GRCA Zoom Virtual Meeting  
Link to be distributed via email prior to meeting

Members Present Les Armstrong, Bruce Banbury, Robert Bell, Richard Carpenter, John Challinor II, Brian Coleman, Bernie Corbett, Jim Erb, Susan Foxtan, Guy Gardhouse, Joan Gatward, Helen Jowett, Daniel Lawrence, Ian MacRae, Kathryn McGarry, Jane Mitchell, Joe Nowak, Jerry Smith, Warren Stauch, Bruce Whale, Chris White

Regrets Marcus Adili, Kevin Davis, Cathy Downer, Michael Harris, Geoff Lorentz

Staff Samantha Lawson, Karen Armstrong, Beth Brown, Krista Bunn, Nancy Davy, Brandon Heyer, Sonja Radoja, Lisa Stocco, Pam Walther-Mabee, Eowyn Spencer, Martin Keller, Mark Anderson, Gus Rungis,

Others John Kemp

### 1. **Call to Order**

The Meeting was called to order by the Chair at 9:33 a.m.

### 2. **Certification of Quorum**

The Secretary-Treasurer certified quorum with 18 Members present. A total of 21 Members attended the meeting.

K.McGarry joined the meeting at 9:34 a.m.

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

None.

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

The Chair advised that a litigation or potential litigation item would be added to the closed meeting agenda.

21-131

**Moved By** John Challinor II

**Seconded By** Joan Gatward

THAT the agenda for the General Membership Meeting 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**

- B.Whale identified an error in item 12.6, where the incorrect municipality was recorded. The correction which will change the County of Wellington to the Township of Mapleton will be made in the final published version of the Minutes

B.Coleman joined the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

21-132

**Moved By** Ian MacRae

**Seconded By** Bernie Corbett

THAT the minutes of the General Membership Meeting of August 27, 2021 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**

**8.1 John Kemp - Giant Hogweed**

- John Kemp joined the meeting and provided a presentation to the Board regarding Giant Hogweed populations along the Grand River. The presentation highlighted the progressive invasion of the noxious weed in various locations along the Grand River. Mr. Kemp discussed the high seed transportation, challenges with removal of the weed, volunteer progress to remove the weeds in a safe manner, and the potential negative impact the spread of the weed will have on recreation and personal safety near the riverbanks and trail systems. Mr. Kemp further discussed challenges with removal, including private landowners, lack of public knowledge and education, ineffective legislation, and lack of funding for volunteer programs
- Board members thanked the delegation for the presentation, and asked questions related to available funding opportunities, public education or advisory initiatives, estimated financial requirements, and other possible partners such as local universities. Mr. Kemp responded to questions, and offered his contact information for Board members who may wish to request the presentation for their respective municipal councils

J.Mitchell joined the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

**9. Presentations**

There were no Presentations.

**10. Correspondence**

**10.1 Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority - Pollinator Species Resolution  
21-133**

**Moved By** Kathryn McGarry

**Seconded By** Jerry Smith

THAT Correspondence from Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority outlining their Board resolution regarding pollinator species be received as information.

**Carried**

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

None.

**12. Reports:**

**12.1 Minutes of the Ad-Hoc Conservation Authorities Act Committee -  
September 9, 2021**

C.White and S.Foxton declared a conflict of interest for this agenda item due to their current roles as Chair and Vice-Chair.

21-134

**Moved By** Bernie Corbett

**Seconded By** Les Armstrong

THAT Helen Jowett be appointed as Chair to preside over the portion of the meeting where the Chair and Vice-Chair have declared a conflict of interest.

**Carried**

C.White vacated the Chair and he and S.Foxton exited the meeting for the discussion period

- K.Armstrong advised that a meeting of the Ad-hoc committee was held on September 9, at which the committee reviewed and discussed the regulation under the CA Act that stipulates term limits and rotation requirements for Chair and Vice Chair positions
- At that meeting, the Committee agreed to recommend to the Board that an exception request be sent to MECP following their requirements to include a formal letter, a completed request form, Board resolution by recorded vote, and minutes of the meeting at which the motion was passed. The minutes will be marked as draft, as they will not yet be approved at the time the exception request is submitted

D.Lawrence left the meeting at approximately 10:10 a.m.

21-135

**Moved By** Richard Carpenter

**Seconded By** John Challinor II

THAT the Minutes of the Ad-hoc Conservation Authorities Act Committee meeting held on September 9, 2021 be received as information.

**Carried**

21-136

**Moved By** Richard Carpenter

**Seconded By** Bruce Whale

THAT the Grand River Conservation Authority submits a request to the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks for an exception as per s.17 (1.3)(a) of the Conservation Authorities Act to the two-year term limit for Chair and Vice-Chair of the GRCA Board of Directors to allow up to four one-year consecutive terms for the Chair and Vice-Chair.

	<b>In Favour (yes)</b>	<b>Opposed (no)</b>	<b>Other</b>
Marcus Adili			Absent
Les Armstrong	Yes		
Bruce Banbury	Yes		
Robert Bell	Yes		
Richard Carpenter	Yes		
John Challinor II	Yes		
Brian Coleman	Yes		
Bernie Corbett	Yes		
Kevin Davis			Absent
Cathy Downer			Absent
Jim Erb	Yes		
Susan Foxton			Declared conflict
Guy Gardhouse	Yes		
Joan Gatward	Yes		
Michael Harris			Absent
Helen Jowett	Yes		
Dan Lawrence			Absent
Geoff Lorentz			Absent
Ian MacRae	Yes		
Kathryn McGarry	Yes		
Jane Mitchell	Yes		
Joe Nowak	Yes		
Jerry Smith	Yes		
Warren Stauch	Yes		
Bruce Whale	Yes		
Chris White			Declared conflict
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>0</b>	

**Carried**

21-137

**Moved By** John Challinor II

**Seconded By** Bruce Whale

THAT the Grand River Conservation Authority submits a request to the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks for an exception as per s.17 (1.3)(b) of the Conservation Authorities Act that the GRCA be exempt from the requirement to rotate the Chair and Vice-Chair amongst all participating municipalities.

	<b>In Favour (yes)</b>	<b>Opposed (no)</b>	<b>Other</b>
Marcus Adili			Absent
Les Armstrong	Yes		
Bruce Banbury	Yes		
Robert Bell	Yes		
Richard Carpenter	Yes		
John Challinor II	Yes		
Brian Coleman	Yes		
Bernie Corbett	Yes		
Kevin Davis			Absent
Cathy Downer			Absent
Jim Erb	Yes		
Susan Foxtton			Declared conflict
Guy Gardhouse	Yes		
Joan Gatward	Yes		
Michael Harris			Absent
Helen Jowett	Yes		
Dan Lawrence			Absent
Geoff Lorentz			Absent
Ian MacRae	Yes		
Kathryn McGarry	Yes		
Jane Mitchell	Yes		
Joe Nowak	Yes		
Jerry Smith	Yes		
Warren Stauch	Yes		
Bruce Whale	Yes		
Chris White			Declared conflict
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>0</b>	

**Carried**

C.White and S.Foxtton rejoined the meeting, and C.White resumed the Chair.

**12.2 GM-09-21-64 - Budget 2022 Draft #1**

- S.Radoja provided a detailed overview of the estimated 2022 budget, including revenues and expenditures for operating and capital budgets, special projects and funding sources
- The draft budget includes an anticipated levy increase of 2.5%, which is in line with previous years' increases and represents an approximate 11 cent per capita increase based on watershed population
- Budget draft number two will be presented to the Board in January 2022, and forecast adjustments will be presented as needed
- Board members inquired about the use of reserves. S.Radoja noted that reserve funds are in a stable position, and that operating items will not rely on reserve funds
- R.Carpenter asked if capital costs are reflective of real costs as materials have significantly increased. S.Radoja responded that preliminary estimates were consistent with prior years

21-138

**Moved By** Bernie Corbett

**Seconded By** John Challinor II

THAT Report Number 09-21-64 - Budget 2022 - Draft #1 be received as information.

**Carried**

**12.3 GM-09-21-68 - Budget 2022 Draft #1 - General Municipal Levy Apportionment**

21-139

**Moved By** John Challinor II

**Seconded By** Ian MacRae

THAT Report GM-09-21-68 – Budget 2022 – Draft #1 – General Municipal Levy Apportionment be received as information.

**Carried**

**12.4 GM-09-21-63 - Cash and Investment Status**

21-140

**Moved By** Bruce Banbury

**Seconded By** Joe Nowak

THAT Report Number GM-09-21-63 – Cash and Investment Status – August 2021 be received as information.

**Carried**

**12.5 GM-09-21-65 - Financial Summary**

21-141

**Moved By** Jerry Smith

**Seconded By** Kathryn McGarry

THAT the Financial Summary for the period ending August 31, 2021 be approved.

**Carried**

**12.6 GM-09-21-67 - Foundation Member Appointment**

21-142

**Moved By** Brian Coleman

**Seconded By** Kathryn McGarry

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

- Carolyn Weatherson

**Carried**

**12.7 GM-09-21-66 - Current Watershed Conditions**

21-143

**Moved By** Warren Stauch

**Seconded By** Guy Gardhouse

THAT Report Number GM-09-21-66 – Current Watershed Conditions as of September 15, 2021 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**

**17. Closed Meeting**

21-144

**Moved By** John Challinor II

**Seconded By** Les Armstrong

THAT the General Membership enter a closed meeting to discuss a confidential matter.

**Carried**

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

21-145

**Moved By** John Challinor II

**Seconded By** Bernie Corbett

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**

21-146

**Moved By** Jim Erb

**Seconded By** John Challinor II

THAT the minutes of the previous closed session be received as information.

**Carried**

**17.2 GM-09-21-C10 - Land Disposition - Guelph/Eramosa Township**

21-147

**Moved By** Ian MacRae

**Seconded By** Warren Stauch

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 6, Concession 9, Division C, Township of Guelph, Being Parts 1 and 2 on Plan 61R-21515; Township of Guelph-Eramosa City of Guelph, municipally known as 5537 Watson Road North, Guelph, comprised of 1.536 acres (0.62 hectares), to Alexandre Vincent Ciccone, at the offered price of \$1,362,000.00.

**Carried**

**17.3 GM-09-21-C11 - Update on Lands Declared Surplus - City of Guelph**

21-148

**Moved By** Bruce Banbury

**Seconded By** Les Armstrong

THAT Report Number GM-09-21-C11 - Update on Lands Declared Surplus - City of Guelph be received as information.

**Carried**

**18. Next Meeting - October 22, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.**

**19. Adjourn**

- Prior to adjournment, Board members asked if there will be follow up from staff regarding the delegation's Giant Hogweed presentation. S.Lawson advised the Board that the GRCA manages invasive plants, including Giant Hogweed, on GRCA properties. The Chair added that it is not within the GRCA's mandate to manage or maintain privately owned property. Following the meeting, S.Lawson shared the delegation's contact information, and a link to Giant Hogweed information available on the GRCA website with the Board

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.



21-149

**Moved By** Jane Mitchell

**Seconded By** Bruce Whale

THAT the meeting of the General Membership be adjourned.

**Carried**

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Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer