



Grand River Conservation Authority Minutes - General Membership Meeting

Date: June 24, 2022
Time: 9:30 am
Location: GRCA Zoom Virtual Meeting

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

Regrets Marcus Adili, Bernie Corbett, Kevin Davis
Staff Samantha Lawson, Karen Armstrong, Dwight Boyd, Beth Brown, Krista Bunn, Brandon Heyer, Janet Ivey, Lisa Keys, Sonja Radoja, Lisa Stocco, Pam Walther-Mabee, Pippy Warburton, Rob Anderson, Gus Rungis, Eowyn Spencer

1. **Call to Order**

The Meeting was called to order by the Chair at 9:30 a.m.

2. **Certification of Quorum**

The Secretary-Treasurer certified quorum with more than half of the Members present. A total of 22 Members attended the meeting.

3. **Chair's Remarks**

The Chair welcomed the Members and made the following remarks:

- Staff are working on regulatory updates to the GRCA's website as required under Ontario Regulation 400/22- Information Requirements. You may recall, that this regulation was part of the most recent phase 2 regulations the province released early last month. An email has been sent to Board Members about the requirement to post contact information on the website for each Board Member. If you haven't already done so, please follow up with staff to confirm the information that will be posted. This regulatory requirement is required to be in place by July 1, 2022.

- On June 20, S.Lawson and Chair White attended a Conservation Ontario Council meeting. It was announced at the Council meeting that General Manager, Kim Gavine is retiring and the recruitment for her replacement is ongoing.
- S.Lawson and J.Farwell have completed their tenure on the Provincial Working Group for the Conservation Authority Regulations. The GRCA would like to extend thanks to MPP, David Piccini who at the time was the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks for providing GRCA staff with the opportunity to work on this committee.
- On June 22, a Town Hall was hosted for the donors of the Guelph Lake Nature Centre. Staff did an excellent job of presenting the final building design, and are anticipating that the project will go to tender later this summer.
- On June 6, Janet Ivey returned to the GRCA as the Manager of Water Resources in the Water Management Division. Janet has over 20 years of experience as a water management professional, most recently with the CVC as the Chief Specialist, Watershed Plans and Source Water Protection. Previous to her role at the CVC, Janet worked for the GRCA as the Sub-watershed Coordinator.

H.Jowett, M.Harris, C.Downer and J.Mitchell joined the meeting at 9:32 a.m.

4. Review of Agenda

An item regarding a legal matter has been added to the closed agenda for discussion, and will be listed in the motion to enter a closed session.

22-101

Moved By Joe Nowak

Seconded By Richard Carpenter

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 Previous Meetings

6.1 Correction to the Minutes of the April 22, 2022 Minutes of the General Membership Meeting

The Chair noted that Joan Gatward's attendance in the April Minutes was incorrectly recorded, and an amendment to the approved motion is required.

22-102

Moved By Susan Foxtton

Seconded By Michael Harris

THAT Resolution 22-85 approving the Minutes of the April 22, 2022 Meeting be amended to now read: THAT the minutes of the General Membership Meeting of April 22, 2022 be approved as amended.

Carried

6.2 Minutes of the May 27, 2022 Meeting of the General Membership

22-103

Moved By Joe Nowak

Seconded By Ian MacRae

THAT the minutes of the General Membership Meeting of May 27, 2022 be approved as circulated.

Carried

7. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

None.

8. Hearing of Delegations

There were no Delegations.

9. Presentations

There were no Presentations.

10. Correspondence

10.1 Canadian Coalition for Invasive Plant Regulation

22-104

Moved By John Challinor II

Seconded By Cathy Downer

THAT Correspondence from Canadian Coalition for Invasive Plant Regulation regarding a request for support 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

- The Chair noted that staff are continuing to work diligently to ensure regulatory compliance.

22-105

Moved By John Challinor II

Seconded By Bruce Banbury

THAT the minutes of the Ad-hoc Conservation Authorities Act Committee meeting held on June 3, 2022 be received as information.

Carried

12.2 GM-06-22-52 - Inventory of Programs and Services Update

- There were no questions or comments regarding this report.

22-106

Moved By Jerry Smith

Seconded By Brian Coleman

THAT the update to the Grand River Conservation Authority's Inventory of Programs and Services be approved, circulated to all participating Grand River watershed municipalities, posted on the GRCA website, and submitted to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks in accordance with Ontario Regulation 687/21.

Carried

12.3 GM-06-22-51 - Progress Report 1 - Ontario Regulation 687/21

- There were no questions or comments regarding this report.

22-107

Moved By Warren Stauch

Seconded By Ian MacRae

THAT Progress Report #1 be approved, circulated to all participating Grand River watershed municipalities, posted on the GRCA website, and submitted to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks in accordance with Ontario Regulation 687/21.

Carried

12.4 GM-06-22-53 - Cash and Investment Status

- There were no questions or comments regarding this report.

22-108

Moved By Joe Nowak

Seconded By Brian Coleman

THAT Report Number GM-06-22-53 Cash and Investment Status – May 2022 be received as information.

Carried

12.5 GM-06-22-55 - Financial Summary

- There were no questions or comments regarding this report.

22-109

Moved By John Challinor II

Seconded By Jim Erb

THAT the Financial Summary for the period ending May 31, 2022 be approved.

Carried

12.6 GM-06-22-54 - Foundation Member Appointments

- There were no questions or comments regarding this report.

22-110

Moved By Richard Carpenter

Seconded By Brian Coleman

THAT George Lourenco and Paul Salvini be re-appointed to the Grand River Conservation Foundation for a term of three years;

AND THAT Joel Doherty be re-appointed to the Grand River Conservation Foundation for a term of one year.

Carried

12.7 GM-06-22-58 - Township of Wilmot - Maintenance Agreement

- J.Nowak identified an error in the recommendation, where the Township of Woolwich requires correcting to read Township of Wilmot, and that the meeting date provided on the report should be corrected to June 24, 2022. The Board agreed on a friendly amendment to the motion.
- J.Mitchell requested a report about Laurel Creek Conservation Area and the working relationship with the City of Waterloo pertaining to this Area. S.Lawson confirmed that a report will be brought back to a future meeting.

22-112

Moved By Ian MacRae

Seconded By Joe Nowak

THAT the Grand River Conservation Authority enter into a maintenance agreement with the Township of Wilmot to permit municipal use of Grand River Conservation Authority lands for recreational activities.

Carried

12.8 GM-06-22-59 - Township of Woolwich - Maintenance Agreement

- There were no questions or comments regarding this report.

22-113

Moved By Susan Foxton

Seconded By Joe Nowak

THAT the Grand River Conservation Authority enter into a maintenance agreement with the Township of Woolwich to permit municipal use of Grand River Conservation Authority lands for recreational activities.

Carried

12.9 GM-06-22-56 - Conestogo Dam Bridge Deck Rehabilitation - DR22.027 Tender Award

Staff responded to questions from the Board with the following key points:

- The project costs increased approximately \$125,000 over the anticipated budget and approved grant funding. The delayed scheduling of another capital project and related re-allocation of the funds for that project will assist with the overage.
- Revenue from hydro-generation at Conestogo appears low due to maintenance and operations projects earlier this year. Lower flows have also contributed to lower revenue, but it is now running at full capacity.

L.Armstrong joined the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

22-114

Moved By Joan Gatward

Seconded By Bruce Whale

THAT the Grand River Conservation Authority award the tender for the Conestogo Dam Bridge Deck Rehabilitation project to HugoMB Contracting Incorporated for the amount of \$815,201 (including HST).

THAT AECOM Canada Limited be retained to oversee the Contract Administration and Quality Assurance for the Conestogo Dam Bridge Deck Rehabilitation project for the amount of \$93,485 (including HST).

Carried

12.10 GM-06-22-57 - Current Watershed Conditions

- D.Boyd provided a brief overview of watershed conditions, noting dry conditions and low precipitation. The reservoirs are in good shape to augment river levels and monitor flow as normal for this time of year.
- A potential La Nina weather event could cause increased hurricane activity. Conditions will continue to be monitored for impact on the Grand River watershed.

22-115

Moved By Richard Carpenter

Seconded By John Challinor II

THAT Report Number GM-06-22-57 – Current Watershed Conditions as of June 15, 2022 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.

K.McGarry joined the meeting at 9:52 a.m.

16. Other Business

- Some Board Members shared information about upcoming Canada Day Celebrations, and W.Stauch provided a brief history of the Township of Arthur in honour of its 150 year anniversary.

17. Closed Meeting

- During the closed session, C.White excused himself from the meeting at 10:05 a.m., and S.Foxton assumed the position of Chair in his absence. C.White returned to the meeting during closed session at 10:11 a.m., and resumed the position of Chair.

22-116

Moved By John Challinor II

Seconded By Kathryn McGarry

THAT the General Membership enter a closed meeting in accordance with the *Municipal Act section 239(2)* for the following purpose(s): proposed or pending acquisition or disposition, and a legal matter.

Carried

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

22-117

Moved By Brian Coleman

Seconded By Les Armstrong

THAT the General Membership reconvene in 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

22-118

Moved By John Challinor II

Seconded By Richard Carpenter

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

Carried

17.2 Property Disposition - City of Guelph

Moved By Bob Bell

Seconded By Jerry Smith

IN ORDER TO FURTHER THE OBJECTS of the Grand River Conservation Authority by assisting a member municipality in providing municipal services; therefore be it resolved that the property currently described as 71319-0094 Lots 52 & 53, Plan 31; Guelph comprised of approximately 0.3059 acres (0.1238 Hectares), which may be more particularly described on a Reference Plan to be deposited, be transferred to the City of Guelph at the nominal consideration of \$2.00;

AND THAT the property currently described as 71319-0126 Lot 31, Plan 31; Guelph, comprised of approximately 0.0857 acres (0.0347 Hectares), which may be more particularly described on a Reference Plan to be deposited, be transferred to City of Guelph at the nominal consideration of \$2.00;

AND THAT the property currently described as 71319-0133 Lot 24, Plan 31 , Part of Lot 25,26, 32, 33 & 40, Plan 31 , Part 7 & 13 , 61R-1233 ; Part Mary Street (aka Tiffany Street) as closed by ROS170530, Plan 31, PART 10, 61R1233 ; S/T Reservations of Mines & Minerals as in ROS180894; GUELPH, comprised of approximately 0.3963

acres (0.1604 Hectares), which may be more particularly described on a Reference Plan to be deposited, be transferred to the City of Guelph at the nominal consideration of \$2.00;

AND THAT the property currently described as 71319-0197 PT Lots 22 & 23, Plan 31, AS IN ROS169387, Save and Except PT 1, 61R1320; GUELPH and 71319-0434, Pt Lot Saw Mill, Plan 8 , Pt of the original bed of the River Speed, as in ROS169386 & ROS247854; S/T & T/W ROS169386; T/W ROS247854; Guelph comprised of approximately 4.7066 acres (1.9047 Hectares), which may be more particularly described on a Reference Plan to be deposited, be transferred to City of Guelph at the nominal consideration of \$2.00;

AND THAT the property currently described as 71319-0204 Pt Lot Saw Mill, Plan 8 , Pt of the original bed of the River Speed, as in ROS169386 & ROS247854; S/T & T/W ROS169386; T/W ROS247854; Guelph, comprised of approximately 1.6212 acres (0.6561 Hectares), which may be more particularly described on a Reference Plan to be deposited, be transferred to City of Guelph at the nominal consideration of \$2.00;

AND THAT the property currently described as 71247-0623 Parcels B & C PL 554 except ROS237608 & RO752620 & Pts 1-4, 11, 12 WGR49 & PT 7 61R6575; Guelph; S/T CS69045, MS63491, RO664496, ROS182569, comprised of approximately 12.800 acres (5.18 Hectares), which may be more particularly described on a Reference Plan to be deposited, be transferred to the City of Guelph at the nominal consideration of \$2.00;

AND THAT the property currently described as 71247-0066 Parcel A, Plan 554; S/T MS12604, MS609, MS63492; Guelph, comprised of approximately 20.06 acres (8.1188 Hectares), excluding the Wellington Dam, which may be more particularly described on a Reference Plan to be deposited, be transferred to the City of Guelph at the nominal consideration of \$2.00;

AND THAT the property currently described as 71338-0004 Pt Res, Plan 8, as in ROS182036 Between Mrs Leader's 3 acre Lot & River Speed; Guelph, comprised of approximately 0.0565 acres (0.0229 Hectares), which may be more particularly described on a Reference Plan to be deposited, be transferred to the City of Guelph at the nominal consideration of \$2.00;

AND THAT the property currently described as 71223-0263 Block F, Plan 663; Block 52, Plan 697 , Save and except Pt 4, 61R2686; S/T ROS264298 Guelph, comprised of approximately 32.1236 acres (13 Hectares), which may be more particularly described on a Reference Plan to be deposited, be transferred to the City of Guelph at the nominal consideration of \$2.00;

AND THAT the property currently described as 71237-0022 Pt Lot A, Plan 302 , & Pt of River Speed, as in RO687098 City of Guelph, comprised of approximately 0.4072 acres (0.1648 Hectares), which may be more particularly described on a Reference Plan to be deposited, be transferred to the City of Guelph at the nominal consideration of \$2.00;

AND THAT the property currently described as 71490-0381 Block B, Plan 657 , Save and except Pt 1 61R3892 ; S/T ROS639600 ; S/T ROS161732 Guelph, comprised of approximately 8.7747 acres (3.551 Hectares), which may be more particularly described on a Reference Plan to be deposited, be transferred to the City of Guelph at the nominal consideration of \$2.00;

AND THAT the property currently described as 71490-0390 Pt Lt 4 Con 7 Puslinch Pt 3, 61R2156; S/T ROS569331; Guelph, comprised of approximately 9.7166 acres (3.932 Hectares), which may be more particularly described on a Reference Plan to be deposited, be transferred to the City of Guelph at the nominal consideration of \$2.00;

AND THAT the property currently described as 71490-1477 Block 69, Plan 61M224 Subject to an easement as in ROS582488 City of Guelph, comprised of approximately 5.5223 acres (2.2348 Hectares), which may be more particularly described on a Reference Plan to be deposited, be transferred to the City of Guelph at the nominal consideration of \$2.00.

(conditional upon acceptance by the City of Guelph).

Carried

18. Next Meeting - August 26, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

- S.Foxton reminded the Board that there is no meeting scheduled for July.

19. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

22-120

Moved By Cathy Downer

Seconded By Les Armstrong

THAT the General Membership Meeting be adjourned.

Carried

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer