



## **Grand River Conservation Authority Minutes - General Membership Meeting**

Date: August 26, 2022  
Time: 9:30 am  
Location: GRCA Zoom Virtual Meeting

Members Present Les Armstrong, Bruce Banbury, Robert Bell, John Challinor II, Bernie Corbett, Cathy Downer, Jim Erb, Susan Foxton, Guy Gardhouse, Joan Gatward, Michael Harris, Helen Jowett, Daniel Lawrence, Ian MacRae, Kathryn McGarry, Jane Mitchell, Jerry Smith, Warren Stauch, Chris White

Regrets Marcus Adili, Richard Carpenter, Brian Coleman, Kevin Davis, Geoff Lorentz, Joe Nowak, Bruce Whale

Staff Samantha Lawson, Karen Armstrong, Dwight Boyd, Beth Brown, Krista Bunn, Lisa Keys, Sonja Radoja, Eowyn Spencer, Louise Heyming

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

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

**Note:** A technical difficulty was identified and the live-stream of the meeting failed to run or record. According to GRCA Administrative By-law, 1-2022, failure to webcast or produce a recording does not call the meeting into question.

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

The Secretary-Treasurer certified quorum with more than half of the Members present. A total of 19 Members attended the meeting.

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

The Chair welcomed the Members and made the following remarks:

- Dwight Boyd is retiring this month, with this marking his final Board meeting.
  - The GRCA will greatly miss Dwight's leadership and significant contributions to all areas of the organization throughout his remarkable 36 year career at the GRCA. Dwight has demonstrated a remarkable ability to both lead a complex division and personally connect with the people he works with.

- Throughout Dwight's career, the GRCA has made great strides in so many areas of watershed and flood management; in many of which he played a significant role. Dwight's tenure here has been marked by unwavering focus, a keen intellect and strong leadership that is admired by his colleagues, conservation authority and flood management community and his provincial, federal and international peers.
- Thank you Dwight, for 36 years of flood management expertise!
- On June 29, the GRCA hosted Minister Bill Blair and other watershed MPs with a tour of the control room and a presentation from staff regarding emergency preparedness and flood response.
- Conservation Ontario has appointed a new General Manager, Angela Coleman, following the retirement of Kim Gavine. Angela will assume her role with CO on September 19, 2022. Congratulations to Angela from the GRCA Board and staff.

**4. Review of Agenda**

22-121

**Moved By** Bernie Corbett

**Seconded By** John Challinor II

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**

22-122

**Moved By** Joan Gatward

**Seconded By** Guy Gardhouse

THAT the minutes of the General Membership Meeting of June 24, 2022 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 Jeff Leader and John Kemp - Giant Hogweed**

**10.2 Halton Region - 2023 Budget Direction**

22-123

**Moved By** John Challinor II

**Seconded By** Ian MacRae

THAT Correspondence from Jeff Leader and John Kemp regarding Giant Hogweed, and from the Region of Halton regarding the 2023 Budget Direction be received as information.

**Carried**

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

None.

H.Jowett, J.Mitchell, and W.Stauch joined the meeting at 9:38 a.m.

**12. Reports:**

**12.1 GM-08-22-61 - Cash and Investment Status**

There were no questions or comments regarding this report.

22-124

**Moved By** Michael Harris

**Seconded By** Les Armstrong

THAT Report Number GM-08-22-61 Cash and Investment Status – July 2022 be received as information.

**Carried**

**12.2 GM-08-22-69 - Financial Summary**

There were no questions or comments regarding this report.

22-125

**Moved By** John Challinor II

**Seconded By** Jerry Smith

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

**Carried**

**12.3 GM-08-22-64 - Reimbursement for Business Use of Personal Vehicles**

There were no questions or comments regarding this report.

22-126

**Moved By** Cathy Downer

**Seconded By** Michael Harris

THAT Grand River Conservation Authority increase the rate for reimbursement to staff and members for approved business use of personal vehicles from \$0.50 to \$0.55 per kilometre effective September 1, 2022.

**Carried**

**12.4 GM-08-22-68 - Return to In-person Board Meetings - Status Update**

- K.Armstrong provided an update on the status of implementing a hybrid meeting solution for upcoming Board meetings. It was noted that staff are experiencing challenges with confirming suitable technological requirements to allow for successful hybrid meetings. Staff are continuing to explore options and are working toward a temporary low-tech solution and will provide another update at the September meeting.

22-127

**Moved By** Ian MacRae

**Seconded By** Guy Gardhouse

THAT Report Number GM-08-24-68 - Return to In-Person Board Meetings – Status Update be received as information.

**Carried**

**12.5 GM-08-22-67 - Donor Naming - Rotary Link Trail**

There were no questions or comments regarding this report.

22-128

**Moved By** Jim Erb

**Seconded By** Cathy Downer

THAT the Grand River Conservation Authority name the newly constructed trail on a portion of PIN 713570231; Lots 5&6, Concession 7&8, Division C, City of Guelph, as the *Rotary Link Trail*.

**Carried**

**12.6 GM-08-22-65 - Elora High Level Bridge Rehabilitation**

There were no questions or comments regarding this report.

22-129

**Moved By** John Challinor II

**Seconded By** Warren Stauch

THAT the Grand River Conservation Authority award the tender for the Elora High Level Bridge Rehabilitation to Clearwater Structures Inc. of Ajax, Ontario for the amount of \$136,550.00 excluding HST;

AND THAT a total budget of \$150,000.00 excluding HST be approved.

**Carried**

**12.7 GM-08-22-66 - Residential Wind-down Program - Status Update**

- In response to questions from the Board, B.Brown shared that approximately 12 properties remain in this program with varying plans for each property. S.Lawson noted that project costs are being assessed for the stone house property at Guelph Lake Conservation Area.

22-130

**Moved By** Joan Gatward

**Seconded By** Ian MacRae

THAT Report Number GM-08-22-66- Residential Program Wind-down: Status Update be received as information.

**Carried**

**12.8 GM-08-22-63 - Update on Expression of Interest - Third Party Pheasant Hunting Program**

There were no questions or comments regarding this report.

22-131

**Moved By** John Challinor II

**Seconded By** Bernie Corbett

THAT Report Number GM-08-22-63 – Update on Expression of Interest – Third Party Pheasant Program be received as information.

**Carried**

**12.9 GM-08-22-60 - Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines Regulation**

There were no questions or comments regarding this report.

22-132

**Moved By** Bruce Banbury

**Seconded By** Les Armstrong

THAT Report Number GM-08-22-60, Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation be received as information.

**Carried**

**12.10 GM-08-22-62 - Wellington and Dufferin Rural Water Quality Program Renewal**

There were no comments or questions regarding this report.

22-133

**Moved By** Warren Stauch

**Seconded By** Jerry Smith

THAT the Grand River Conservation Authority renew the current agreement with Dufferin County to deliver the Dufferin Rural Water Quality Program on their behalf for one year, to December 31, 2023.

**Carried**

22-134

**Moved By** Ian MacRae

**Seconded By** Guy Gardhouse

THAT the Grand River Conservation Authority renew the current agreement with Wellington County to deliver the Wellington Rural Water Quality Program on their behalf for one year, to December 31, 2023.

**Carried**

**12.11 GM-08-22-66 - Current Watershed Conditions**

- D.Boyd addressed the Board for his final Current Watershed Conditions report, noting that the reservoirs are all in good condition heading into the fall months. He added that a recent severe weather event that caused significant damage in Elora was mitigated in part by improvements to Environment Canada's warning system.

22-135

**Moved By** Joan Gatward

**Seconded By** John Challinor II

THAT Report Number GM-08-22-66 – Current Watershed Conditions as of August 16, 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.

**16. Other Business**

None.

**17. Closed Meeting**

22-136

**Moved By** John Challinor II

**Seconded By** Ian MacRae

THAT the General Membership enter a closed meeting in accordance with the *Municipal Act section 239(2)* for the following purpose(s): labour relations or employee negotiations, and litigation or potential litigation.

**Carried**

22-137

**Moved By** Susan Foxton

**Seconded By** Daniel Lawrence

THAT the General Membership reconvene in open session.

**Carried**

**17.1 Minutes of the previous closed session**

22-138

**Moved By** Ian MacRae

**Seconded By** Bruce Banbury

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

**Carried**

## **17.2 Labour relations or employee negotiations**

22-139

**Moved By** Bernie Corbett

**Seconded By** Jane Mitchell

THAT Confidential Report Number GM-08-22-C06 be received as information.

**Carried**

Resolution 22-140 was passed in closed session as a motion to defer the recommendation of GM-08-22-C06 to the next meeting of the General Membership scheduled for September 23, 2022.

## **17.3 Litigation or potential litigation**

22-141

**Moved By** Joan Gatward

**Seconded By** Les Armstrong

THAT Confidential Report Number GM-08-22-C05 be received as information.

**Carried**

## **18. Next Meeting - September 23 at 9:30 a.m.**

## **19. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

22-142

**Moved By** Daniel Lawrence

**Seconded By** John Challinor II

THAT the meeting of the General Membership be adjourned.

**Carried**

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Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer