

# Grand River Conservation Authority

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**To:** Members of the Grand River Conservation Authority

**Subject:** Provincial Offences Act Officer Designation – Section 29 Conservation Areas

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## **Recommendation:**

THAT the Grand River Conservation Authority appoint Rhonda Card and Avery Jenks as Provincial Offences Act Officers to enforce Section 29 of the Conservation Authorities Act.

## **Summary:**

Not applicable

## **Report:**

The Conservation Authorities Act, section 29 authorizes the Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA) to make regulations applicable to lands owned by the GRCA. R.R.O. 1990, Regulation 106 authorizes GRCA to appoint staff members as Provincial Offences Act Officers (POA) to enforce the Act and regulations.

The role of the GRCA enforcement program adapts its focus to meet the current challenges facing the organization. Grand River Conservation Areas provide recreational day use opportunities and camping options, while passive land properties offer use of GRCA's natural habitat. A greater number of users results in an increased number of enforcement challenges such as alcohol use, vandalism, off-leash dogs and trespassing.

Park Superintendents, Assistant Superintendents and Park Operations Technicians are typically designated as POA officers to enforce the Conservation Authorities Act and the Trespass to Property Act. Both Rhonda Card, Superintendent at Byng Island Conservation Area and Avery Jenks, Park Operations Technician at Conestogo Lake Conservation Areas, have completed Provincial Offences Act training and have become recently employed by GRCA.

Based upon their enforcement training and prior work experience, these staff members meet the GRCA requirements for appointment and criteria established by the Regulatory Compliance Committee of Conservation Ontario, to be designated as Provincial Offences Act Officers.

## **Financial Implications:**

Not applicable

## **Other Department Considerations:**

Not applicable

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