

RAISIN REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES
March 21, 2024

RRCA ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
18045 County Rd 2, Cornwall, ON

PRESENT: Bryan McGillis, South Stormont, Chair
Jacques Massie, North Glengarry, Vice-Chair
Lachlan McDonald, South Glengarry
Martin Lang, South Glengarry
Andrew Guindon, South Stormont
Carilyne Hebert, City of Cornwall
Claude McIntosh, City of Cornwall

STAFF: Richard Pilon, General Manager
Josianne Sabourin, Administrative Assistant
Sandy Crites, Finance Officer
Phil Barnes, Team Lead, Watershed Management
Colin Herrewynen, Watershed Planner
Brendan Jacobs, Stewardship Specialist
Pete Sabourin, Team Lead, Field Operations
Jason Symington, Resource Specialist
Lisa Van De Ligt, Team Lead, Communications & Stewardship

REGRETS: Adrian Bugelli, North Stormont

CALL TO ORDER

Bryan McGillis, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The Board of Directors acknowledged the gathering on traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee peoples, the Mohawks of Akwesasne, original keepers of this land, past and present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RESOLUTION #29/24:
Seconded by: Martin Lang

Moved by: Andrew Guindon

That the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION #30/24:

Moved by: Carilyne Hebert
Seconded by: Jacques Massie

THAT the Board of Directors Meeting move into Closed Session to discuss a personnel matter.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION #31/24:

Moved by: Lachlan McDonald
Seconded by: Andrew Guindon

THAT the Board of Directors Meeting move to Open Session.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS / PRESENTATIONS

Staff presented Project Updates through a PowerPoint presentation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION #32/24:
Seconded by: Martin Lang

Moved by: Claude McIntosh

THAT the minutes of the February 15, 2024, meeting of the Raisin Region Conservation Authority be approved.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES ACT AND REGULATORY CHANGES

RESOLUTION #33/24:

Moved by: Claude McIntosh
Seconded by: Martin Lang

THAT the Board of Directors receive the report on *Conservation Authorities Act* and Regulatory changes, as presented.

AND FURTHER, THAT the Board of Directors approve the Interim Policy Guidelines for the Administration and Implementation of Regulation 41/24.

AND FURTHER, THAT the Board of Directors approve the Transitional Procedures and Guidelines.

AND FURTHER, THAT the Board of Directors appoints Philip (Phil) Barnes, Lissa Deslandes, and

Matthew (Matt) Levac as Provincial Offences Officers for the purposes of administering and enforcing Parts VI and VII of the *Conservation Authorities Act*, as amended, and Ontario Regulation 41/24.

AND FURTHER, THAT the Board of Directors appoints Philip (Phil) Barnes, Lissa Deslandes, Matthew (Matt) Levac, and Pierre (Pete) Sabourin as Provincial Offences Officers for the purposes of administering and enforcing Section 29 of the *Conservation Authorities Act*, as amended.

AND FURTHER, THAT the Board of Directors delegate authority for the following activities:

1. Issuance and extension of permits delegated to the following staff: Philip (Phil) Barnes, Lissa Deslandes, and Matthew (Matt) Levac.
2. Issuances of Notices of Intent to Cancel (permits) to the General Manager.
3. Hearings under Section 28.1 (permits), Section 28.1.2 (mandatory permits, and zoning orders), and Section 30.4 (stop orders) to the Board of Directors.
4. Administrative Reviews to the General Manager.
5. Customer Service Concerns to the General Manager.

CARRIED

MAJOR OPEN SPACE DESIGNATION

RESOLUTION #34/24:

Moved by: Lachlan McDonald

Seconded by: Martin Lang

THAT the Board of Directors receive the report on Major Open Space Designation;

AND FURTHER, THAT the Board of Directors approve properties for consideration of Major Open Space Designation with the following Roll Numbers:

040600101215766, 041101600265200, 041600000648000, 041600000647000, 041600000119000, 041600000085000, 041600000097000, 041600000087000, 041600000648000, 041600000647000, 011600000312000, 011100000040500, 010600002009000, 011100000539000, 011101100070100, 010100602380000, 010100101698801, 010100601464000, 010100600074000.

CARRIED

INSTREAM BARRIER REMOVALS

RESOLUTION #35/24:

Moved by: Lachlan McDonald

Seconded by: Andrew Guindon

THAT the Board of Directors receive the report on Instream Barrier Removals, as presented.

CARRIED

GRANT SUBMISSIONS

RESOLUTION #36/24:

Moved by: Lachlan McDonald

Seconded by: Martin Lang

THAT the Board of Directors approve requesting up to \$10,000 from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada to support the classification of unrated municipal drains;

AND FURTHER, THAT the Board of Directors approve requesting up to \$25,000 from the Invasive Species Centre to develop an invasive species management plan for RRCA's conservation areas;

AND FURTHER, THAT the Board of Directors approve entering into an agreement with funders and partners, if required.

CARRIED

CONSERVATION AREAS UPDATE

RESOLUTION #37/24:

Moved by: Andrew Guindon

Seconded by: Claude McIntosh

THAT the Board of Directors receive the Conservation Areas update, as presented.

CARRIED

FUTURE MEETINGS

RRCA Board of Directors – Apr 18th, May 16th, Jun 20th

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION #38/24:

Moved by: Martin Lang

Seconded by: Claude McIntosh

THAT the Board of Directors meeting of February 15, 2024, be adjourned at 5:05 pm.



Bryan McGillis
Chair



Richard Pilon
General Manager / Secretary-Treasurer