

RAISIN REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SEPTEMBER 3, 2026 MEETING
MINUTES
RRCA ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 18045 County Rd. 2, Cornwall, ON

PRESENT: Jacques Massie, North Glengarry, Chair
Martin Lang, South Glengarry
Lachlan McDonald, South Glengarry
Adrian Bugelli, North Stormont

STAFF: Lisa Van De Ligt, General Manager / Secretary-Treasurer (A)
Josianne Sabourin, Executive Assistant
Sandy Crites, Finance Officer
Phil Barnes, Team Lead, Watershed Management
Scott Braithwaite, Stewardship and Planning Coordinator
Vincent Pilon, Communications Specialist
Pete Sabourin, Team Lead, Field Operations

REGRETS: Bryan McGillis, South Stormont
Claude McIntosh, City of Cornwall
Carilyne Hebert, City of Cornwall

ABSENT: Andrew Guindon, South Stormont

GUEST: Sommer Casgrain-Robertson, Project Executive, St. Lawrence River Regional CA
Alison McDonald, Project Executive, Eastern Lake Ontario Regional CA

CALL TO ORDER

Jacques Massie, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:05 am

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

RESOLUTION #70/26: Moved by: Martin Lang
Seconded by: Adrian Bugelli

THAT the agenda be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

DELEGATIONS / PRESENTATIONS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION #71/26: Moved by: Adrian Bugelli
Seconded by: Lachlan McDonald

THAT the minutes of July 23, 2026, meeting of the Raisin Region Conservation Authority be approved.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION #72/26:

Moved by: Adrian Bugelli

Seconded by: Martin Lang

THAT the minutes of August 13, 2026 E-Poll of the Raisin Region Conservation Authority be approved.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

UPDATE – 2026 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

RESOLUTION #73/26:

Moved by: Lachlan McDonald

Seconded by: Adrian Bugelli

THAT the Board of Directors approve appointing Lisa Van De Ligt as the RRCA representative on the Source Protection Management Committee and the Conservation Ontario Council, replacing Alison McDonald.

CARRIED

UPDATE – RESERVE POLICY (REVISED)

RESOLUTION #74/26:

Moved by: Lachlan McDonald

Seconded by: Adrian Bugelli

THAT the Board of Directors approve the proposed amendments to the Reserve Policy, including Schedule A;

AND FURTHER THAT the Board of Directors approve closing the following reserves:

- Long Sault Diversion
- St. Andrew's Dyke
- Working Capital
- River Clean-Up
- Gray's Creek Marina

AND FURTHER THAT the Board of Directors approve reallocating the remaining funds from the Long Sault Diversion Reserve and St. Andrew's Dyke Reserve to the combined Long Sault Diversion and St. Andrew's Dyke Reserve;

AND FURTHER THAT the Board of Directors approve reallocating the remaining funds from the Working Capital Reserve and River Clean-Up Reserve to the General Benefitting Reserve;

AND FURTHER THAT the Board of Directors approve reallocating the remaining funds from Gray's Creek Marina Reserve to the Gray's Creek Reserve.

AND FURTHER THAT the Board of Directors approve closing the Charlottenburgh Park Reserve and reallocating the remaining funds including 2026 surplus to the Gray's Creek Reserve at the end of 2026.

CARRIED

QUARTERLY VARIANCE REPORTS

RESOLUTION #75/26:

Moved by: Adrian Bugelli

Seconded by: Lachlan McDonald

THAT the Board of Directors receive the Quarterly Capital and Operating Variance Reports as of June 30, 2026.

CARRIED

DRAFT 2027 BUDGET

RESOLUTION #76/26:

Moved by: Martin Lang

Seconded by: Lachlan McDonald

THAT the Board of Directors approve the 2027 Draft Budget for circulation to member municipalities for review, as presented and,

FURTHER THAT the 2027 Draft Budget be posted on RRCA's website.

CARRIED

UPDATE – CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED GOVERNANCE REGULATIONS FOR REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES AND THE ONTARIO PROVINCIAL CONSERVATION AGENCY

RESOLUTION #77/26:

Moved by: Lachlan McDonald

Seconded by: Martin Lang

THAT the Board of Directors receive the update on ERO proposal #026-0740 regarding "Consultation on Proposed Governance Regulations for Regional Conservation Authorities and the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency" and provide input and direction to submit comments.

CARRIED

UPDATE – RECORDS MANAGEMENT

RESOLUTION #78/26:

Moved by: Lachlan McDonald

Seconded by: Martin Lang

THAT the Board of Directors receive the records management update.

CARRIED

PHRAGMITES MANAGEMENT AT RRCA CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES

RESOLUTION #79/26:

Moved by: Martin Lang

Seconded by: Lachlan McDonald

THAT the Board of Directors approve awarding of the invasive Phragmites management contract to Wagar & Corput Weed Control Inc. to an upset limit of \$34,220.00 + HST for herbicide treatment at Cooper Marsh, Gray's Creek, and Limestone Ridge.

CARRIED

2027 TREE PLANTING EXPENDITURES

RESOLUTION #80/26:

Moved by: Martin Lang

Seconded by: Lachlan McDonald

THAT the Board of Directors approve the purchase of trees for the RRCA's 2027 forestry and stewardship services to an upset limit of \$150,000 plus HST.

CARRIED

UPDATE – LIMESTONE RIDGE CONSERVATION AREA

RESOLUTION #81/26:

Moved by: Lachlan McDonald

Seconded by: Martin Lang

THAT the Board of Directors receive and file an update on the public vote regarding the naming of South Stormont's first conservation area as Limestone Ridge Conservation Area.

CARRIED

UPDATE – REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN PROJECTS

RESOLUTION #82/26:

Moved by: Martin Lang

Seconded by: Lachlan McDonald

THAT the Board of Directors receive the Remedial Action Plan projects update.

CARRIED

FUTURE MEETINGS

RRCA Board of Directors starting at 9:00 am – Oct 8 (proposed), Nov. 5

ADJOURNMENT

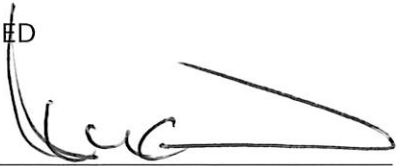
RESOLUTION #83/26:

Moved by: Martin Lang

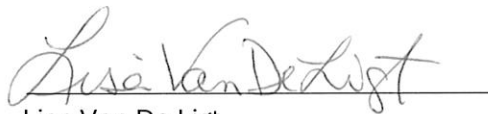
Seconded by: Lachlan McDonald

THAT the Board of Directors meeting of September 3, 2026, be adjourned.

CARRIED

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Jacques Massie,
Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lisa Van De Ligt', written over a horizontal line.

Lisa Van De Ligt
General Manager / Secretary-Treasurer (A)