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**GRAND RIVER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP/ELECTION OF OFFICERS MEETING
JANUARY 24, 2014**

The following are the minutes of the General Membership/Election of Officers Meeting held at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, January 24, 2014 in the Auditorium/Boardroom, Administration Centre, 400 Clyde Road, Cambridge, Ontario.

- Members Present:** J. Mitchell, Chair, L. Armstrong, B. Banbury, B. Bell, L. Boyko, B. Coleman, T. Cowan*, J. d'Ailly, J. Haalboom, R. Hillier*, J. Jamieson, R. Kelterborn, M. Laidlaw, B. Lee, G. Lorentz, C. Millar, T. Nevills, V. Prendergast, J. Ross-Zuj, S. Schmitt, W. Stauch, G. Wicke
- Members Regrets:** J. Brennan, R. Deutschmann, F. Morison
- Staff:** J. Farwell, K. Murch, D. Bennett, D. Boyd, N. Davy, J. Griffin, S. Radoja, T. Ryan, D. Schultz, B. Brown, B. Dixon, J. Etienne, L. Heyming, B. Parrott, S. Shifflett, S. Wilbur
- Also Present:** J. Rzadki, Watershed Stewardship Coordinator, Conservation Ontario;
L. Jetchick, Friends of Dumfries

1. Call to Order

J. Mitchell called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. Roll Call and Certification of Quorum – 13 members constitute a quorum (one-half of the members appointed by participating municipalities)

The Secretary-Treasurer called the roll and certified a quorum with 21 members present. A total of 23 members attended the meeting.

3. Chair's Remarks

J. Mitchell introduced Jo-Anne Rzadki, the Watershed Stewardship Coordinator at Conservation Ontario who will be conducting the election of officers later in the meeting. The members were reminded that a copy of the GRCA's Procedure for Election of Officers was included in their agenda package.

On January 2, 2014 J. Mitchell conducted a presentation relating to the history and geography of the Grand River before the Probus Club of Kitchener Waterloo.

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J. Mitchell advised that she attended a number of Mayor's New Year's Levees.

On January 23, 2014, J. Farwell, S. Radoja, J. Jamieson and J. Mitchell presented GRCA's preliminary 2014 budget to City of Hamilton council.

J. Mitchell advised the members that registration for the 2014 Heritage Day Workshop is closed because it is full.

Each of the members were asked to update their biography for inclusion in the 2014 budget book.

J. Mitchell pointed out that each of the members have been issued a complimentary Membership Pass to Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA) conservation areas. A report relating to the passes will be dealt with later in the agenda.

4. Review of Agenda

There were no additions to or deletions from the agenda.

Moved by: J. d'Ailly
Seconded by: S. Schmitt (carried)

THAT the agenda for the General Membership Meeting/Election of Officers of January 24, 2014 be approved as circulated.

5. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest made in relation to the matters to be dealt with.

6. Minutes of the Previous Meeting – December 13, 2013

There were no questions or comments with respect to the minutes of the December 13, 2013 General Membership Meeting.

Moved by: B. Banbury
Seconded by: L. Armstrong (carried)

THAT the minutes of the General Membership/ Meeting of December 13, 2013 be approved as circulated.

7. Business Arising from the Previous Minutes

None

8. Hearing of Delegations

- a) Nancy Goucher, Program Manager, Environmental Defences Re: Ontario Bill 6 – Proposed Great Lakes Protection Act

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N. Goucher conducted a PowerPoint presentation entitled “*At the Edge of Stronger Protection – Great Lakes – St. Lawrence River Restoration*” and indicated that:

- The Great Lakes Protection Act Alliance includes ecojustice; environmental defence; Ducks Unlimited Canada and the Canadian Environmental Law Association
- She wished to convey three key messages: 1) the Great Lakes are in need of help; 2) the fate of the proposed act is very uncertain and 3) she is asking the members to pass a resolution supporting the bill

*T. Cowan joined the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

- The broad purpose of the *Great Lakes Protection Act* is: to protect and restore the ecological health of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River basin; to encourage individual and community engagement and to empower people to restore the watershed: its water, wetlands, beaches and coastlines
- Elements of the proposed act include a guardian council; geographically focused initiatives, targets and public report and empowering the community
- Bill 6 passed second reading at the Standing Committee for Regulations and Private Bills and the House of Commons will resume on February 18, 2014
- Bill 6 may not pass third reading before the next provincial election is called
- Conservation Ontario supports the purpose of the act and believes Bill 6 provides new tools for lake protection
- Water is not a partisan issue and every person of every political stripe requires water to survive

*R. Hillier joined the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

M. Laidlaw asked if talks have broken down or the legislation is not strong enough. N. Goucher said that some people think the legislation is not strong enough and there is disagreement with respect to how to go about improving water.

L. Boyko asked how the alliance works with the International Joint Commission. N. Goucher said there are all sorts of international and federal agreements and the act recognizes those agreements. The act is meant to compliment other agreements. She also said that the International Joint Commission involves Canada and the United States and the proposed act is provincial legislation.

B. Coleman asked if the National Farmers' Union is supportive of the proposed act. N. Goucher answered that the Ontario Federation of Agriculture originally supported the proposed act but later changed its position. The alliance has been discussing some of the federation members' issues and the federation will continue to be involved.

C. Millar asked for confirmation that the City of Hamilton has passed the requested resolution. N. Goucher confirmed that the resolution passed unanimously.

J. Haalboom asked that the delegate review threats to the Great Lakes. N. Goucher referred to the largest algae bloom that occurred in 2011; the decline in quality and health of the Great Lakes in the 1970's; and an influx of toxic chemicals. J. Haalboom said the opportunities to purchase fish caught in the Great Lakes are scarce and most fish are farmed. She asked what the effect of the toxic buildup on the fishing industry has been.

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N. Goucher indicated that she did not have exact figures in that regard.

V. Prendergast said that one of the reasons that Conservation Ontario is supportive is because the proposed act embraces watersheds that feed the Great Lakes. He then asked J. Farwell whether this has been discussed at Conservation Ontario. J. Farwell responded that the proposed act does recognize watersheds and Conservation Ontario was represented on the standing committee.

Res. No. 01-14

Moved by:

M. Laidlaw

Seconded by:

T. Cowan

(carried)

WHEREAS Conservation Ontario supports the purpose of the Great Lakes Protection Act to protect and restore the ecological health of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River watershed, and to create opportunities for individuals and communities to become involved in its protection and restoration;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the members of Grand River Conservation Authority request the Ontario Legislature to enact the proposed *Great Lakes Protection Act* (Bill 6);

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Provincial Minister of the Environment, local Members of Provincial Parliament and the environment critics of the opposition parties.

9. Presentations

None

10. Correspondence

a) Copies for Members:

None

b) Not Copied:

None

11. 1st & 2nd Reading of By-laws

None

12. Presentation of Reports to the General Membership

a) **GM-01-14-01** Grand River Conservation Authority Complimentary Membership Passes 2014

J. Haalboom complimented staff on the appearance of the new Membership Passes.

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Res. No. 02-14

Moved by: J. d'Ailly
Seconded by: J. Haalboom (carried)

THAT complimentary 2014 Membership Passes be issued to the following:

- Members of the Grand River Conservation Authority and the Grand River Conservation Foundation
- Grand River Conservation Authority regular, part time, seasonal, temporary and casual staff;
- Grand River Conservation Authority retirees
- Living members of the Grand River Conservation Authority Honour Roll
- Others on authorization of the Chair or Chief Administrative Officer

b) GM-01-14-02 Cambridge West Master Environmental Servicing Plan (MESP)

J. Haalboom said that it is hard to determine the traffic pattern from the mapping provided. She then said, according to provincial policy developers are supposed to be working on green space and density. N. Davy said that the municipality defined the lands as a demand area and they are included in the Cambridge Official Plan as a growth area.

J. Haalboom reiterated her question concerning traffic. L. Heyming said that it is proposed to connect to Bismark Drive and to re-align Blenheim Road. She confirmed that GRCA staff sat on the steering committee. J. Haalboom asked what the GRCA staff comments were. L. Heyming said that GRCA staff do not comment on traffic patterns. J. Haalboom then asked about salt. L. Heyming said that chloride was identified in the storm water management study.

C. Millar referred to the map and asked that two particular areas be identified. L. Heyming said they were wetlands. C. Millar asked whether this is the area that allows all run off to go into Barrie's Lake. L. Heyming referred to the storm water management plan that was described in her report to the members in October, 2013. She said there has been a change since then which includes a bioswale with vegetation at the outlet to filter run off. C. Millar said that to approve the staff recommendation would be a tragedy and Barrie's Lake will disappear. She also said that the developer has the privilege of dumping everything into Barrie's Lake and GRCA should not be the body that allows it.

R. Hiller asked what the return period will be. L. Heyming indicated that the answer was not within her knowledge. D. Boyd indicated that the reason storm water is being directed to Barrie's Lake from backyards and roof tops is to maintain the volume of water for Barrie's Lake. C. Millar said she has never heard anything like "this business about roof water". She said the contamination will come from what the residents put on their land and to suggest that it is only roof top water that is being directed to the lake is how the developer is "trying to sell it". D. Boyd reiterated that the runoff is being directed to Barrie's Lake to maintain the balance and the roads are designed so as not to drain to the lake.

G. Lorentz said he would like more information with respect to the biofilter. He asked whether agricultural drainage would be more contaminated than what is being proposed. L. Heyming said that this would be dependent upon the management of the lands. L.

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Heyming described the bioswale. G. Lorentz indicated that he was not familiar with this and asked how long bioswales have been in practice and how effective they are. N. Davy answered that the Ministry of the Environment had bioswales as an option in 1993 and they were heard about in low scale developments approximately 20 years ago. G. Lorentz asked if there are any bioswales in this area. J. Mitchell said she believed there was one at Conestoga College. N. Davy said there are also some bioswales in south Guelph.

W. Stauch said that this is a significant wetland and it is scheduled for new residential development. He asked the size of the lands south of Blenheim Road. L. Heyming answered that those lands comprise 255 acres. W. Stauch spoke about his home having a cistern to collect water from the roof. He asked whether GRCA could make it incumbent upon developers to require that houses have cisterns. He felt this would be an opportunity for developers to “score points” with members of the public.

M. Laidlaw said that Barrie’s Lake is probably already polluted from the agricultural lands, but the GRCA should not add to this. She indicated that she would not support the recommendations.

G. Lorentz asked what would happen if the members do not support the recommendations. L. Heyming said that the MESA was considered by the City Committee in November, 2013 and will go before Cambridge council in February, 2014. She said that staff believes that all GRCA concerns have been addressed. G. Lorentz asked again what will happen if the members do not support the recommendations. N. Davy said that staff could go to Cambridge council with any substantive concerns and this will affect the timing of the project. G. Lorentz asked if there was anything more that the GRCA could/should be doing. L. Heyming repeated that staff are satisfied with what is being proposed.

J. d’Ailly said that this item reminded him of concerns regarding an Environmentally Sensitive Area near Laurel Creek. He said there were controversial issues but people had to be careful not to intervene without knowing all the facts. C. Millar said Waterloo and Barrie’s Lake are entirely different things. She said that Waterloo had community support and the two situations cannot be compared.

G. Lorentz called the question and requested a recorded vote.

K. Murch said that the Chair would ask the members in favour of the recommendations to stand and be counted and then she would ask the members opposed to the recommendations to stand and be counted.

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RECORDED VOTE

MEMBER	IN FAVOUR	OPPOSED	ABSENT
Armstrong	X		
Banbury	X		
Bell	X		
Boyko	X		
Brennan			X
Coleman	X		
Cowan	X		
D'Ailly	X		
Deutschmann			X
Haalboom		X	
Hillier	X		
Jamieson	X		
Kelterborn		X	
Laidlaw		X	
Lee	X		
Lorentz	X		
Millar		X	
Mitchell	X		
Morison			X
Nevills	X		
Prendergast	X		
Ross-Zuj	X		
Salter	X		
Schmitt	X		
Stauch	X		
Wicke	X		
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Res. No. 03-14

Moved by:

V. Prendergast

Seconded by:

B. Coleman

(carried – 4 opposed)

THAT the Cambridge West Master Environmental Servicing Plan, prepared by MHBC dated November 2013, be endorsed for use as the guiding document when dealing with planning matters and permit applications in the study area (Devil's Creek, Newman Creek, Barrie's Lake and Cruickston Creek).

AND THAT amendments to Grand River Conservation Authority's Ontario Regulation 150/06 mapping be approved to incorporate the revisions to the natural feature boundaries (wetlands, watercourses and flood plains) and their associated regulated allowances resulting from detailed study completed as part of the Cambridge West MESP.

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c) GM-01-14-03 2014 Budget (DRAFT #2) [see separate attachment]

R. Kelterborn asked how much was in the budget relating to construction and repair of small dams, in particular the Wellesley dam. D. Boyd answered that there is \$20,000 in the preliminary 2014 budget for concrete repair to Wellesley dam.

J. Haalboom referred to a subwatershed study in Kitchener and asked what the name of it was. S. Radoja responded that the study is the Blair Creek Subwatershed study and it is ongoing.

Res. No. 04-14 Moved by: P. Salter
Seconded by: T. Cowan (carried)

THAT member municipalities be forwarded a letter advising them of the General Membership meeting to be held February 28, 2014 to approve the 2014 Budget and the municipal levy and that the most recent budget draft be forwarded with this letter.

d) GM-01-14-04 Drimmie Dam Reconstruction Update

There were no questions or comments with respect to this report.

Res. No. 05-14 Moved by: S. Schmitt
Seconded by: T. Nevills (carried)

THAT the Grand River Conservation Authority approve an increase of \$150,000 (plus HST) to the total value of the contract with Xterra Construction Inc. of Kitchener to complete the Drimmie Dam Reconstruction project in 2014.

e) GM-01-14-05 Cash and Investments Status Report as at December 31, 2013

There were no questions or comments with respect to this report.

Res. No. 06-14 Moved by: M. Laidlaw
Seconded by: C. Millar (carried)

THAT Report No. GM-01-14-05 – Cash and Investments Status Report as at December 31, 2014 be received as information.

f) GM-01-14-06 Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation

M. Laidlaw referred to Permit Application #509/13 – Victoria Wood Dallan GP Inc. She asked how two wetlands could be removed and not negatively affect the hydrologic function. B. Brown said there are three wetlands on the property and one will remain.

M. Laidlaw referred to various Permit Applications and the variance of distance from wetlands within which construction was being permitted. She asked if there is a standard distance for projects near wetlands. B. Brown said that the distance is dependent upon the property, the wetlands and the sensitivity.

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M. Laidlaw referred to Permit Application #738/13 – Rogers Communications Inc. noting that the project involved construction of an access lane and the application is within the riverine flooding hazard. She said that she presumed GRCA staff based approval upon taking into account flooding and did not comment on any other environmental concerns.

Moved by: R. Kelterborn
Seconded by: L. Armstrong (carried)

Res. No. 07-14 THAT Report No. GM-01-14-06 – Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation be received as information.

g) GM-01-14-07 Environmental Assessments

J. Haalboom referred to Item #1 – First Notice – Robert Ferrie Drive Extension, City of Kitchener. She asked where the alignment will be located. B. Brown said the study has just commenced and the proposed alignment has not yet been determined.

Res. No. 08-14 Moved by: B. Coleman
Seconded by: J. Rss-Zuj (carried)

THAT Report No. GM-01-14-07 – Environmental Assessments be received as information.

h) GM-01-14-08 Adjustment to Per Diems and Honorariums

J. Mitchell noted the amended chart before the members. She explained that the Consumer Price Index was released this morning. She also indicated that the Ontario Municipal Board has verbally confirmed that the members' recent resolutions regarding per diems, honorariums and mileage reimbursement rates have been approved.

Res. No. 09-14 Moved by: M. Laidlaw
Seconded by: T. Cowan (carried)

THAT Report No. GM-01-14-08 – adjustment to Per Diems and Honorariums be received as information.

i) GM-01-14-09 Ice Storm Damage Update

D. Bennett indicated that the information contained in this report is still relevant. Most cleanup efforts are presently being conducted at Conestogo Lake cottage lots. Parks have been signed as being closed with a warning that hazardous conditions exist. People have been asked to refrain from entering GRCA lands and trails.

R. Kelterborn asked whether any comments have been received from GRCA's insurer. K. Murch said that staff have been asked to calculate the total cost of cleanup and repairs. He also said that trees are not insured however the insurer may respond to tree removal costs incurred in order to re-establish access to buildings and facilities caused during the ice storm.

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- A third set of charges were laid in 2013
- One landowner entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced in 2013
- Court Orders have been registered on title to the property
- Rehabilitation required by Court Order has not taken place

M. Laidlaw noted that the final costs related to the second and third set of charges was \$35,000. She asked what the costs related to the first set of charges were. B. Brown indicated that the total costs related to the first set of charges were \$91,281, however some Ministry of Natural Resources funding by way of two special grants was received reducing that amount to \$71,076. The total cost of all three sets of charges was approximately \$106,000. M. Laidlaw asked why the fines were only \$1,250 for the second and third series of charges. B. Brown said that the fines were part of a settlement agreement that included the guilty pleas and the fact that no further staff resources would be required to be expended. M. Laidlaw noted that the Rehabilitation Order was to be completed by August 1, 2013 and asked what staff are doing about it. B. Brown referred to the confidential report to be addressed later on the agenda.

Res. No. 12-14

Moved by: M. Laidlaw
Seconded by: L. Armstrong

(carried)

THAT Report No. GM-01-14-11 – Convictions Under Section 28(16) of the Conservation authorities Act (GEIL et al) be received as information.

I) GM-01-14-11 Current Watershed Conditions as of January 21, 2014

S. Shifflett conducted a PowerPoint presentation indicating that:

- Precipitation in January, 2014 has been close to the long term average.
- Results from the last snow survey on January 15, 2014 indicate that there is average to above average water in the snowpack throughout the watershed
- The average air temperature to January 21, 2014 has been below the long term average at the Shand Dam climate station
- The level of Lake Erie is above the long term average – Lake Erie is mostly ice covered with some small open sections
- Observations of river conditions were conducted on January 13, 2014 – at that time large sections of the river system were ice covered with open water in the urban areas and areas with high groundwater discharge – there were ice jams observed at various places along the Nith River
- Reservoir levels at Shand, Conestogo, Luther and Guelph Dams are slightly above normal operating levels for this time of year
- Increased release from the large reservoirs will be scheduled based on weather conditions to avoid generating frazil ice which could increase the potential for ice jams
- Environment Canada's forecast for the January to March, 2014 period for southern Ontario is for normal temperatures and precipitation, although the upper watershed is forecast for above normal precipitation
- The GRCA issued a Watershed Conditions Statement – Water Safety Message on January 10, 2014 based upon the forecast for above freezing temperatures and rainfall
- A meeting of the Watershed Police Agencies and Community Emergency

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Planners is scheduled for January 29, 2014 to review the role of police in the flood warning system.

13. Election of Officers

J. Rzdaki thanked the members for inviting her to conduct the election of officers and indicated that this is the third year she has had this privilege. She advised the members that she is a resident of the Grand River watershed. She congratulated GRCA staff and members for the work that they are doing. She said that Conservation Ontario is aware of the funding pressures on the Conservation Authorities. She noted one accomplishment of Conservation Ontario during 2013 was the completion of the White Paper. She referred to severe flooding in 2013 and said that while this is unfortunate, it allows an opportunity to focus on the work of Conservation Authorities and to promote infrastructure funding from the province. She indicated that Conservation Ontario is developing a strategy for the anticipated provincial election and working to promote the role of Conservation Authorities on Great Lakes issues.

J. Mitchell called upon J. Rzdaki, Watershed Stewardship Coordinator, Conservation Ontario to assume the chair and conduct the election of officers. J. Rzdaki explained the process that would be followed in the conduct of the election of the Chair and Vice-Chairs. Nominations will be called for three times and if necessary, ballots will be distributed for purposes of voting. Ballots will be collected and counted by the scrutineers. A majority vote is required for election. J. Rzdaki then declared the offices of Chair, First Vice-Chair and Second Vice-Chair vacant.

J. Rzdaki called for a motion to appoint scrutineers.

Res. No. 13-14

Moved by: M. Laidlaw

Seconded by: G. Wicke

(carried)

THAT J. Farwell and K. Murch be appointed scrutineers for purposes of this election.

a) Election of Chair

J. Rzdaki advised the members that a nomination does not require a seconder and called for nominations for the position of Chair from the floor.

R. Kelterborn nominated J. Mitchell.

J. Mitchell accepted the nomination.

J. Rzdaki called a second and third time for nominations for the position of Chair. No further nominations being forthcoming, J. Rzdaki called for a motion that nominations for the position of Chair of the Grand River Conservation Authority be closed.

Res. No. 14-14

Moved by: W. Stauch

Seconded by: V. Prendergast

(carried)

THAT nominations for the position of Chair of the Grand River Conservation Authority be closed.

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J. Rzdcki declared J. Mitchell Chair of the Grand River Conservation Authority for 2014 by acclamation.

b) Election of Vice-Chair

J. Rzdcki called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair from the floor.

B. Coleman nominated V. Prendergast.

V. Prendergast accepted the nomination.

J. Rzdcki called a second and third time for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair. No further nominations being forthcoming, J. Rzdcki called for a motion that nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Grand River Conservation Authority be closed.

Res. No. 15-14

Moved by: M. Laidlaw

Seconded by: C. Millar

(carried)

THAT nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Grand River Conservation Authority be closed.

J. Rzdcki declared V. Prendergast Vice-Chair of the Grand River Conservation Authority for 2014 by acclamation.

J. Rzdcki congratulated those elected as officers and invited J. Mitchell to resume the chair.

J. Mitchell resumed the chair. She thanked the members for their continued support and R. Kelterborn for his nomination. She said she was pleased that V. Prendergast had been acclaimed as Vice-Chair and thanked J. d'Ailly for his previous participation as Second Vice-Chair. She noted that the past year has been one of change involving many staff retirements as well as a number of accomplishments including:

- The Taquanyah New View Project was completed
- The grassland habitat at Conestogo Lake which will be the home of bobolinks was completed
- The draft of the Water Management Plan was completed
- There were 12 babies born into GRCA's family
- Staff began addressing the Emerald Ash Borer challenge that GRCA faces
- Staff are currently assessing and working to clean up ice and wind storm damage on GRCA lands

J. Mitchell said that GRCA has a good reputation for operating efficiently and thanked staff for their efforts.

14. General Business

J. Mitchell reminded the members that an additional participant in the Labour Relations Steering Committee is to be appointed at this meeting. She indicated that J. d'Ailly has expressed an interest in participating in the committee and she then nominated him for

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the position.

Res. No. 16-14

Moved by: L. Armstrong
Seconded by: C. Millar

(carried)

THAT J. d'Ailly be appointed as a Member to the Labour Relations Steering Committee.

15. 3rd Reading of the By-laws

None

16. Other Business

- a) W. Stauch congratulated T. Cowan, as Mayor of the Township of Woolwich with respect to the Township's new logo which features the West Montrose covered bridge, a local heritage site.
- b) W. Stauch noted that an additional logo has been placed on GRCA letterhead in commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the Heritage River designation.
- c) W. Stauch confirmed that registration for the 2014 Heritage Day Workshop closed three weeks ago.

17. Closed Meeting (*motion required – pursuant to Section 36 of By-Law No. 1-2009*)

GM-01-14-13 Court Orders Under Section 28(16) of the *Conservation Authorities Act*
[confidential]

Res. No. 17-14

Moved by: M. Laidlaw
Seconded by: B. Coleman

(carried)

THAT the General Membership/Election of Officers Meeting of January 24, 2014 adjourn into closed session to discuss a legal matter.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 11:30 a.m.

18. Next Meetings:

- i) Audit Committee Meeting
Wednesday, February 19, 2014 – 9:30 a.m.
Conference Room, Administration Centre, Cambridge
- ii) Annual General Meeting
Thursday, February 28, 2014 – 9:30 a.m.
Auditorium/Boardroom, Administration Centre, Cambridge

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- iii) General Membership Meeting
Friday, March 22, 2014 – 9:30 a.m.
Auditorium/Boardroom, Administration Centre, Cambridge

****to be followed by Special Recognition Committee****

20. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

21. Grand River Source Protection Authority Meeting [if required]

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer

GRCA Current



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GRCA General Membership

Chair Jane Mitchell

Vice-Chair Vic Prendergast

Townships of Amaranth, East Garafraxa, Melancthon and Southgate and Town of Grand Valley
Tom Nevills

Townships of Mapleton and Wellington North Pat Salter

Township of Centre Wellington
Joanne Ross-Zuj

Town of Erin, Townships of Guelph/Eramosa and Puslinch
John Brennan

City of Guelph
Bob Bell, Maggie Laidlaw

Region of Waterloo
Les Armstrong, Todd Cowan,
Jan d'Ailly, Rob Deutschmann,
Jean Haalboom, Ross Kelterborn,
Geoff Lorentz, Claudette Miller,
Jane Mitchell, Warren Stauch

Municipality of North Perth and Township of Perth East
George Wicke

Halton Region J. Barry Lee

City of Hamilton Jeanette Jamieson

Oxford County Bruce Banbury

County of Brant
Brian Coleman, Steve Schmitt

City of Brantford
Robert Hillier, Vic Prendergast

Haldimand and Norfolk Counties
Lorne Boyko, Fred Morison

Jane Mitchell to serve fourth term as chair

Jane Mitchell has been acclaimed to a fourth one-year term as chair of the Grand River Conservation Authority.

The election took place at a GRCA board meeting on Friday, Jan. 24. Mitchell, who represents the Region of Waterloo on the board, was first elected to the position in 2011. Prior to that, she served as first vice-chair from 2007 to 2010.

Also acclaimed as vice-chair was Vic Prendergast, who represents the City of Brantford. He was a vice-chair since 2000.

In a change this year, the board elected only one vice-chair compared to two in the past. One position was eliminated as part of a cost-reduction overhaul approved by the board in September. At the same time, the honorarium paid to the chair was reduced to \$25,000 from \$41,000 a year. The vice-chair receives \$2,500 a year. All board members, including the chair and vice-chair, also receive an additional per diem of \$138 to attend a board meeting.

The GRCA board is made up to 26 members appointed by the municipalities of the Grand River watershed. They elect a chair and vice-chair at the first meeting of each year.

What to expect in 2014

After Jane Mitchell was re-elected as chair, she said that 2013 was a year of significant change and the next year promises to be the same.

The draft version of a new Water Management Plan for the Grand River watershed was completed in 2013, and this year it will be circulated to municipalities, provincial and federal ministries and First Nations for their endorsement.

The GRCA faces millions of dollars in costs over coming years to deal with the emerald ash borer. Climate change will also make the water management process more complex in the future if it leads to more floods, ice storms and other significant weather events.

Internally, the GRCA is faced with a large number of retirements so effort will be put into capturing the knowledge of those who are leaving and reviewing operations to make the organization even more efficient.

\$275,000 ice storm bill expected for GRCA

The GRCA's costs related to the December ice storm are expected to add up to around \$275,000.

Thousands of trees were damaged during the ice storm on the 20,000 hectares of land owned by the GRCA. Dozens of staff, augmented by four private tree firms, have been working steadily since December to clear out hazardous trees and branches. In addition, trained and properly equipped volunteers belonging to snowmobile clubs have been working on some trails. Some GRCA seasonal staff will be recalled early to assist with the clean up.

The forestry costs of the December ice storm could be as high as \$200,000 and the cost to repair hydro is expected to be around \$75,000. The GRCA is looking for ways to cover these costs.

The damage is so heavy that some popular areas and trails have not yet seen work crews. Grand River Parks were late to open for the winter activities and Pinehurst Lake will remain closed until spring.

The GRCA posted "No Trespassing" signs on trails, parks and natural areas to urge people to stay out while crews continue to clean up. The red and white signs read: "No Trespassing — Dangerous conditions exist beyond this point — Area closed."

GRCA Parks staff have authority under provincial law to issue trespassing tickets and will do so to those who ignore requests to leave a property or return after having been asked to leave.

Cold snowy January

A thick blanket of snow covered the watershed at the end of January, despite the mid-January



thaw that resulted in high river flows and melting water.

The GRCA issued a Watershed Conditions Statement on Jan. 10 based on the rain and snowmelt that was expected. Most of the rainfall was absorbed into the existing snow-pack, although there was some runoff, especially in urban areas. This brief warm period and increase in flows didn't result in much ice movement in the river system.

Precipitation in January was close to the long-term average through most of the watershed, but it was 25 per cent above the long-term average at the Luther Dam climate station.

Temperatures were variable during the month with some days below freezing, however the weather was also extremely cold and will be remembered for its harsh weather with lots of snow shoveling.

Large sections of the river system were ice covered, with open water in the urban areas and locations with high groundwater discharge.

Reservoir levels at the major dams were slightly above normal for January.

New Heritage Awards

The GRCA is seeking nominations for the 2014 Watershed Awards, including special Heritage River awards.

If you know a company, organization or individual who you think could receive an award, please nominate them by the May 1 deadline. The GRCA is giving out three types of awards:

1. An Honour Roll Award for a sustained record of achievement over an extended period of time
2. Watershed Awards for outstanding examples of conservation and environmental work.
3. Heritage River Awards to acknowledge work done to enhance the Grand River as a Canadian Heritage River in the areas of Human Heritage and Recreational opportunities.

Nominations are due May 1, and full details and nomination forms are available online at www.grandriver.ca/awards.

Elora's Drimmie Dam nearly complete

Work on the Drimmie Dam in Elora has



The stop logs were put in place on the new Drimmie Dam in Elora in January on a very cold day. Construction has been underway throughout the winter.

taken place throughout the winter and the new dam is now nearly complete.

The GRCA budgeted nearly \$1.2 million to replace the old dam, which was crumbling. The new dam will allow more water to flow through the town and reduce the potential for flooding during periods of high flow. It replaces a dam constructed in the 19th century to provide power to a nearby mill.

GRCA staff requested that the contract to build the dam be increased by \$150,000 based on additional work and modifications to the design in the final approval by the Ministry of Natural Resources. A two week shut down of the project in the fall was also necessary due to heavy river flows. The construction is being carried out by Xterra Construction Inc.

The dam has been owned by the GRCA since 1984. The GRCA carried out improvements to the dam previously, but it has deteriorated significantly and required replacement.

Scholarships available

The GRCF is accepting applications for three scholarships for students at a watershed institution:

- The Allan Holmes Scholarship for a graduate-level student focused on applied research.

- The SC Johnson Environmental Scholarship for a student in third year or sixth semester.
- The McEwen Clean Water Prize also for an undergrad student.

Scholarship Applications are due in May and can be downloaded from www.grcf.ca or are available by contacting the Foundation in Cambridge at 1-866-900-4722 or 519-621-2763 ext. 2372. The email address is foundation@grandriver.ca.

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GRCA cuts budget in 2014

The cost of doing business is dropping for the Grand River Conservation Authority in 2014.

The GRCA board approved a budget Feb. 28 calling for total expenditures of \$29.4 million this year, a drop from the \$30.7 million budgeted last year.

About \$10.3 million, or 34 per cent, comes from municipalities of the watershed which collect the money from residents through property taxes or water bills. The municipal share of the budget is about \$10.45 per person this year.

Even though the overall budget is smaller this year, the cost to municipalities is up about 2.5 per cent. That's because other sources of revenue, such as provincial grants and some types of self-generated revenues do not grow as much as basic operating costs.

For example, a provincial operating grant was reduced in 2013 and remains frozen at the lower level. In addition, provincial grants for drinking water source protection planning are down, as the bulk of the work of that program has been completed.

Government grants in 2014 total \$3.6 million, about 12 per cent of the budget, while 46 per cent of the GRCA's revenues — about \$14 million — comes from self-generated revenues.

Cambridge dike work — \$280,000. The bulk of the money (about \$250,000) will be spent to repair a section of the flood wall in Galt that has deteriorated since it was built about 25 years ago. About \$30,000 will be spent on the next phase of a dike safety study. These studies are done regularly on GRCA dikes.

Drayton channel restoration — \$200,000. Removal of a buildup of material in the Conestogo River channel to increase flow capacity and reduce the potential for flooding.

Major Dam upgrades and maintenance — \$385,000. This covers investments in six of the GRCA's flood control dams for a variety of projects to ensure their continued safe operation. Projects are scheduled at Conestogo, Guelph, Luther, Shand, Woolwich and Shade's Mills dams.

Luther Marsh Wildlife Management Area Grassland Restoration — \$73,500. This project will create about 49 hectares of grassland habitat suitable for Henslow's sparrow, an endangered species. Financial support is provided by Environment Canada and Hydro One.

Conestogo Lake Conservation Area Restoration — \$20,000. The first year of a multi-year project to create grassland habitat for bobolinks, a threatened species.

Major projects for 2014

The 2014 budget includes major projects to improve the environment, reduce flood damages and protect water supplies. For projects involving work on dams and dikes, the provincial government covers half of the cost. These are the projects expected for this year.

Emerald ash borer — \$900,000. The invasive pest has spread through most of the southern part of the watershed, creating potentially hazardous situations in GRCA parks, trails and other properties. Effort will go into assessing the potential risks and beginning to remove or treat trees as required. The actual amount spent will depend on how far the disease has progressed and the amount of work that needs to be done.

High risk of spring floods

After a cold and snowy winter, residents along the Grand River could be facing a spring of high water.

The possibility of flooding in the Grand River system is the highest it's been in years, according to flood control staff.

Municipal flood co-ordinators were told recently that the snow pack is higher than it has been in about 30 years. Almost the entire river system is covered in ice, as is Lake Erie.

A rapid melt or a rapid melt in combination with rainfall will result in very high runoff, high river flows and break up river ice.

The high volume of ice in the river system increases the risk of ice jams. Ice jam flooding can result in a very quick rise in water levels which means there





In March there is still lots of snow on the ground, including at the GRCA Administration Centre. Three parks will be open for March break and there is also a high risk of spring floods because of the cold snowy winter.

is sometimes little opportunity to issue flood warnings. Communities such as Grand Valley, West Montrose, New Hamburg, Ayr, Paris, Brantford, Cayuga and Dunnville are particularly prone to ice jam flooding.

A further complicating factor this year is the debris left behind by the December ice storm. As branches and trees are carried downstream, there is the chance that they will clog bridges and culverts, resulting in localized flooding. This year, many of the snow survey locations are recording two or even three times as much water content in the snowpack as the long-term average.

Do you know a watershed hero?

They're the individuals, families, groups and businesses that put their time and energy into improving the Grand River watershed.

Many do it without recognition, satisfied with the legacy they leave for future generations.

The GRCA thinks they deserve to be acknowledged, so is looking for nominations for its annual Watershed Awards. The GRCA has presented the awards since 1976.

Once again, there are the two regular categories for environmental work. But this year a special one-time category was added in honour of the 20th anniversary of the designation of the Grand River system as a Canadian Heritage River. Here are the award categories:

- **Honour Roll Awards** are presented for a sustained record of environmental achievement over an extended period of time.

- **Watershed Awards** for outstanding examples of environmental work.
- **Special Heritage Awards** for those who have advanced the river-related heritage and recreational attributes that were recognized in the Canadian Heritage River designation.

More information on the Heritage River designation can be found in the "Heritage River" section of the GRCA website.

Nominations can be made by May 1 and can come from anyone in the watershed. The form is posted online at www.grandriver.ca/awards.

Spring tree planting

The GRCA is hiring two companies to plant 200,000 trees on private land at a cost of about \$200,000.

Black River Tree Planting and Bartram Woodlands Ltd. will carry out the planting projects this spring.

The cost of the reforestation projects on private lands are paid for by the individual property owners, who may also receive grants to help pay for the costs. Reforestation on GRCA lands is funded through grants from agencies such as Trees Ontario.

In addition, there are many community tree planting events that GRCA staff work with partners to carry out.

Members of the public are invited to help out at the events listed online at www.grandriver.ca/calendar.

Enjoy Spring Break at a Grand River park

While some jet off to warmer climates for March break, three GRCA parks are offering a full slate of winter activities.

Shade's Mills in Cambridge, Laurel Creek in Waterloo and Belwood Lake east of Fergus will be open daily during March Break for cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and ice fishing. Skis, and snowshoes are available to rent at Laurel and Shade's, while the latter also offers ice huts.

More information including hours of operation and fees can be found in the Winter Activities section of the GRCA website at www.grandriver.ca.

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January 9, 2014

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Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on Thursday, January 9, 2014 at Woodend Auditorium, 838 Mineral Springs Road, Ancaster, Ontario at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Brian McHattie, in the Chair
Dan Bowman
Tom Jackson
Duke O'Sullivan

James Howlett
Santina Moccio
Maria Topalovic

Richard MacDonald, Foundation Chair



REGRETS: Brad Clark, Chad Collins, Robert Pasuta, and Brad Whitcombe

STAFF PRESENT: Joan Bell, Hazel Breton, Rondalyn Brown, Lisa Burnside, Gord Costie, Chris Firth-Eagland, Darren Kenny, Judy Love, Bruce Mackenzie, Neil McDougall, Sheila O'Neal, Scott Peck, Anuja Ramgoolam, Nicholas Schwetz, Mike Stone, and Jaime Tellier - HCA Staff

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present.

2. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The Chair asked members to declare any conflicts under the Board's Governance Policy. There were none.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Chair requested any additions or deletions to the agenda. The Chair indicated that there will be an additional Member Briefing under 5.2 in regards to

the ice storm and we have received three new items under 10.1 – Other Correspondence.

BD12,1933

MOVED BY: James Howlett
SECONDED BY: Santina Moccio

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

4. DELEGATIONS

4.1 Review of Volunteer Clean Up of Cootes Paradise Watersheds

Brian McHattie introduced Alan Hansell. Alan Hansell provided a PowerPoint presentation and answered board member's questions.

Alan indicated that the volunteer group has removed over 47,000 lbs. of garbage from our watershed. The volunteer group would like to develop a stronger relationship with HCA in 2014.

Brian McHattie and the members thanked Alan and the volunteers for the extraordinary work they have completed and thanked him for attending the meeting.

5. MEMBER BRIEFING

5.1 Low Impact Development

Hazel Breton provided a presentation on the types and benefits of Low Impact Development (LID) techniques. LIDs are methods used to manage stormwater issues that result from urbanization:

- **Increase in runoff (2 – 6X)**
- Increased streamflow volume
- Increased peak flows & Reduced base flows

These increases can result in significant impact to the environment including:

- Streambank erosion
- Loss of aquatic habitat
- Increased flood risk
- Infrastructure damage
- Degraded water quality

- Stress to aquatic life
- Thermal impacts

LIDs are designed to manage runoff volumes and water quality using decentralized controls, to preserve natural drainage features, treat stormwater close to the source, and are a simple consist of low tech, low cost practices that detain, infiltrate and evapotranspire water.

Common examples of LIDs include:

- Green Roofs
- Rain Gardens
- Permeable Pavement
- Perforated Pipe
- Bioswales
- Ponds
- Wetlands

LIDs have been shown to be a relatively low cost form of stormwater management that can be implemented in a variety of soil conditions, including clay soils. Use of LIDs can result in a number of environmental improvements including:

- Improved stormwater management
- Water conservation
- Urban cooling
- Lower energy use
- Improved air quality
- Increased habitat
- Improved aesthetics
- Increased land values

5.2 Impact of the Ice Storm on Our Properties

Bruce Mackenzie and Gord Costie provided a PowerPoint presentation showing some of the damage that took place on our properties from the ice storm. Power lines have been down and power was cut off at Valens Conservation Area. The trees and trails in most of our conservation areas were heavily damaged by the storm.

Tom Jackson indicated that the Councillors are holding a special council meeting on Monday, January 13, 2014 to vote on whether the City should ask for money under the Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program to provide financial help to clean up the storm damage. Board members asked staff to forward a cost estimate of the property damage prior to this meeting.

BD12,1934 **MOVED BY:** **Tom Jackson**
SECONDED BY: **James Howlett**

THAT the Board of Directors approve the following recommendation:

THAT staff provide a cost estimate of the HCA property damage caused by the ice storm to the City of Hamilton.

CARRIED

- 6. APPLICATIONS - DEVELOPMENT, INTERFERENCE WITH WETLANDS, AND ALTERATIONS TO SHORELINES AND WATERCOURSES**
(Copies of the supporting staff report are available from the Authority's Administration Office)

Darren Kenny presented the report and answered Board member's questions.

BD12,1935 **MOVED BY:** **Santina Moccio**
SECONDED BY: **Dan Bowman**

THAT the Board of Directors receive the Summary Enforcement Report SER – 1/14.

CARRIED

- 7. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (December 5, 2013)**

BD12,1936 **MOVED BY:** **James Howlett**
SECONDED BY: **Tom Jackson**

THAT the Board of Directors approve the following recommendation:

THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on December 5, 2013 be approved.

CARRIED

- 8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There was none.

9. PRE-DISTRIBUTED CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

10. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received:

- ✓ Letter from Thomas Beckett re Maplewood
- ✓ Report from The Hamilton Naturalists' Club re Maplewood
- ✓ Letter from Mark Tamminga and Joany Verschuuren re Maplewood

Brian McHattie indicated that the Board would receive the correspondence and forward the correspondence to the Conservation Advisory Board for their consideration at the January 16 Conservation Advisory Board meeting.

BD12,1937 MOVED BY: Maria Topalovic
SECONDED BY: Duke O'Sullivan

THAT the other correspondence be received.

CARRIED

11. REPORTS

11.1 Budget & Administration Committee (Minutes – December 5, 2013)

James Howlett indicated that the reports of the Budget & Administration Committee meeting held on December 5, 2013 were approved at the Board of Directors meeting on December 5, 2013 and that only the minutes need to be approved.

Motion to Receive the Minutes

BD12,1938 MOVED BY: James Howlett
SECONDED BY: Santina Moccio

THAT the minutes of the Budget & Administration Committee meeting held on December 5, 2013 be approved.

CARRIED

11.2 Conservation Advisory Board (Minutes – December 12, 2013)

Maria Topalovic presented the minutes of the Conservation Advisory Board meeting held on December 12, 2013 and indicated that there were no motions requiring Board of Directors approval.

Maria Topalovic indicated that the future of Maplewood Hall was discussed at the last meeting. There were 10 delegations that attended this meeting and they all were very passionate and provided great information to the CAB members. This agenda item was tabled and members directed staff to complete a cost/benefit analysis of the various future use options, including demolition for the Maplewood Hall property.

The other correspondence received at the Board meeting tonight will be forwarded to the CAB members and discussed at the CAB meeting on January 16, 2014.

Motion to Receive the Minutes

BD12,1939

MOVED BY: Maria Topalovic
SECONDED BY: Duke O'Sullivan

THAT the minutes of the Conservation Advisory Board meeting held on December 12, 2013 be approved.

CARRIED

11.3 Foundation Chairman's Report

Richard MacDonald reported on the following:

- Total donations for December - \$172,668
- With Joan Bell retiring at the end of January, the New Executive Director – Grace Correia will start on Monday, January 20

Brian McHattie gave a personal thank you to Joan Bell for her huge career in conservation. All Board members thanked and applauded Joan for her dedicated service. Chris Firth-Eagland indicated that a retirement party will be held in April for Joan at Maplewood Hall.

12. OTHER STAFF REPORTS/MEMORANDUMS

12.1 Appointment of Regulation Enforcement Officer

Scott Peck presented the report.

BD12,1940**MOVED BY: Duke O'Sullivan
SECONDED BY: Santina Moccio****THAT the Board of Directors approve the following recommendation:****THAT the HCA Board of Directors appoint Jaime Tellier, Conservation Planner, as an Enforcement Officer for the purpose of enforcement of the Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses, O. Regulation 161/06 within the Hamilton Conservation Authority watershed.****CARRIED****12.2 Upcoming Events**

Bruce Mackenzie provided an update of the upcoming events that are included in the agenda package. Bruce also indicated that the Hot Chocolate Festival will be held on Family Day on February 17 at Dundas Valley Conservation Area and the Ice Fishing Derby will be held on February 15 at Valens Conservation Area.

13. NEW BUSINESS**13.1 Lafarge Dundas South Quarry Expansion**

Brian McHattie indicated that Lafarge Quarry is being expanded and asked staff to provide an update on the application process for this property.

Mike Stone is the lead contact for this application and provided a brief update. The Planning Act Application (OPA and ZBA) was received on December 16, 2013. Staff have received the application and supporting documentation. Staff will need to review and provide comments by February 24, 2014.

The purpose of this application is to change designations/zoning from agricultural and rural to extractive industrial. The expansion area is approximately 127 ha.

City will be establishing a Combined Aggregate Review Team (CART) to assist in the review of the application. HCA staff will sit on this Committee. Maria Topalovic indicated a conflict of interest.

14. IN-CAMERA ITEMS FOR MATTERS OF LAW, PERSONNEL AND PROPERTY

There were no in-camera items.

15. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Thursday, February 6, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at Woodend Auditorium, 838 Mineral Springs Road, Ancaster, Ontario.

16. ADJOURNMENT

On motion, the meeting adjourned.



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**HALTON-HAMILTON SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE
MEETING # 1-14
Conservation Halton, Halton
2596 Britannia Road West, Burlington L7P 0G3
January 28, 2014 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm**

SPC Attendees:			
Turlough Finan	Glenn Powell	David Simpson	Susan Fielding
Gavin Smuk	Nick DiGirolamo	Melanie Horton	Andrea Doherty
Regrets SPC/Other Regrets:			
Dave Braden	Paul Attack	Judi Partridge	
Other Attendees:			
Virginia Bancur Project Assistant HHSPR	Diane Bloomfield Project Manager HHSPR	Kathy Menyes, Conservation Halton	
David King, Health Liaison	Scott Peck, Hamilton Conservation Authority	John Westlake, MOE Liaison	
Chitra Gowda, Halton Region			

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ITEM	TOPIC/DISCUSSION	ACTION REQUIRED
	<p>CAs to discuss their proposal.</p> <p>The next Chairs meeting is March 3 and 4 with a Conservation Ontario implementation workshop on March 5.</p> <p>The Auditor General is auditing the source protection program and will report to the Provincial Legislature in the fall. Halton-Hamilton CA staff and SPC Chair have been asked to meet with the auditors.</p>	
9.	<p>MOE Liaison – John Westlake</p> <p>Comments on policies, both initial and final are still being sent to source protection regions. No word on the appointment of a chair for the Halton-Hamilton SPC.</p> <p>MOE is still working on the reporting framework for RMOs and source protection staff are not moving forward to finalize a reporting framework until the content of the MOE reporting is finalized.</p>	John Westlake will report back on reporting workshops to be held by MOE.
10.	<p>Region of Peel RMO's Annual Report 2013 – Gavin Smuk</p> <p>Peel Region's appointed RMO submitted an annual report for the municipality.</p>	
11.	<p>Edits to Assessment Reports – Diane Bloomfield</p> <p>Pages of the assessment reports where edits were made were distributed. An overview of the changes made was provided.</p> <p>Scott Peck pointed out that Hamilton Harbour is in Hamilton CA jurisdiction and questioned the division of the harbor between the CAs.</p> <p><i>Response: When the program began it was decided by all CAs that the boundaries used would be based on science rather than the regulated administrative boundaries. It was agreed between CH and HCA that the harbor would be split.</i></p>	SPC members to review edits and provide comments to Diane Bloomfield by February 18, 2014 with approval to release the revised documents to the public following SPC discussion at February 25 meeting.
12.	<p>Edits to Proposed Source Protection Plan – Diane Bloomfield</p> <p>Formal final comments from Ling Mark, Director, Source Protection Branch, on the source protection plan were received and discussed.</p> <p>HHSPC 14-03 Moved by: Andrea Doherty Seconded by: Nick DiGirolamo THAT policy T-50-S be repealed and supporting information in the explanatory document be removed. Carried</p> <p>HHSPC 14-04 Moved by: Glen Powell Seconded by: Andrea Doherty THAT in policy O-2-S b) "permanent" be replaced with "best practical" and "real-time and long-term" be removed. Carried</p> <p>HHSPC 14-05 Moved by: Susan Fielding Seconded by: David Simpson THAT the changes to policy L-2-S as suggested by the MOE be accepted. Carried</p> <p>The Cedarvale wellhead protection area and issue contributing area-chloride, and low and moderate threat activities for road salt application were added to policies as</p>	SPC members to review edits and provide comments to Diane Bloomfield by February 18, 2014 with approval to release the revised documents to the public following SPC discussion at February 25 meeting.

ITEM	TOPIC/DISCUSSION	ACTION REQUIRED
	<p>needed.</p> <p><i>Note: Following the meeting staff spoke with MOE and were informed that the interpretation of significant threat within the issue contributing area for Cedarvale was incorrect. Staff to revise documents and send out changes to SPC.</i></p>	
13.	<p>Edits to Explanatory Document – Diane Bloomfield</p> <p>An overview of the edits and additions to the Explanatory Document was given.</p>	<p>SPC members to review edits and provide comments to Diane Bloomfield by February 18, 2014 with approval to release the revised documents to the public following SPC discussion at February 25 meeting. Diane to review Halton Region comments on proposed ED and revise ED if necessary.</p>
14.	<p>Introduction to water quantity policies – Diane Bloomfield</p> <p>Policies are needed to protect the groundwater sources from over use in the Cedarvale and Kelso local areas and possibly the Greensville area. MOE has provided comments to CTC on their proposed policies and staff will review and bring recommended policies to the SPC for discussion.</p>	
15.	<p>Other Business – All</p> <p>None</p>	
16.	<p>Comments from Attending Public – Gavin Smuk</p> <p>None</p>	
17.	<p>Adjournment – Next Meeting</p> <p>The following meeting has been set: February 25, 2014 at Brant Hills Community Centre, 2255 Brant Street, Burlington, L7P 5C8 in the Mountainview Room</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalize documents for public consultation • Review of consultation letter to public <p>HHSPC 14-06 Moved by: Andrea Doherty Seconded by: Susan Fielding</p> <p>THAT the meeting be adjourned at 4:29 p.m.</p>	

Minutes prepared by: Virginia Bancur

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AGENDA

Meeting # 2-14

Mountainside Room, Brant Hills Community Centre
2255 Brant Street, Burlington, L7P 5C8
February 25, 2014 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

ITEM	TOPIC	DISCUSSION LED BY
1.	Roll Call	Gavin Smuk
2.	Disclosures of conflict of interest	Gavin Smuk
3.	Delegations	Gavin Smuk
4.	Review of agenda	Gavin Smuk
5.	Approval of Source Protection Committee minutes of January 28, 2014	Gavin Smuk
6.	Business arising from January 28, 2014 minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none">• John Westlake to report on annual reporting workshops to be held by MOE• Committee to review edits to Assessment Reports, Plan and Explanatory Document and send comments to Diane Bloomfield by February 18, 2014• Diane Bloomfield to review Halton Region Comments on Explanatory Document and revise proposed text if necessary	Gavin Smuk
7.	MOE liaison update	John Westlake
8.	Finalize documents and release for public consultation	Diane Bloomfield
9.	Landowner letter and public notice	Diane Bloomfield
10.	Other Business	All
11.	Comments from attending public	Gavin Smuk
12.	Adjournment – next meeting – April 8, 2014	Gavin Smuk

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