

# **INFORMATION ITEMS**

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**Week Ending October 7, 2016**

## **REPORTS**

1. None

## **INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONSULTATIONS**

1. Let's Talk Housing
2. Ontario Municipal Board Reform

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. GRCA *Current*, October 2016
2. Ontario Good Roads Association re: Call for Nominations to the Board of Directors

## **BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

1. None

## **ITEMS AVAILABLE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE**

1. None

Provincial/Federal Consultation Alert							
Title	Ministry	Consultation Deadline	Summary	Proposed Form of Input	Rationale	Lead	Link to Ministry Website
Let's Talk Housing	Ministry of Families, Children and Social Development (Federal Consultation)	October 21	The Federal Government is developing a National Housing Strategy. Input is requested.	Staff to complete the survey	<p>The City's Affordable Housing Strategy will be returning to Council later in the fall. The City is reliant on the actions of senior levels of government to make impactful actions to address our community's affordable housing needs identified through the City's Affordable Housing Strategy work.</p> <p>City staff will be monitoring the progress of the National Housing Strategy as it progresses and will provide updates as applicable and appropriate.</p>	Planning	<a href="https://www.letstalkhousing.ca/">https://www.letstalkhousing.ca/</a>

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OMB Reform	Municipal Affairs	NA	<p>The Ministry of Municipal Affairs is reviewing the scope and effectiveness of the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB), an important part of the province's land use planning system.</p> <p>The government is developing a consultation paper that will be released in fall 2016 for further comment.</p> <p>In the meantime, the province is seeking views on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jurisdiction and powers: this could include what matters can be appealed and who may appeal them, the use of local appeal bodies and how much deference should be given to municipal decisions.</li> <li>• Meaningful citizen participation and local perspective: this could include who has access to hearings, how to ensure the ability of the public to participate, how to ensure that the process is affordable, unrepresented parties and the role of the citizen liaison office.</li> <li>• Clear/predictable decision making: this could include how to ensure fairness, adjudicator education and training and standardized decision format(s)</li> <li>• Hearing procedures and practices: this could include the formality of hearings, how expert evidence is heard and what evidence should be allowed at hearings.</li> </ul>	Staff level	At this time, the ministry is seeking feedback on the development of the consultation paper. Full consultation opportunities will be provided once the consultation paper is drafted and released to the public.	Planning	<a href="http://www.mah.gov.on.ca/Page14965.aspx">http://www.mah.gov.on.ca/Page14965.aspx</a>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Alternative dispute resolution: this could include the use of mediation or other alternatives to traditional hearings or adversarial procedures as part of the appeal system.</li><li>• Timely processes and decision making: this could include the timelines for scheduling hearings and the issuing of decisions.</li></ul>				

## GRCA General Membership

<b>Chair</b>	Helen Jowett
<b>Vice-Chair</b>	Chris White
<b>Townships of Amaranth, East Garafraxa, Melancthon and Southgate and Town of Grand Valley</b>	Guy Gardhouse
<b>Townships of Mapleton and Wellington North</b>	Pat Salter
<b>Township of Centre Wellington</b>	Kelly Linton
<b>Town of Erin, Townships of Guelph/Eramosa and Puslinch</b>	Chris White
<b>City of Guelph</b>	Bob Bell, Mike Salisbury
<b>Region of Waterloo</b>	Les Armstrong, Elizabeth Clarke, Sue Foxton, Helen Jowett, Geoff Lorentz, Jane Mitchell, Joe Nowak, Wayne Roth, Sandy Shantz, Warren Stauch
<b>Municipality of North Perth and Township of Perth East</b>	George Wicke
<b>Halton Region</b>	Cindy Lunau
<b>City of Hamilton</b>	George Stojanovic
<b>Oxford County</b>	Bruce Banbury
<b>County of Brant</b>	Brian Coleman, Shirley Simons
<b>City of Brantford</b>	Dave Neumann, Vic Prendergast
<b>Haldimand and Norfolk Counties</b>	Bernie Corbett, Fred Morison



## Seeking comments on updated mapping

The GRCA recently completed a project to update watercourse mapping throughout the Grand River watershed and has been seeking public comments on these changes.

Members of the public were invited to provide comments at sessions on Sept. 27 in Fergus, Sept. 28 in Paris and Sept. 29 in Cambridge. Online comments are being accepted until 4 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 7 at [www.grandriver.ca/mapreview](http://www.grandriver.ca/mapreview).

The GRCA helps to protect natural areas and watercourses such as rivers, streams, flood plains, wetlands, steep slopes and the Lake Erie shoreline by regulating construction, grading, alteration and development activities in and near those areas. This is done through Ontario Regulation 150/06 under the Conservation Authorities Act. With more recent information now available, the GRCA is proposing amendments to the mapping that is currently used by the public for Ontario Regulation 150/06.

The proposed changes to the mapping won't affect the area that is currently regulated. However, they will more clearly show the regulated areas on the mapping, making it easier to visually identify these areas.

The updated watercourse mapping will be available to all external users for download once this review is complete.

## Level 2 still in effect

The entire Grand River watershed remains in the Level 2 low water condition that was first declared on Aug. 9 by the Grand River Low Water Response Team.

Rainfall across the watershed since Aug. 9 has been sufficient to maintain water levels. Recovery of the watershed to normal conditions is a slow process, and stream flow has been returning to low conditions in between the rain events.

The Grand River Low Water Response Team will continue to monitor conditions and will remove the low water status when the watershed

recovers to normal conditions.

## Water and wastewater treatment contract

The GRCA has hired R.J. Burnside and Associates to provide consulting engineering services related to water and wastewater treatment for three years.

The GRCA provides water and wastewater services to 11 conservation areas, Luther Marsh Wildlife Management Area and five nature centres. Some of these sites are serviced by a direct connection to municipal services, while others have onsite systems.

The contract includes an option to extend these services for two more years at the discretion of the GRCA.

## Wetland violation resolved

The GRCA planning department worked with Brant County landowners who created a secondary access road in a wetland in 2015.

Following unsuccessful attempts by staff to resolve the violation, the landowners were charged under Section 28 of the Conservation Authorities Act for development in a wetland without a GRCA permit.

However, the roadway has recently been removed and the wetland restoration has been completed to the satisfaction of GRCA. The charges have also been withdrawn.

## Environmental summer camps were popular

The GRCA's summer camp programs were popular this summer.

The GRCA offered 36 weeks of camp programming at five locations. In total, 1,430 campers attended programs and filled 90 per cent of the available camp spaces. Camp program also provided summer employment for 19 summer

students.

School programming got underway at all of the nature centres in early September and plans are underway for camps for kids during the winter break and March break.

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## Water managers and planners meet

The annual joint meeting of the water managers and planning managers from across the Grand River watershed was held Sept. 14 as part of the Grand River Water Management Plan implementation.

Over 35 people attended from various municipalities and government agencies. They discussed growth and development pressures in the context of the coordinated review of the four provincial land use plans. The implementation of the Water Management Plan was highlighted along with land use planning and actions taken to integrate water management into the natural heritage strategy and municipal official plans.

Growth and development pressures continue in the watershed, especially in the headwater region where the rivers have a limited capacity to receive more wastewater effluent. A broader subwatershed planning approach to wastewater treatment and river assimilation may result in new opportunities that can save significant capital infrastructure spending.

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## Traditional winter on the way

A traditional winter is in the forecast for the Grand River watershed.

Above-average temperatures are predicted by Environment Canada for the fall, with precipitation expected to be near normal. However, the water temperature of the Great Lakes is high, which means more lake-effect snow is likely to fall from the sky this winter.

The first half of September was drier than August with only one storm, and most of the rain fell in the northern portion of the watershed.

Water levels in Shand and Guelph reservoirs are below the normal operating range, Conestogo Dam is at the lower end of the normal range, and Luther is within its normal operating range for this time of year. Higher precipitation over the past month has



Happy fall! This photo was taken at Shade's Mills Park and submitted to the 2014 GRCA photo contest by Sarah Gray. The 2016 GRCA photo contest has been underway for several months and ends Oct. 28.

alleviated some of the pressure on the reservoirs for flow augmentation and reduced evaporative losses, but inflows to the reservoirs remain low.

River augmentation was high throughout the summer and continued to be significant into September. Augmentation accounted for approximately 75 per cent of the river flow through Kitchener, 35 per cent of the flow through Brantford and 50 per cent of the flow on the Speed River below Guelph.

months and has several steps before the final budget goes to the GRCA board in February. The GRCA will begin making budget presentations to the municipal councils starting in October.

A final GRCA budget will go to the GRCA board in February.

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## Budget process for 2017 is already underway

The GRCA board was presented with the first draft of the 2017 GRCA budget at the September meeting.

It includes \$29.4 million in expenditures and more special funding will be added before the budget is finalized.

The general municipal levy is budgeted to increase by \$266,000, or 2.5 per cent.

The draft budget outlines revenue and expenses for current GRCA programs. These are funded by the municipal general levy, other municipal funding by special agreements, provincial and federal grants, self-generated revenue and funding from GRCA reserves.

The GRCA's budget process takes several

This issue of *GRCA Current* was published in October, 2016.

It is a summary of the September 2016 business conducted by the Grand River Conservation Authority board and committees, as well as other noteworthy happenings and topics of interest.

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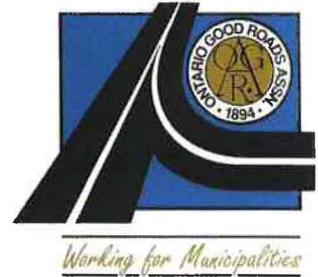
**Next board meeting:**  
October 28 at 9:30 a.m.,  
GRCA Administration Centre

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October 5, 2016



To the Head & Members of Council:

Pursuant to Policy B-008 of the Ontario Good Roads Association, the Nominating Committee shall report to the Annual Conference its nominations for 12 directors. The following members of the Board will automatically serve on the 2017-2018 Board of Directors in the following capacity:

President	Ken Lauppé, Manager, Road Operations - East, Planning & Infrastructure Services, City of Brampton
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice-President	Luc Duval, Director of Public Works & Engineering, City of Timmins
Immediate Past President	Robert Burlie, Manager of Road Operations, Etobicoke/York District, City of Toronto

Those nominated by the Nominating Committee shall be selected from OGRA's municipal or First Nations membership pursuant to the requirements for geographic representation contained in Section 12 of the Constitution, and so far as possible meeting the criteria established in Policy B-008. A full copy of the Constitution can be viewed on the OGRA web-site:

[OGRA Constitution](#)

The following incumbent Directors have put their name forward wishing to continue to represent their respective Zones:

**North (3 to be elected)**

Rick Harms  
Project Engineer  
City of Thunder Bay

**Southwest (3 to be elected)**

Andy Bruziewicz,  
Councillor  
City of Sarnia

Virginia Ridley,  
Councillor  
City of London

Chris Traini,  
County Engineer  
County of Middlesex

**South Central (2 to be elected)**

Bryan Lewis,  
Councillor  
Town of Halton Hills

John McKean,  
Mayor  
Town of the Blue Mountains

**Southeast (3 to be elected)**

Dave Burton,  
Reeve  
Municipality of Highlands East

Rick Kester,  
CAO  
City of Belleville

Michael Touw  
Director of Public Works  
Township of Leeds and the Thousand  
Islands

**Toronto (1 to be elected)**

Paul Ainslie  
Councillor  
City of Toronto

Two vacancies exist in the **Northern Zone**.

The Northern Zone consists of the municipalities in the Districts of Algoma, Cochrane, Kenora, Manitoulin Island, Nipissing, Parry Sound, Rainy River, Sudbury, Thunder Bay and Timiskaming; municipalities in and including the District of Muskoka and the City of Greater Sudbury.

The Southwest Zone consists of the municipalities in and including the Counties of Brant, Bruce, Elgin, Essex, Haldimand, Huron, Lambton, Middlesex, Norfolk, Oxford, and Perth, the municipality of Chatham-Kent, and municipalities in and including the Regional Municipality of Waterloo.

The South Central Zone consists of the municipalities in and including the Counties of Dufferin, Grey, Simcoe, and Wellington, and municipalities in and including the Regional Municipalities of Durham, Halton, Niagara, Peel and York, and the City of Hamilton.

The South East Zone consists of municipalities in and including the Counties of Frontenac, Haliburton, Hastings, Lanark, Leeds and Grenville, Lennox and Addington, Northumberland, Peterborough, Prescott and Russell, Prince Edward, Renfrew, and Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, and the Cities of Kawartha Lakes and Ottawa.

Any member of Council or a permanent full time staff from an OGRA member municipality or First Nations interested in being considered as a candidate for a position on the Board of Directors must complete the attached Nomination Consent form and submit it along with their résumé to the attention of the Chair of the Nominating Committee by no later than November 11, 2016. Fax your information to 289-291-6477, e-mail to [info@ogra.org](mailto:info@ogra.org) or mail to OGRA, 1525 Cornwall Road, Unit 22, Oakville, Ontario L6J 0B2

The Nominating Committee will meet in November to recommend a slate of Directors to the membership. The members of the Committee are:

Chair: Rick Champagne, Immediate Past President  
Vice Chair: Tom Bateman, Past President  
Members: Bryan Lewis, OGRA Director  
John McKean, OGRA Director  
Virginia Ridley, OGRA Director

Any questions regarding the Nomination process or serving on the Board of Directors can be directed to the undersigned at [joe@ogra.org](mailto:joe@ogra.org).

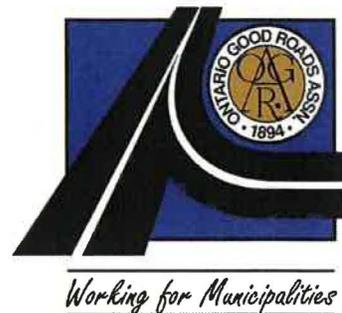
Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, enclosed in a hand-drawn oval. The signature appears to read "Joe Tiernay".

J. W. Tiernay,  
Executive Director

c: Rick Champagne, Chair, Nominating Committee

Ontario Good Roads Association  
Board of Directors  
Nomination and Consent Form



We hereby nominate the following to the Board of Directors of the Ontario Good Roads Association for the 2017/18 term of office:

Name of Candidate

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Municipality: \_\_\_\_\_

Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

(Candidates must be nominated by two eligible members of OGRA. A resolution of Council is acceptable but not mandatory)

## Candidate Consent

The candidate nominated above must sign below indicating they consent to the Nomination and agree to let their name stand for office.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ hereby consent to the Nomination  
(Name of Candidate)  
to the Board of Directors of the Ontario Good Roads Association.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Submit completed form and candidate's résumé by fax or e-mail to the attention of Rick Champagne, Chair, OGRA Nominating Committee  
Fax: 289-291-6477  
E-mail: [info@ogra.org](mailto:info@ogra.org)