

# **INFORMATION ITEMS**

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**Week Ending January 10, 2014**

## **REPORTS**

1. None

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Ontario Good Roads Association – Notice of Poll for Board of Directors

## **BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

1. Grand River Conservation Authority
  - January 2014 GRCA Current
  - Members' Meeting Attendance

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

1. Municipal Information Form, Retail Store Authorization – Royal City Brewing Company, 199 Victoria Road South, Unit 8C



## Notice of Poll – OGRA Board of Directors

The Board of Directors adopted the recommendations of the OGRA Nominating Committee. The recommended slate is as follows:

<b>Northern Zone (3 to be elected)</b>	
Luc Duval, Director of Public Works & Engineering, City of Timmins	Rick Harms, Project Engineer City of Thunder Bay
John MacEachern, Mayor Township of Manitouwadge	
<b>Southwest Zone (1 to be elected)</b>	
Chris Traini, County Engineer County of Middlesex	
<b>South Central Zone (3 to be elected)</b>	
Ken Lauppe, Manager, Road Operations – East, City of Brampton	Duncan McKinlay, Councillor County of Grey
Terry McKay, Deputy Mayor Township of Chatsworth	
<b>Southeast Zone (3 to be elected)</b>	
Craig Davidson, CAO/Treasurer Municipality of Hasting Highlands	Steve Desroches, Deputy Mayor City of Ottawa
Michelle Hendry, Director of Public Works City of Kawartha Lakes	
<b>Toronto (2 to be elected)</b>	
Robert Burlie, Manager, Road Operations City of Toronto	Mark Grimes, Councillor City of Toronto

The following current Boards members do not have to be re-elected to the Board and will automatically assume the following positions effective February 26, 2014:

President - Tom Bateman, County Engineer, County of Essex  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Rick Champagne, Councillor, Municipality of East Ferris  
Immediate Past President – Joanne Vanderheyden, Mayor, Township of Strathroy-Caradoc and Warden, County of Middlesex

The above will serve on the 2014-2015 Board of Directors making a total of 15 on the Board.

The recommended slate of candidates was circulated to the membership on December 2, 2013 requesting additional nominations. The following additional nomination was received by the close of nominations on January 3, 2014:

**Southwest Zone**

Andy Bruziewicz, Councillor,  
City of Sarnia

As a result of the above a poll will be held on

**Tuesday, February 25, 2014  
Fairmount Royal York Hotel,  
Salon "A" – Convention Floor**

to elect the representative to the Board from the **Southwest Zone**.

The polls will open from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and any delegate from a member municipality or member First Nations may vote by presenting their name badge to the polling staff.

J. W. Tiernay  
Executive Director

# GRCA Current



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## GRCA General Membership

<b>Chair</b>	Jane Mitchell
<b>1st Vice-Chair</b>	Vic Prendergast
<b>2nd Vice-Chair</b>	Jan d'Ailly
<b>Townships of Amaranth, East Garafraxa, Melancthon and Southgate and Town of Grand Valley</b>	Tom Nevills
<b>Townships of Mapleton and Wellington North</b>	Pat Salter
<b>Township of Centre Wellington</b>	Joanne Ross-Zuj
<b>Town of Erin, Townships of Guelph/Eramosa and Puslinch</b>	John Brennan
<b>City of Guelph</b>	Bob Bell, Maggie Laidlaw
<b>Region of Waterloo</b>	Les Armstrong, Todd Cowan, Jan d'Ailly, Rob Deutschmann, Jean Haalboom, Ross Kelterborn, Geoff Lorentz, Claudette Miller, Jane Mitchell, Warren Stauch
<b>Municipality of North Perth and Township of Perth East</b>	George Wicke
<b>Halton Region</b>	J. Barry Lee
<b>City of Hamilton</b>	Jeanette Jamieson
<b>Oxford County</b>	Bruce Banbury
<b>County of Brant</b>	Brian Coleman, Steve Schmitt
<b>City of Brantford</b>	Robert Hillier, Vic Prendergast
<b>Haldimand and Norfolk Counties</b>	Lorne Boyko, Fred Morison



## Land donated to the GRCA

The GRCA now owns 13 hectares (32 acres) south of Cambridge along the Cambridge to Paris Rail-Trail thanks to a donation.

In December ownership of an island and shoreline was turned over to the GRCA by the Girl Guides of Canada which had owned the property since 1961. The area was used as an overnight campsite and excursion destination during the summer, but had not been used in recent years.

The property includes an excellent example of a continuous wooded Carolinian valley in the Grand River watershed and it is a high priority acquisition for the GRCA. It is also a Life Science Area of Natural and Scientific Interest (ANSI). The property is completely wooded, containing 4.5 hectares (11 acres) of shoreline and a 8.5-hectare (21-acre) island.

## New pass replaces windshield stickers in 2014

The GRCA is replacing the windshield stickers that have been used for many years to gain entry into conservation areas with a wallet membership pass in 2014.

The card-based system will help the conservation areas move to install automatic entry gates. Patrons will also be able to carry the pass with them when they walk to the conservation area.

The card will allow the GRCA to move towards a year-round system that is good for 12 months from the date of purchase. The new card is part of a membership that will include incentives such as two complimentary day passes and a free ski or snowshoe rental.

The fee for a wallet membership will increase from \$122 to \$125, while the senior/disabled pass will increase by a \$1 to \$110.

Individual season passes will be decrease by about \$1 to \$40 for a child, \$50 for adults and \$45 for seniors.

## New 2014 park fees

New 2014 park fees will come into effect Jan. 1.

Seasonal camping rates will increase by about three per cent and there will be an incremental increase in camping rates for waterfront sites, but daily entrance fees and camping rates will not go up.

A new disability discount will bring the price for this group of patrons down to the same level as the senior discount, which was new last year.

The conservation area fees changed significantly in 2013 due to new business plans for all the parks. The new fees will be posted online at [www.grandriver.ca/parks](http://www.grandriver.ca/parks). The report on the changes is available as part of the December agenda on [www.grandriver.ca/meetingreports](http://www.grandriver.ca/meetingreports).

## Partnership agreement with DFO

The GRCA will no longer review projects on behalf of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) as a result of amendments to the federal Fisheries Act that came into effect on Nov. 25.

Under the federal Fisheries Act it is unlawful to carry out a project that causes serious harm to fish unless authorized by DFO. This applies to work conducted in or near water that supports fish and fish habitat, or areas that are part of a commercial, recreational or Aboriginal fishery.

Conservation authorities are working with DFO on a possible new agreement. In the meantime, GRCA staff have been asked to direct questions from landowners to DFO and a notice about the end of the agreement is posted in the planning section on [www.grandriver.ca](http://www.grandriver.ca).

GRCA staff will continue to carry out advisory reviews of changes that involve fish habitat and aquatic resources through provincial legislation.

## Park revenue down

Grand River Parks earned nearly \$6.4 million in 2013, which was about \$380,000 less than expect-

ed. This was due to wet weather and the delayed opening of Byng Island Conservation Area because of water issues. High river flows in Elora Gorge meant tubing was suspended for part of the summer for safety reasons and this also resulted in less revenue.

The revenue shortfall is being offset by a reduction of \$150,000 in capital spending and the rest will be covered by funds from the reserves.

The 2014 budget revenue is expected to be \$6.9 million based on average attendance.

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## Water Management Plan will be released in 2014

The draft of the Grand River Water Management Plan is complete and has been released for endorsement by partners and municipalities.

Their approval is expected by May. The final Water Management Plan will be launched in January 2015.

The partner members on the steering committee, project team and working groups have been actively involved in drafting this plan in recent years. It will ensure the Grand River can be sustainable as the population grows. The findings are reassuring because the 1982 plan upon which it is based was a good one and also due to a culture of best practices for water management throughout the Grand River watershed.

It is a very practical plan and many action items are already part of GRCA's current and planned work. It is a voluntary plan that is based on partnerships of the organizations involved which are not legally required to carry out the actions that have been incorporated into the plan.

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## Planning fees change effective Feb. 1

A new resource planning fee schedule comes into effect Feb. 1.

The new fees were approved by the board in December and reflect a two per cent increase for permit applications, plan review, title clearance and inquiries. Minor fees were not changed. GRCA staff discussed the increase with the Home Builders/GRCA Liaison Committee and the Ontario Stone, Sand and Gravel Association.

These fees help cover the cost of staff time for planning, engineering, terrestrial, aquat-



Hoarfrost on the Grand River taken by Peggy Dietrich for the 2012 GRCA photo contest. A new contest with great prizes is starting Jan. 6. Check [www.grandriver.ca/photocontest](http://www.grandriver.ca/photocontest) for details.

ics and information systems. Over 700 permits were processed in 2013.

The volume and nature of Plan Review applications are more variable than permits and are down slightly to 414 processed in 2013.

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## Source water plans being reviewed

The process of developing a drinking water source protection plan for the Grand River watershed is quietly moving forward.

After several years in development, a source protection plan was submitted to the Ontario Ministry of Environment for its approval. The process to develop the plan was led by the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee, which also oversaw development of plans for the Long Point Region, Catfish Creek and Kettle Creek watersheds.

Ministry staff are reviewing all four plans to ensure they meet the terms of the Clean Water Act, which launched the planning process in 2006.

The review process can take some time, particularly for large and complex plans such as the Grand's.

As the province reviews the Grand River plan, it may make suggestions on ways to

ensure that the plan conforms to the Act and its regulations.

If the province proposes substantial changes, a public information or consultation process may take place in 2014.

A total of 38 source protection plans were produced across Ontario. So far, just the plan for the Thunder Bay area has been approved.

This issue of GRCA Current was published in January 2014.

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

The Grand River Conservation Authority welcomes the photocopying, forwarding and distribution of GRCA Current.

**Next board meeting:** Friday, Jan. 24 at 9:30 a.m., GRCA Administration Centre.

Reports mentioned in GRCA Current: [www.grandriver.ca/MeetingReports](http://www.grandriver.ca/MeetingReports).

For coming events, please see [www.grandriver.ca/Calendar](http://www.grandriver.ca/Calendar).

The November-December issue of Grand Actions newsletter available at: [www.grandriver.ca/GrandActions](http://www.grandriver.ca/GrandActions)





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December 30, 2013

Mr. Blair Labelle, City Clerk  
City of Guelph  
City Hall, 1 Carden Street  
Guelph, ON N1H 2Z9

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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

Dear Mr. Labelle

**Re: Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA)  
Members' Meeting Attendance**

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Please be advised that Section 8 of GRCA's By-law 1-2014 provides in part:

"A semi-annual letter shall be sent from the Authority to member municipalities and the appropriate Ministry of the Provincial Government, noting the attendance of all Authority Members".

Accordingly we enclose a spreadsheet setting out regular and volunteer meetings held by GRCA and the members who attended those meetings for the period from July 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013.

Yours truly

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith Murch".

Keith Murch  
Assistant CAO/Secretary-Treasurer  
Grand River Conservation Authority

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Grand River Conservation Authority  
Members Attendance  
January 1 - December 31, 2013

DATE	MEETING																										
		Armstong	Banbury	Bell	Boyko	Brennan	Coleman	Cowan	d'Ailly	Deutschman	Haalboom	Hillier	Jamieson	Kelterborn	Laidlaw	Lee	Lorentz	Millar	Mitchell	Morison	Nevills	Prendergast	Ross-Zuj	Salter	Schmitt	Stauch	Wicke
1	January 25	General Membership	1	1	1	1	1		1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1	January 25	Source Protection Authority	1	1	1	1	1		1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1	February 28	Annual General Meeting	1	1	1	1	1	1			1		1	1		1	1	1	1		1	1		1	1	1	1
1	March 22	General Membership	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1	April 26	General Membership	1	1		1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1	May 9	Strategic Planning	1	1	1	1	1		1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1	May 24	General Membership	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1	June 28	General Membership	1	1	1	1	1	1		1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1	July 26	General Membership	1	1		1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1	August 23	General Membership	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1
1	September 12	Special Budget	1	1		1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1		1	1		1		1	1	1	1		1	1
1	September 27	General Membership	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1	October 25	General Membership	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1			1	1
1	October 25	Source Protection Authority	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1			1	1
1	November 29	General Membership	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1
1	December 13	General Membership	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1
16		16	16	12	15	15	12	14	14	9	14	13	15	16	14	15	14	13	16	11	16	14	13	13	10	15	16

\*Note: Ad Hoc, Audit and Special Recognition Committees are additional committees for which members volunteer\*

DATE	MEETING	Brennan	Coleman	d'Ailly	Jamieson	Mitchell	Prendergast	Salter	Stauch	Wicke
2013										
February 20	Audit Committee	1	1	1	1	1	1			1
March 22	Special Recognition			1	1	1	1	1	1	
June 10	Special Recognition			1	1		1	1	1	
November 29	Audit Committee	1		1	1	1	1			1
November 29	Special Recognition			1	1	1	1	1	1	
		2	1	5	5	4	5	3	3	2

Audit Committee

Mitchell, Prendergast, d'Ailly, Coleman, Brennan, Jamieson, Wicke

Special Recognition Committee

Mitchell, Prendergast, d'Ailly, Jamieson, Salter, Stauch