

Conservation Halton Board Inaugural Meeting Minutes

Conservation Halton

February 20, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. EST

@ 2596 Britannia Road West, Burlington, ON L7P 0G3

1. Roll Call

Members Present

Sameera Ali
Rob Burton
Cathy Duddeck (Vice-Chair)
Allan Elgar
Jane Fogal
Chantal Garneau
Dave Gittings
Cameron Kroetsch
Gordon Krantz
Sue McFadden
Marianne Meed Ward
Rory Nisan
Gerry Smallegange (Chair)
Shawna Stolte
Alvin Tedjo
Alex Wilson

Absent with Regrets

Sara Bailey
John-Paul Danko
Sammy Ijaz
Kristina Tesser Derksen

Staff Present

Chandra Sharma, President & CEO/Secretary-Treasurer
Barbara J. Veale, Senior Director, Watershed Management & Climate Change
Garner Beckett, Executive Director, Conservation Halton Foundation
Adriana Birza, Senior Advisor, Office of the President & CEO
Craig Machan, Director, Parks & Operations
Kellie McCormack, Director, Planning & Regulations/Strategic Initiatives & Partnerships
Plezzie Ramirez, Director, Human Resources
Justin Wei, Acting Director, Finance
Trina Seguin, Lands Manager
Robyn Koutrouliotis, Administrative Assistant, Office of the President & CEO

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

2. Land Acknowledgement

The Chair read a land acknowledgement.

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were **no disclosures of Pecuniary Interest.**

4. Acceptance of Agenda

CH 01 01

Moved by: Rory Nisan

Seconded by: Cathy Duddeck

THAT the Conservation Halton Board **approves the agenda as presented.**

5. Consent Items

5.1. Induction of Members for 2025

Date of Term to expire in **February 2027 as per the *Conservation Authorities Act*.**

(4.1) A member shall be appointed for a term of up to four years, as may be determined by the council that appoints the member or, in the case of a member appointed under subsection (4), by the Minister. 2017, c. 23, Sched. 4, s. 12 (2); 2020, c. 36, Sched. 6, s. 2 (6).

5.2. Conservation Halton Board Advisory Committee Membership 2025 (CHB 01 25 01)

The consent items **were adopted.**

6. Election of Officers

The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Conservation Halton Board will also be the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Halton Region Source Protection Authority.

The Conservation Halton President & CEO/Secretary-Treasurer assumed the role of Chair.

The President & CEO/Secretary-Treasurer advised that the Elections would be conducted in accordance with section 17 of the *Conservation Authorities Act*.

Only current members of the Authority may vote.

6.1. Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2025 (CHB 01 25 02)

6.2. Appointment of Scrutineers 2025

The President & CEO/Secretary-Treasurer called for a motion to **appoint Election Scrutineers to count the ballots for the election of Chair and Vice-Chair.**

CH 01 02

Moved by: Chantal Garneau

Seconded by: Rob Burton

THAT Adriana Birza and Robyn Koutrouliotis **be appointed as scrutineers in the event of an election and that all ballots be destroyed by the scrutineers afterward.**

Carried

6.3. Election of Chair 2025

The President & CEO/Secretary-Treasurer called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Conservation Halton Board for the year 2025.

It was Moved by Cathy Duddeck that Gerry Smallegange be nominated for the position of Chair to the Conservation Halton Board for 2025.

The President & CEO/Secretary-Treasurer called for nominations a second time. There were no nominations.

The President & CEO/Secretary-Treasurer called for nominations a third time. There were no nominations.

The President & CEO/Secretary-Treasurer called for a motion to close nominations for the position of Chair of the Conservation Halton Board for 2025.

CH 01 03 Moved by: Gordon Krantz
Seconded by: Marianne Meed Ward

THAT nominations **be closed for the position of Chair of the Conservation Halton Board for 2025.**

Carried

Gerry Smallegange confirmed he would allow his name to stand and thanked all present.

The President & CEO/Secretary-Treasurer Declared Gerry Smallegange, by acclamation, to the position of Chair, Conservation Halton Board 2025.

6.4. Election of Vice-Chair 2025

The President & CEO/Secretary-Treasurer called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Conservation Halton Board for the year 2025.

It was Moved by Rory Nisan that Cathy Duddeck be nominated for the position of Vice-Chair to the Conservation Halton Board for 2025.

The President & CEO/Secretary-Treasurer called for nominations a second time. There were no nominations.

The President & CEO/Secretary-Treasurer called for nominations a third time. There were no nominations.

The President & CEO/Secretary-Treasurer called for a motion to close nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Conservation Halton Board for 2025.

CH 01 04 Moved by: Gordon Krantz
Seconded by: Dave Gittings

THAT nominations **be closed for the position of Vice-Chair of the Conservation Halton Board for 2025.**

Carried

Cathy Duddeck confirmed she would allow her name to stand and thanked all present.

The President & CEO/Secretary-Treasurer Declared Cathy Duddeck, by acclamation, to the position of Vice-Chair, Conservation Halton Board 2025.

7. Other Business

There was **no other business**.

8. Adjournment

CH 01 05

Moved by: Alvin Tedjo

THAT the Inaugural meeting of the Conservation Halton Board **be adjourned at 1:07 p.m.**

Carried

Signed by:

Chandra Sharma, President & CEO/Secretary-Treasurer

Date:

April 17, 2025

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