

## Staff Report

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<b>Report To:</b>	<b>General Government Committee</b>		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	September 9, 2024	<b>Report Number:</b>	LGS-030-24
<b>Submitted By:</b>	Rob Maciver, Deputy CAO/Solicitor		
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<b>File Number:</b>		<b>By-law Number:</b>	
<b>Report Subject:</b>	Appointments to the Ganaraska Forest Recreational User Committee and Property Standards Committee		

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### Recommendations:

1. That Report LGS-030-24, and any related delegations or communication items, be received;
2. That the resignation of Marven Whidden, from the Ganaraska Forest Recreational User Committee and Property Standards Committee, be received with thanks;
3. That the Committee consider the applications for appointments to the Ganaraska Forest Recreational User Committee and Property Standards Committee, and that the vote be conducted to appoint the citizen representatives, in accordance with the Appointment to Boards and Committees Policy; and
4. That all interested parties listed in Report LGS-030-24, and any delegations be advised of Council's decision.

## Report Overview

This report is intended to provide background information, regarding the vacancies on the Ganaraska Forest Recreational User Committee and Property Standards Committee to assist in the appointment process.

### 1. Ganaraska Forest Recreational User Committee

1.1 The Ganaraska Forest Recreational User Committee (GFRUC) is a committee of the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority. The purpose of the GFRUC is to carry out work and provide advice to the Full Authority on:

- Ensure rules, etiquette and regulations pertaining to recreational use in the Ganaraska Forest are communicated to their organization or municipality membership/population;
- Promote co-operation among the various recreational user groups;
- Develop recreational programs and/or events in the Ganaraska Forest subject to approval of the Conservation Authority;
- Undertake trail maintenance including relocation of trails, sign inspections, and site restoration projects; and
- Communicate with the respective recreational organization or municipality opportunities to participate in Conservation Authority programs or initiatives that are mutually benefiting and in the best interest of the Ganaraska Forest and recreational opportunities.

1.2 The [Terms of Reference](#) states that the composition of the Committee shall be comprised of a representative from the following organizations:

- Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters
- Ontario Trail Riders Association (equestrian)
- Ontario Nature
- Hike Ontario
- Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs
- Ontario Federation of Trail Riders (off -road motorcycles)
- Canadian Cross Country Ski Association
- Orienteering Ontario
- Ontario Cycling Association
- Kawartha ATV Association
- Municipality of Port Hope
- City of Kawartha Lakes
- Township of Cavan/Monaghan
- Municipality of Clarington

- 1.3 Marven Whidden, Municipality of Clarington's representative, was appointed to the Ganaraska Forest Recreational User Committee in January 2023, for a term ending December 31, 2026, or until a successor is appointed. In July 2024, the Clerk's Division received notification of Marven's resignation.
- 1.4 Council may appoint one resident for a term ending December 31, 2026, or until a successor is appointed, to fill Clarington's representative on the Committee. The following have put forward an application for consideration:
- Karen Graham
  - James Taylor
  - Robert Taylor

## **2. Property Standards Committee**

- 2.1 The Property Standards Committee is a quasi-judicial body, appointed by Council, to consider appeals to orders issued by Property Standard Officers. It is the Committee's role to make an informal, impartial decision.
- 2.2 The Committee has the following powers under the [Ontario Building Code Act](#):
- Confirm the Order, or Orders, served by the Municipality;
  - Quash the Order; and
  - Amend the Order or extend the deadline for compliance.
- 2.3 In addition to being appointed to the GFRUC, Marven Whidden was also appointed to the Property Standards Committee in January 2023, for a term ending December 31, 2026, or until a successor is appointed. In July 2024, the Clerk's Division received notification of Marven's resignation.
- 2.4 The Property Standards Committee is comprised of six citizens. Currently, the Committee is comprised of five citizens, therefore Council may appoint 1 citizen for a term ending December 31, 2026, or until a successor is appointed.

2.5 The following have put forward an application for consideration:

- Brian Atkins
- Lesley Bakshiev
- Rob Box
- Patricia Brazeau
- Sam Caruso
- Derek Hannan
- Darlyn Johnson
- Heather Kenny
- David McKay
- Mahendra Bhan Persaud
- Gord Robinson

### **3. Advertising and Applications**

3.1 The Municipal Clerk's Division placed an advertisement on the Municipality's website and social media, to fill the vacancies on the Ganaraska Forest Recreational User Committee and Property Standards Committee.

3.2 In accordance with the "Appointment to Boards and Committees Policy", a confidential application package for each Committee has been attached.

### **4. Financial Considerations**

Not applicable.

### **5. Strategic Plan**

L.4.1: Increase opportunities for civic engagement and public participation.

### **6. Climate Change**

Not applicable.

### **7. Concurrence**

Not Applicable.

## 8. Conclusion

It is respectfully recommended that Committee consider the applications for appointments to the Ganaraska Forest Recreational User Committee and Property Standards Committee for a term ending December 31, 2026, or until a successor is appointed.

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Attachments:

Attachment 1 – Confidential Application Package

Interested Parties:

The following interested parties will be notified of Council's decision:

All Applicants

Ganaraska Forest Recreational User Committee

Property Standards Committee