



## Raisin Region Conservation Authority

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### MEMORANDUM

**To:** Township of North Glengarry Council, CAO, and Clerk  
**From:** Lisa Van De Ligt, Team Lead, Communications and Stewardship  
**Date:** June 29, 2021  
**Subject:** RRCA Board of Directors meeting highlights (June 17, 2021)

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The Raisin Region Conservation Authority (RRCA) Board of Directors consists of 8 representatives from the RRCA's 5 member municipalities: City of Cornwall and Townships of North Glengarry, South Glengarry, South Stormont and North Stormont.

Following every Board meeting, councils, CAOs and clerks of the RRCA's 5 member municipalities are sent meeting highlights and the date of the next meeting. The RRCA Board meets monthly (except for July, August, and December).

#### June 17, 2021 RRCA Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

- Approved minutes from May 20, 2021 Board of Directors meeting can be found at <http://www.rrca.on.ca/page.php?id=15>.
- Board received an update on RRCA operations during the COVID-19 pandemic:
  - RRCA Administration Office remains closed to the public and visitors; staff are available by e-mail and phone. Staff are available to meet virtually and in-person when required, with precautionary measures in place.
  - RRCA Conservation Areas:
    - Cooper Marsh trails are open; the Visitors Centre, including washrooms, remain closed.
    - Gray's Creek trails and Marina are open; public washrooms were opened on June 18, 2021.
    - Charlottenburgh Park trails, campground and beach are open. The Eastern Ontario Health Unit's guidelines for beaches will be followed including limiting the total number of people at the beach to maintain social distancing.
    - Visit [rrca.on.ca](http://rrca.on.ca) for up-to-date details.
- Board approved amendments to the RRCA's Administrative By-Law to align with the recent amendments to the *Conservation Authorities Act*.



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- Board received an update on the RRCA's Best Management Practices Outreach and Education project.
  - The RRCA is offering a one-on-one advisory service to connect farmers with industry experts on best management practices, soil health and soil erosion. Farmers can request funding to offset the consultation fees of the industry experts by submitting an application form for review by the initiative's steering committee.
  - The RRCA is also offering virtual workshops and tours:
    - August 4, 2021: Soil Health and Erosion Workshop
    - August 11, 2021: Buffers, Windbreaks & Wetlands Workshop
    - August 18, 2021: Agricultural Tools & Funding Workshop
    - November 2021: Virtual on-farm tours (details TBC)
- Board received an update on the RRCA's forestry programs. The RRCA will be planting over 60,000 trees in the region in 2021. In partnership with Forests Ontario, the RRCA will be offering tree planting grants to landowners again in 2021/2022.
- Board approved the 2021/2022 tree planting services fee schedule.

**Next RRCA Board meeting date: September 16, 2021**