



**Grand River Conservation Authority
Addendum - General Meeting**

Friday, November 22, 2024

9:30 a.m.

Hybrid Meeting of the General Membership

GRCA Administration Centre

Zoom Virtual Meeting

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Subject: FOI results prove MNR Niska grant was for Conservation lands
Date: November 19, 2024 8:04:27 PM
Attachments: [FOI-2402-Release Documents - SWatson.pdf](#)

Chair White and members of the GRCA Board:

Several weeks ago, I filed a Freedom of Information Request for the original GRCA application to the Ministry of Natural Resources for the grant to acquire the former Kortright Waterfowl Park (Niska) lands.

Among the documents I received was a letter from Leo Bernier, Minister of Natural Resources to Ron Fox Secretary – Treasurer of the GRCA; the letter, dated January 31 1977, announces the approval by the Minister of the purchase of the Kortright Waterfowl Park lands by the GRCA. These FOI results and that letter are attached to this email.

The heading of the letter specifies the approved project to be: **Valley Land Acquisition – Hanlon Creek Conservation Area** . The approval from the MNR includes a grant of \$160,000 toward the \$320,000 cost of the land purchase.

I submitted a second FOI to Ms. Spencer, asking for the "*particulars and conditions of approval*" attached to the letter, but Ms. Spencer informed me that these documents were not attached to the Minister's letter and directed me to make an inquiry to the Ministry of Natural Resources or the Provincial Archives.

Despite the clear statement by Minister Bernier that the purchase of the Kortright Waterfowl Park lands was to form part of the Hanlon Creek Conservation Area, (which statement is confirmed by GRCA Minutes and GRCA statements at the time of purchase and in a GRCA Factsheet of 2014) the GRCA has persisted in asserting that the Niska lands were acquired for the Hespeler Dam project and since that project has been mothballed, the Niska Lands are no longer necessary for the original reason for purpose.

The assertion that the Niska Lands were purchased for the Hespeler Reservoir project is completely false. As confirmed by Minister Bernier's letter the purchase of both the Kortright Waterfowl Park lands and the earlier purchase of adjacent lands from the Hanlon estate were made to bring these keystone properties into the Hanlon Creek Conservation Area.

The purchase of the Kortright Waterfowl Park lands in 1977 was the culmination of a series of reports that identified the importance of these lands in the formation of the Hanlon Creek Conservation Area.

In addition to the MNR grant for this Conservation Area, it is well-documented that the City of Guelph contributed 30-40% of the purchase price.

The 1968 Preliminary Report of the Hanlon's Creek Basin, the 1972 Hanlon Creek Ecological Study and the 1975 Interim Master Planning Study all recognized the keystone role of the Niska Lands in providing access to nature within the Hanlon Creek Conservation Area. The 1975 Interim Planning Study identified the whole area of the Kortright Park lands, with specific mention of the upland cultivated fields, as being included in the proposed wildlife viewing area.

Every step of the process for establishing the Hanlon Creek Conservation Area was led by the City of Guelph with the intention that these lands would be protected in perpetuity for future generations of Guelphites. The GRCA, acting on its mandate to provide land for access to nature, provided valuable assistance in technical planning in addition to access to provincial financial support.

It is now widely recognized that providing Green and Blue Spaces for access to nature is a vital contributor to community and individual health. Our City is now facing down a 174 ha parkland shortage relative to population by 2051. No one can assert that either parkland or conservation land is "no longer needed."

In the public engagement conducted as part of the recent Conservation Area Strategy, the most common request was **"Don't sell off conservation land"**, followed by, **"You need to acquire more conservation land."**

The GRCA's fabrication of a false narrative to justify selling off the Niska lands is shocking. These lands were Purchased by the GRCA to provide access to nature and are to be protected in perpetuity.

The GRCA needs to correct the false narrative being propagated about the Niska Lands and instead collaborate with the City of Guelph to fulfill the vision of the Hanlon Creek Master Plan and to carry out your own mission statement to "provide access to outdoor spaces."

Sincerely,

Susan Watson

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Eowyn Spencer** <espencer@grandriver.ca>

Date: Fri, 18 Oct 2024 at 11:06

Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Request

To: Susan Watson

Hi Susan, Please see the attached the decision letter and release notice/documents related to your FOI request.

If you have any further questions, or to obtain printed copies, please feel free to contact me directly.

Kind regards,

[Eowyn Spencer](#)

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From: Susan Watson

Sent: Sunday, September 22, 2024 8:38 AM

To: Eowyn Spencer <espencer@grandriver.ca>

Subject: Freedom of Information Request

Ms. Eowyn Spencer

Freedom of Information Coordinator

Grand River Conservation Authority

400 Clyde Rd. PO Box 729

Cambridge, ON N1R 5W6

Dear Ms. Spencer:

I understand that amongst your many roles, you are also the Freedom of Information Coordinator for the GRCA.

I would like to request a copy of the application made to the Ministry of Natural Resources by the GRCA for MNR funds towards the purchase of the 116 acres of the former Kortright Waterfowl Park property (Ontario Waterfowl Research Foundation) in Guelph. The application was likely submitted to the MNR in 1976 or very early in 1977.

An archival article from the February 2, 1977 issue of the Guelph Mercury (attached) announced that a \$160,000 grant had been received from the Ministry of Natural Resources to cover the Province's 50% share of the property purchase price of \$320,000.

The application may state that the purchase is related to the Guelph Valleylands project, the Hanlon Creek Conservation Area or the Hespeler Dam Project.

I am happy to provide credit card information over the phone for payment of the \$5 application fee at your convenience.

Thank you in advance for your help with this matter.

Sincerely,

Susan Watson



October 21, 2024

Susan Watson

by email: susanejwatson@gmail.com

RE: Freedom of Information Request 2024-02

As noted in the decision letter regarding the above-mentioned Freedom of Information Request, your fee for receiving copies of our records has been waived.

Our file search identified eight (8) pages of documents and maps in response to your request, and we determined that your request identified two separate matters as described below:

One, being a purchase of property in 1977 in the amount of \$320,000 with a 50% Provincial Grant.

Two, being a copy of the application made to the Ministry of Natural Resources by the GRCA for Provincial funds towards the purchase of the 116 acres of the former Kortright Waterfowl Park property (Ontario Waterfowl Research Foundation) in Guelph.

We were unable to locate an original grant application, however, we did locate a Minister's Approval from 1977 for a land acquisition related to Hanlon's Creek Conservation Area in the dollar amount you identified in your request. A map or description of the property was not located with respect to this file. A map showing the boundary of the lands identified in the 1982 Hanlon's Creek Conservation Area Master Plan has been provided to illustrate the large area of related lands acquired throughout the 1970s.

Additionally, we located confirmation of the 116-acre property acquired in 1977 from the Ontario Waterfowl Research Foundation and the financial details of that process. A map has been provided to illustrate the properties.

All records noted above are enclosed.

Should you have any further questions, please reach out to me directly.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eowyn Spencer".

Eowyn Spencer
Supervisor of Administrative Services



Office of the
Minister

Ministry of
Natural
Resources

416/965-1301

Whitney Block
Queen's Park
Toronto Ontario

Mr. Ron Fox
Secretary - Treasurer
Grand River Conservation Authority
P.O. Box 729
Cambridge, Ontario
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Dear Mr. Fox:

Project: Valley Land Acquisition - Hanlon Creek Conservation Area

I am pleased to inform you that I have approved the above-mentioned project in accordance with Section 23 and have authorized a grant under Section 39 of The Conservation Authorities Act, R.S.O. 1970, as shown below.

Date of letter of request for grant	November 4, 1976
Grant authorized under	M/A 55/77
Total cost	\$ 320,000.00
Rate of grant	50 per cent
Grant not to exceed	\$ 160,000.00

Please refer to the attached copy of the Report to Management Board for further particulars and conditions of approval.

You are advised, however, that before any work is proceeded with, the instructions on page C-2 of the Manual of Information regarding plans and specifications and tenders for contracts must be complied with.

The amount of regular grant payable by the Ministry on this and other projects in any year will be subject to the limitations imposed by the funding allocation to the Authority for that year. Should there be any conflict between funding requirements for grant approvals and funding allocations in any year, the latter will apply.

Yours sincerely,

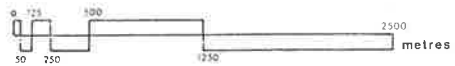
Leo Bemier
Minister

Attach.



HANLON CREEK CONSERVATION AREA

MASTER PLAN

Scale:  metres

Project Boundary: 

FP 11-10

Harris, White, Matlow, Miller & Harris

Barristers and Solicitors

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George R. Ingram, B.A., LL.B./Paul M. Mann, P.A., LL.B.

Reply to: J.M. Harris, Jr
February 1st, 1977

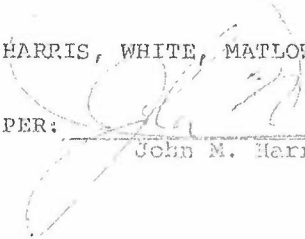
CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

We, HARRIS, WHITE, MATLOW, MILLER & HARRIS, Solicitors, certify that GRAND RIVER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY is the registered owner of the lands described in Schedules "A" and "B" hereto, comprising 116 acres, more or less, in fee simple, free of encumbrances, subject to the following:

1. first mortgage in favour of Ontario Waterfowl Research Foundation in the amount of \$240,000,
2. the bed of the Speed River as it flows through the property and designated as Parts 4 and 6 of reference plan 61-R-1483 being vested in the Crown,
3. the boundaries, acreage and dimensions of these lands and premises being located and confirmed by way of further survey and what defects such further survey would show,

the said parcel being acquired from ONTARIO WATERFOWL RESEARCH FOUNDATION at a purchase price of \$300,000 by a deed to it dated the 26th day of January, 1977 and registered the 27th day of January, 1977 as instrument 182018 in the Registry Office of Wellington South (No. 61).

HARRIS, WHITE, MATLOW, MILLER & HARRIS

PER: 

 John M. Harris

SCHEDULE A

ALL AND SINGULAR those certain parcels or tracts of land and premises situate, lying and being the whole of Clergy Reserve Lot Number Twelve (12) in the Sixth Concession being partly in the City of Guelph (formerly in the Township of Puslinch) and partly in the Township of Puslinch, in the County of Wellington, and the whole of Clergy Reserve Lot Number Thirteen (13) in the Sixth Concession, in the City of Guelph (formerly in the Township of Puslinch), in the County of Wellington, containing by admeasurement sixty-two (62) acres of land more or less and more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at the Southeast angle of Lot number thirteen (13);

THENCE North sixteen (16) degrees West along the division line between said lot number thirteen (13) and Lot number fourteen (14) twenty-six (26) chains, thirty (30) links (1735.8 feet) more or less to the limit between the Townships of Guelph and Puslinch;

THENCE South forty-five (45) degrees West along said Town line forty-five (45) chains (2970 feet) more or less to the Westerly angle of Lot number twelve (12);

THENCE North Seventy-seven (77) degrees, Fifteen (15) minutes East along the Southerly limit of said Lots twelve (12) and thirteen (13) to the place of beginning.

AND SECONDLY

ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the City of Guelph (formerly in the Township of Guelph), in the County of Wellington and being composed of a part of Lot number nine (9) in the Fifth Concession of Division "G" containing three and one-half acres be and the same more or less and which may be more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at a point on the road between the Township of Puslinch and the Township of Guelph on the Southerly boundary of said Lot number 9 adjacent to the adjoining Lot number thirteen (13) and fourteen (14) in the Township of Puslinch and being distant South-westerly 700 feet from the Easterly angle of said lot number thirteen (13);

THENCE Northeasterly along the said Southerly boundary of said Lot Number nine (9), 960 feet to a point;

THENCE North ten (10) degrees West 315 feet to a point;

THENCE South thirty (30) degrees West 1,000 feet to the place of beginning;

SAVE AND EXCEPT PARTS 1, 2, 3 and 4 of REFERENCE PLAN 61-R-152 which lands were previously conveyed by registered instrument M-105159 to The Corporation of the City of Guelph and instrument M-105195 to University Village (Guelph) Limited.

AND THIRDLY

ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the City of Guelph (formerly in the Township of Puslinch), in the County of Wellington and being composed of part of the North part of the Broken Front Lot number twelve (12) in the Fifth Concession of the said Township of Puslinch, containing fifty-four acres more or less and being more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at the Northerly angle of said Lot twelve (12);

THENCE Southeasterly along the Northeast limit of said lot sixteen (16) chains, ninety-two and one-half links (1117.05 feet) more or less to a point in the last-mentioned limit one-third (1/3) the distance to the centre of the said concession;

THENCE at right angles to the last course to the centre of the main channel of the River Speed;

THENCE upstream Northerly, Westerly and Northerly along the centre of the main channel to the Northwesterly limit of said Lot 12;

THENCE Northeasterly along the last-mentioned limit to the place of beginning.

AND FOURTHLY

ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises, situate, lying and being in the City of Guelph (formerly in the Township of Puslinch), and County of Wellington and being composed of the North part of the North half of Lot thirteen (13) in the Fifth Concession of the said Township more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at the Northerly angle of said Lot thirteen (13);

THENCE Southeasterly along the Northeast limit of said lot, sixteen (16) chains, ninety-two and one-half (92½) links (1117.05 feet) more or less to a point in the last-mentioned limit one-third (1/3) the distance to the centre of the said Concession;

THENCE Westerly and parallel to the road allowance between the Fifth (5th) and Sixth (6th) Concessions to the Southwesterly limit of said Lot;

THENCE Northwesterly and along the said last-mentioned limit to the Westerly angle of said Lot;

THENCE Northeasterly along the road allowance between the Fifth (5th) and Sixth (6th) Concession to the place of beginning.

SAVE AND EXCEPT lands shown as PARTS 2, 12 and 13 on REFERENCE PLAN 61-R-1483 conveyed to THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GUELPH by registered instrument number 182015.

SCHEDULE "B"

ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being

FIRSTLY - the whole of Clergy Reserve Lot 12 in the 6th Concession being partly in the City of Guelph (formerly in the Township of Puslinch) and partly in the Township of Puslinch, in the County of Wellington, and the whole of Clergy Reserve Lot 13 in the 6th Concession, in the City of Guelph (formerly in the Township of Puslinch) and more particularly designated as PARTS 5, 6 and 7 on REFERENCE PLAN 61-R-1483;

SECONDLY - in the City of Guelph (formerly in the Township of Guelph) in the County of Wellington and being composed of part of Lot 9 in the 5th Concession of Division "G" and more particularly designated as PART 11 on REFERENCE PLAN 61-R-1483; SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT shown as PART 1 of REFERENCE PLAN 61-R-752.

THIRDLY - in the City of Guelph (formerly in the Township of Puslinch) in the County of Wellington and being composed of part of the north part of the Broken Front Lot 12 in the 5th Concession of said Township and more particularly designated as PARTS 3 and 4 on REFERENCE PLAN 61-R-1483;

FOURTHLY - in the City of Guelph (formerly in the Township of Puslinch) and County of Wellington and being composed of the north part of the north half of Lot 13 in the 5th Concession of said Township and more particularly designated as PART 1 on REFERENCE PLAN 61-R-1483;

FIFTHLY - in the City of Guelph (formerly in the Township of Puslinch) in the County of Wellington and being composed of part of Lot 14 in the 6th Concession of said Township and more particularly designated as PART 8 on REFERENCE PLAN 61-R-1483;

SUBJECT TO an easement as more particularly designated as PART 5 on REFERENCE PLAN 61-R-752;

SIXTHLY - part of the original road allowance between the Townships of Guelph and Puslinch, now in the City of Guelph and closed by by-law 365 (registered instrument # 148) and more particularly designated as PART 9 on REFERENCE PLAN 61-R-1483;



SUBJECT TO an easement more particularly designated



Item 1-Niska Land Holdings



Legend

-  Municipal Boundary (GRCA)
-  Park - Local (GRCA)



Map Centre (UTM NAD83 z17): 560,781.47 4,817,071.77

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FP14

FLOOD PLAIN - GUELPH Hanlon's Creek
W. 3.9

Year
Required Grant
Rate

Property No.	Vendor	TOPO MAP	Price	Deed No.	Acreage	Accumulated Acreage	Year	Grant Rate
FP14-1	David Smith	TRAN 40P	250,000.00	M111471	356	356		
FP14-2	Estate Henry A. Hanlon	9E 40P	120,000.00	M109568	42.435	42.435	1971	65%
FP14-2	Guelph Woodlands Rtd	9E 40P	219,923.25	M119889	92.956	135.391	1972	60%
FP14-3	Margaret Ann M. (Estate)	60P	345,382.50	M126049	98.153	233.544	1973	60%
FP14-4	Grant B. Smith et al. (Estate)	60P	281,550.60	M127930	104.275	337.819	1973	60%
FP14-5	Juniper Van de Vrie		645,100.00	140249	25.307	363.626	1974	65%
FP14-6	G.R.C.A. - Corp. City of Guelph (Easment)		.100	148461	-	363.626	1974	65%
FP14-7	G.R.C.A. - Corp. City of Guelph (Easment)		.100	148460	-	363.626	1974	65%
FP14-8	University Village (Guelph) Ltd		36,000.00	149302	10. -	373.626	1976	60%
FP14-9	Hanlon Park Developments Ltd		195,669.00	169385	65.223	438.849	1976	60%
10	Ontario Wetland Research Committee		300,000.00	182018	116.	554.849	1977	60%
FP14-11	Major Holdings & Developments Ltd		266,028.00	194416	69.676	623.525	1977	60%
FP14-12	Major Holdings & Developments Ltd		7434.00	196995	2.475	626.000	1978	64%
FP14-13	City of Guelph + GRCA		2.00	(8000)		626.002	1979	65%
FP14-14	Easment Agreement + Deal			264791				
FP14-14	George Selous & Son Malton		25000.00	228194	9.935	635.938	1980	65%
FP14-14	GRCA			quiet claim deed 531420			1980	65%
FP14-15	Hanlon Park Developments Ltd		2500.98	250098	5.633	641.571	1982	64%
FP14-16	GRCA to Hanlon Park Dev. Ltd		-	O.C. 2994/91	(2.093)	639.478	1982	65%
FP14-17	Univ. Village (Guelph) Ltd		9,900. -	267808	11.56	650.943	1983	64%
FP14-18	District Trust Co. (Smith & Son)		215,254.39	279079	117.459	768.402	1984	65%
FP14-19	GRCA to City of Guelph (Easment)		2.00	264719	-	768.402	1983	64%
FP14-20	GRCA to City of Guelph		2511.00	232984	(3.837)	764.565	1984	65%
FP14-21	GRCA to Ellen & Marjorie Juby		Copy only account	0.0341/1984	(.053)	764.512	1985	65%
FP14-22	Gift to Guelph C. Ltd		58,000. -	(Mfg. Dev. Village FP14-23)	(.560)	763.952	1987	N/A
FP14-23	GRCA to City of Guelph		2.00	504531		763.952	1988	N/A
FP14-24	Henry Hanlon		25,000.00	635693	2.365	766.285	1990	
FP14-25	GRCA s/t 508067 Ont. Ltd.		2.00	639600	.010	766.275	1991	
FP14-25	GRCA s/t C. of Guelph		2.00	688250	--	766.275	1993	
FP14-26	City of Guelph		2. -	119323	.059	766.334	1994	
FP14-28	Ministry of Transportation		750. -	Ex 100	(.174)	766.211	1996	



environmental
defence

November 20, 2024

Provincial Planning Policy Branch
13th Flr, 777 Bay St
Toronto, Ontario M7A 2J3

Sent by email to: espencer@grandriver.ca,
 All GRCA Board Members

Re: November 22 GRCA Meeting, Item 17- Legal Status of Kortright Waterfowl Park

Attention Chair White and Members of the Grand River Conservation Board of Directors,

I am writing on behalf of Environmental Defence to remind you that it would not, at present, be legally permissible for the Grand River Conservation Authority to sell, declare surplus or otherwise convey any of the GRCA lands which constituted the historic Kortright Waterfowl Park. For clarity, these are the same lands occasionally referred to in GRCA meetings as the “Niska Land Holdings”.

As you are aware, the Grand River Conservation Authority’s *Land Disposition Policies and Procedures* prohibit any disposition of GRCA lands unless the proposed disposition has first been reviewed and found to be compliant with all the terms of the original acquisition. In particular, clause 1.4 of the *General Policies* prescribes that “1.4 The terms of the original acquisition shall be reviewed for compliance and consideration.”

The GRCA cannot at present sell, declare surplus or otherwise convey the relevant lands because it does not *have* the terms of the original acquisition. A recent Freedom of Information Request revealed the original acquisition (attached) was broadly for “Valley Land Acquisition - Hanlon Creek Conservation Area”, but the document (from then Minister Leo Bernier) specified that specific “Further particulars and conditions” were contained in “the attached copy of the Report to Management Board”. However, GRCA Supervisor of Administrative Services Eowyn Spencer admitted in response to the request that the GRCA was unable to locate those particulars and conditions. The GRCA referred the applicant to the MNR or the Ontario archives because it did not have the relevant documents.

Since the GRCA admits that it does not have the specific terms of the original acquisition, it cannot review any decision regarding the relevant lands for compliance with them. That means it cannot sell, declare surplus or otherwise convey them.

As a side-note, the documents revealed by this FIPPA request indicate the Kortright Waterfowl Park/”Niska Land Holdings” were not in fact acquired for the Hespeler Dam project. The document specifies that the acquisition was for “Valley Land Acquisition - Hanlon Creek Conservation Area”.

It is important to note also, that in our view the GRCA is likely also prohibited from making a decision to dispose of or surplus these lands by the MNRs directives for land acquired with MNR funding. Pursuant to 1.1 of the *Land Disposition Policies and Procedures* "The disposition of property must fulfill the objects of the GRCA in compliance with the Conservation Authorities Act and other applicable provincial policies and guidelines."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Phil Pothen". The signature is stylized with overlapping loops and a horizontal line at the end.

Phil Pothen, J.D., M.L.A.
Counsel, Land Use and Land Development Program Manager
Ontario Environment Program Manager
Environmental Defence