



Grey Sauble Conservation Authority

Minutes

**Full Authority Board of Directors
Wednesday, May 13th, 2015 – 1:15 p.m.**

The Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors meeting was held at the Conservation Authority Administration Centre located on Inglis Falls Road.

1. Call to Order

Chair Dick Hibma called the meeting to order.

Directors Present

Jaden Calvert, Paul Eagleson, Craig Gammie, Shawn Greig, Dick Hibma, Marion Koepke, Cathy Little, Al Barfoot, Harley Greenfield, and John McGee

Director Absent – Ryan Thompson

Staff Present – John Cottrill, Doreen Robinson, Alison Armstrong, John Bittorf, Krista McKee, and Chris Hachey

Media - Ms. McCormack - Bayshore Broadcasting

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion No.:	Moved by:	Al Barfoot
FA-15-052	Seconded by:	Jaden Calvert

THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors approve the agenda of May 13th, 2015, with the addition of Item 8 a) Water Management - DWSP.

Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

The Directors were reminded to disclose any pecuniary interest that may arise during the course of the meeting. No disclosures of pecuniary interest were expressed at this time.

4. Approval of Minutes

a) Full Authority - April 15th, 2015

Motion No.:	Moved by:	Shawn Greig
FA-15-053	Seconded by:	Jaden Calvert

THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors approve the Full Authority minutes of April 15th, 2015, amended by deleting the following on Page Twelve

"Upon no further amending motions being brought forward, Motion FA-15-049 is now to be decided; and Motion No. FA15-049 - THAT the Administrative Guidelines dated April 1st, 2015, be adopted, as revised."

Carried

Carried

Any comments on the Administrative Guidelines should be forwarded to John Cottrill as soon as possible so these Guidelines can be discussed at the June BOD's meeting.

5. Deputations

a) 1:15 p.m. - Collins Barrow, Chartered Accountants - 2014 Audit

Susan Braggs of Collins Barrow, Chartered Professional Accountants, reviewed with the Directors the aspects of the 2014 Audit of Grey Sauble Conservation Authority as prepared by their firm.

b) 1:45 p.m. - Carlin Val, Rock Climbing at West Rocks Conservation Area

Carlin Val, of "At Last Adventures", a certified environmental science teacher and Rock Climbing Guide made a presentation to the Board on a proposal for rock climbing at the West Rocks.

For the past 13 years Carlin has promoted and taught low impact rock climbing in Ontario, Alberta, British Columbia, and the Yukon. In his travels he has met many recreationalists and has become aware of the strong presence of rock climbers (local, and tourist) in the Owen Sound and surrounding area.

Carlin is proposing that the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority allow Rock Climbing in the West Rocks Conservation Area, and encourage safe and responsible use of this site (specifically referring to the old quarry section which is not as environmentally fragile as other cliffs along the Niagara Escarpment). Access is from 7th and 8th Streets West. He strongly believes this would decrease the impact of climbers accessing and developing routes in more sensitive areas and that the potential infrastructure (trails, bolt anchors, trail maps and literature) could significantly reduce the risk and liability to recreationalists and the environment.

"At Last Adventures" operates a Day Camp which provides adventure-based therapy programs designed for youth and families in need of support with a professional and caring staff. Connections with nature and the discovery of limitless ability is inspired by the organization.

The Board thought the proposal has huge potential and applauded Mr. Val on his proposal. The Niagara Escarpment Commission would need to be contacted to see what permits are required. The City of Owen Sound will also be contacted to make the City aware of his proposal, with the possibility of making a presentation to City Council. Emergency agencies would be made aware of the program.

A list of actions needed: check with regards to insurance, contact the Niagara Escarpment Commission, contact emergency services, scope out any environmental concerns and work through all the components, signage being established for the climbing site, and vehicle parking options to be explored with the City and School Board.

Motion No.: **Moved by:** **Jaden Calvert**
FA-15-055 **Seconded by:** **Cathy Little**

THAT Grey Sauble Conservation staff be authorized to bring back a report addressing the concerns and issues from the proposal of Carlin Val of At Last Adventures with regards to rock climbing at Grey Sauble Conservation's West Rocks Conservation Area, with a recommendation to support his endeavours.

Carried

6. **Business Out of Minutes** - nothing at this time
7. **Correspondence** - nothing at this time
8. **Business Items**
 - a) Water Management
 - 1) Drinking Water Source Protection

Fifteen years ago a devastating event occurred in Walkerton, Ontario, where people died and others were severely ill due to contamination of a water source. Following this tragedy, a department called Drinking Water Source Protection was established and has been operating for eight years. A committee has been formed and through regular meetings are establishing plans to ensure safe water sources. The working group Management Committee includes representatives from North Bruce Peninsula, Grey Sauble Conservation, and Saugeen Valley Conservation. John Cottrill, Dick Hibma, and Harley Greenfield are part of this Committee. An agreement has been entered into with consultants to develop a plan which includes an assessment report, threats to our water systems and proposed actions. Requests for proposals have been sent out on technical work. Interviews have been held for the position of Project Manager for DWSP. By the end of next week, notifications will be sent out for the assessment report and the updated Source Protection plan. The Source Protection Authority Committee will meet on June 10th to receive these two reports and to consider if we have satisfactorily gone through the process. If we are satisfied, the reports would be sent to the Ministry

of Environment for review and approval, with implementation to follow. The Source Protection Authority Committee will be asked to make a decision on June 10th, 2015. The plans will be submitted to the Minister of Environment in mid-July. After MOE approval, it is then forwarded to municipalities. Reservations were expressed about Bruce Nuclear and the deep geological repository.

b) Environmental Planning

1) Section 28 Permits - April 2015

Motion No.:	Moved by:	Harley Greenfield
FA-15-056	Seconded by:	Jaden Calvert

THAT the list of permits under Ontario Regulation 151/06 - "Development, Interference, with Wetlands and Alteration to Shoreline and Watercourses Regulation", for April 2015, be received by the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors.

Carried

c) Lands Update - nothing at this time

d) Forestry, Fish and Wildlife

1) Annual Tree Sale which was held on Saturday, April 25th, 2015

\$18,386.00 was made at the Annual Tree Sale held on Saturday, April 25th, 2015, compared to \$15,272.00 in 2014. The Foundation's food both made \$500.00 in 2015 compared to \$400.00 in 2014.

e) Communications/Public Relations - nothing at this time

f) Administration

1) Receipts and Expenses - April 2015

Motion No.: **Moved by:** **John McGee**
FA-15-057 **Seconded by:** **Shawn Greig**

THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors approve the receipts and expenses for April 2015.

Carried

A question was raised with regards to sending documents to municipalities using a courier service. Doreen will contact the watershed municipalities to see what preference they have for sending documents either via courier, postal mail, or e-mail.

2) Year to Date for first quarter 2015

Alison Armstrong reviewed with the Directors, year to date for the first quarter of the 2015 budget.

Motion No.: **Moved by:** **Marion Koepke**
FA-15-058 **Seconded by:** **Shawn Greig**

THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation receive the Year to Date first quarter of the 2015 budget report.

Carried

9. In Camera Items - nothing at this time

10. Chairman's Report

The following is a report from Dick Hibma, Chair, GSCA. Since our last meeting on April 15th I have attended the AGM for the Grey Sauble Conservation Foundation, extending greetings and gratitude for the work of the Foundation board and its volunteers, as well as encouraging them in their efforts going forward.

I also joined John Cottrill in attending and participating in the Green Spaces Planning Review workshop held on April 18th at the Bayshore Community Centre here in Owen Sound. This provincial review of the legislation for the Niagara Escarpment Plan, the Places to Grow, Oak Ridges Moraine, and the Green Belt is hosting workshops around the province to gather public input to this review process.

Vice-Chair Greenfield and CAO John Cottrill and I also attended a meeting of the Drinking Water Source Protection Management Committee on April 22nd to determine a path forward for hiring a new Project Manager for the initiative, and to consider issuance of an RFP for further technical work to further the science of the planning.

I joined many of you in volunteering at the Annual Tree Sale on Saturday April 2th - a very successful event.

Last Wednesday, Krista and I met with an award winning photographer, Mark Zelinski, who is developing a project to capture the features, history, and people of the Niagara Escarpment. We anticipate more information from Mr. Zelinski in the very near future.

On Thursday, May 7th I participated with Wayne Brohman, CAO of Saugeen Conservation, Mike Traynor, Chair of the DWSP Committee, and Bill Jones, CAO of Northern Bruce Peninsula in conducting interviews for the DWSP Project Manager position.

On Friday, May 8th I joined John Cottrill in attending the DWSP Committee meeting at Saugeen Conservation in Formosa where they worked through the last of the comments received and the changes required to the Updated Proposed Source

Protection Plan, and authorized circulation of the UPSPP to the 3 partner Source Protection Authorities.

On Monday May 11th I attended a hike and ribbon cutting to mark the official opening of the new boardwalk section at Hibou Conservation Area thanks to the efforts of the Friends of Hibou, led by Bob Knapp.

And just this morning a teleconference meeting was held of the DWSP Management Committee to consider recommendations for the Project Manager posting, as well as the preferred respondent to the RFP referenced earlier.

11. Other Business

- a) Foundation Minutes from AGM - April 15th, 2015
- b) Foundation Minutes - Regular meeting - April 15th, 2015

Motion No.: **Moved by:** **Marion Koepke**
FA-15-059 **Seconded by:** **Craig Gammie**

THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority receive the Foundation AGM Minutes and the regular Foundation minutes both dated April 15th, 2015.

Carried

- c) Next Meetings -
 - i) Wednesday, June 10th, 2015 at 1:15 p.m.
(Orientation Meeting at 12:30 p.m.)
 - ii) July - no meeting
 - iii) Wednesday, August 12th, 2015, at 1:15 p.m.

- d) The following information materials were handed out
 - i) Long Point Region and Grand River Conservation Authorities extend an invitation to attend the Biennial Tour being held in Brantford from September 20th - 23rd, 2015.
 - ii) The 2014 Conservation Ontario Annual Report entitled Risk to Resiliency.
 - iii) The Healthy Lake Huron Summer 2015 Newsletter
 - iv) The Spring 2015 What Water Wants Newsletter developed by The Beaver River Watershed Initiative.

- e) Request from former Board of Director - Al Barfoot has been approached by Bob Lennox, former Board of Director representing Township of Georgian Bluffs, with regards to the status of placing solar lighting at the bottom of Jones Falls. Bob also wanted trees cut down with the lights showcasing the Falls.

Every summer people visiting Inglis Falls make the attempt to climb over the Falls. The Inter-Township Fire Department spends valuable time trying to rescue these people. Perhaps signage could be placed indicating the number of accidents that have taken place with people trying to climb over the Falls. It was also suggested that "No Trespassing" signs could be placed with the sign stating that any people attempting to go over the falls will be arrested.

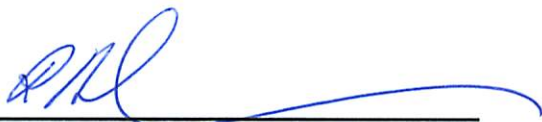
12. Adjournment

Motion No.: **Moved by:** **Al Barfoot**
FA-15-060 **Seconded by:** **Craig Gammie**


THAT this meeting now adjourn.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.



Dick Hibma, Chairman



Doreen Robinson
Administrative Assistant