



Grey Sauble Conservation Authority

Minutes

Full Authority Board of Directors- Wednesday, March 9th, 2016 – 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, Harley Greenfield, Dick Hibma, Cathy Little, and John McGee

Directors Absent – Al Barfoot, Shawn Greig, Marion Koepke, Ryan Thompson, and Ana Vukovic

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

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion No.: **Moved by:** **Harley Greenfield**
FA-16-032 **Seconded by:** **Cathy Little**

THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors approve the agenda of March 9th, 2016, with the following additions. Under Item #6) b) Correspondence - Letter from Tara Rotary Club re: pedestrian bridge across Sauble River in Tara; Under Item 10) Other Business - Addition of b) Report from Drinking Water Source Protection; - Addition of c) Foundation Earth Film Festival; d) Cancellation of Summer Job Service Funding.

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 - February 10th, 2016

Motion No.:	Moved by:	John McGee
FA-16-033	Seconded by:	Harley Greenfield

THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors approve the Full Authority minutes of February 10th, 2016.

Carried

5. Business Out of Minutes - nothing at this time

6. Correspondence

a) Letter from Bill Mauro, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry
re: Phragmites

A letter from Bill Mauro, Minister of Natural Resources, advises that the Ontario government shares Grey Sauble Conservation's concerns regarding the threat that phragmites poses to our natural resources, biodiversity and economy of Ontario. He commended the work of Grey Sauble Conservation to encourage and facilitate collaboration in the management of phragmites in Ontario. In November of 2015, the government passed the Invasive Species Act to combat the ecological and economic threats that invasive species pose to our natural environment. In January 2016 the MNRF submitted an emergency use registration application to

PMRA to enable aerial application of a herbicide in shoreline and wetland areas in a pilot project at Long Point and Rondeau Bay.

Grey County and Grey Sauble Conservation are working together to secure funding from the Province or Federal Government to have students do work on the inventory of the phragmites.

Kate Monk of the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority, as a Conservation Ontario representative, is a part of a phragmites working group. Bruce Power has an environmental department that could be contacted to discuss the possibility of their participation.

b) Letter from Tara Rotary Club re: Pedestrian Bridge over Sauble River in Tara

Ben Rier, President, Tara Rotary Club, has addressed a letter to Grey Sauble Conservation, with attached permit application, for the possibility of the construction of a pedestrian bridge across the Sauble River, with the preferred location being where Ann Street currently ends at the river. The bridge would allow for the continuation of a walking trail presently there. On the west side running parallel with River Street - Grey Sauble Conservation owns the land from the end of Ann Street to the Sauble River. On the east side, Grey Sauble Conservation owns the land immediately to the north of Ann Street (unopened).

The Council of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie has passed a resolution supporting in principle the construction of a pedestrian bridge across the Sauble River.

The bridge abutments are high enough that the bridge would be above the flood level and the location is upstream of the old Tara dam. Grey Sauble staff will advise the Rotary Club to contact the DFO, the MNRF, Transport Canada, and First Nations. The physical alteration would be just getting the structure in. The site has good access.

Motion No.: **Moved by:** **Harley Greenfield**
FA-16-034 **Seconded by:** **Cathy Little**

THAT the Tara Rotary Club be advised that the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority approves in principle the construction of a pedestrian bridge across the Sauble River in Tara, with the preferred location being where Ann Street currently ends at the river;

AND FURTHER, THAT staff collaborate with the Rotary Club with regards to any further course of action the Club needs to undertake to continue application for the project.

Carried

7. Deputation

- 1) 2:00 p.m. - Sue Bragg, Collins Barrow, Auditors re: GSCA Year End Audit for 2015

Sue Bragg, Collins Barrow, Chartered Professional Accountants, reviewed with the Board of Directors, the year-end audit review for Grey Sauble Conservation Authority for 2015. The statement of operations, statement of change in net financial assets and cash flow statement for the year ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information was reviewed. The Board Members asked various questions. Two changes were noted and will be made to this document.

Motion No.: **Moved by:** **Cathy Little**
FA-016-035 **Seconded by:** **Jaden Calvert**

THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors receive as a "draft", the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority's Year-End Audit for the year 2015 as prepared by Collins Barrow, Chartered Professional Accountants, with further discussion at the April BOD's meeting.

Carried

Copies will be circulated to Directors who are not present at today's meeting.

8. Business Items

- a) Water Management - nothing at this time
- b) Environmental Planning
 - 1) Section 28 Permits - February 2016

Motion No.: **Moved by:** **Jaden Calvert**
FA-16-036 **Seconded by:** **Cathy Little**

THAT the list of permits under Ontario Regulation 151/06 - "Development, Interference, with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation, for February 2016, be received by the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors.

Carried

- c) Lands Update
 - 1) Classic Car Hill Climb - September 16th & 17th, 2016

Grey Sauble staff have met with representatives from the City of Owen Sound and the Township of Georgian Bluffs with regards to the Classic Car Hill Climb scheduled for September 16th, and 17th, 2016. Planning for the event is progressing on schedule. The City of Owen Sound Council strongly supports the event.

- d) Forestry, Fish and Wildlife - nothing at this time

e) Communications/Public Relations

The 60th anniversary of Grey Sauble Conservation is in 2017. Directors were asked to give some thought as to whether to host an event at the 2017 AGM.

The Water Festival will be held in the third week of May this year. A grant from the Trillium Foundation has enabled the Festival to proceed in both 2016 and 2017. The Counties of Grey and Bruce may possibly be contacted in future with regards to funding towards the event. Other Water Festivals are run by Conservation Authorities. Grey Sauble and Saugeen Valley pay a co-ordinator a monthly fee.

The Forest Festival will be held in the fall.

f) Administration

1) Receipts and Expenses - February 2016

Motion No.:	Moved by:	Harley Greenfield
FA-16-037	Seconded by:	Jaden Calvert

THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors approve the receipts and expenses for February 2016.

Carried

9. Chairman's Report

Since our last meeting, as Chair, Dick Hibma has attended / participated in the following activities:

- attended DWSP Program review with MOECC and CO staff and local DWSP region staff on Feb. 11th
- along with Vice-Chair Greenfield attended DWSP Management Committee meeting on Feb. 16th
- attended AGMs for St. Clair Region CA in Coldwater, and Catfish Creek CA in Aylmer on Feb. 18th
- attended AGM for Ganaraska Region CA in Port Hope and conducted their election of officers on Feb. 25th
- attended AGM for Toronto Region CA in Toronto on Feb. 26th
- chaired GSCA Forestry meeting on Mar. 1st
- along with Vice-Chair Greenfield attended DWSP Management Committee meeting on Mar. 3rd
- participated in a webinar this morning Mar. 9th about the provincial Cap & Trade program recently announced by MOECC Minister Glen Murray
- tomorrow CAO John Cottrill and I will be attending a Queen's Park day hosted by Eleanor McMahon, Parliamentary Assistant to Minister Bill Mauro of the MNRF to engage with as many MPPs as possible to dialogue about the CA Act Review, and other matters of importance to the relationship between the CAs and the various provincial ministries

10. Other Business

a) Meeting Schedule

Regular BOD's meetings

- Wednesday, April 13th, 2016, at 1:15 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 11th, 2016, at 1:15 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 8th, 2016, at 1:15 p.m.
- JULY - NO MEETING
- Wednesday, August 10th, 2016, at 1:15 p.m.

- Wednesday, September 14th, 2016, at 1:15 p.m.
- Wednesday, October 12th, 2016, at 1:15 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 9th, 2016, at 1:15 p.m.
- Wednesday, December 14th, 2016, Christmas Luncheon at 12 noon followed by regular BOD's meeting

Forestry Committee Meetings

- Wednesday, May 25th, 2016, 5 pm to 7 pm or 6 pm to 8 pm (Regular meeting)
- Friday, September 23rd, 2016 - Tour
- Friday, November 25th, 2016 - 3 pm to 5 pm (Regular meeting)

Motion No.: **Moved by:** **Jaden Calvert**
FA-16-038 **Seconded by:** **John McGee**

THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors confirm the meeting dates as presented.

Carried

b) DWSP Report

Emily Vandermeulen, Program Supervisor, DWSP, presented the following report as prepared by Carl Seider, Project Manager, DWSP.

Administration:

An updated workplan/budget for 2016/2017 was submitted to the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) on February 20, 2016 for review. Following discussions with the MOECC and Source Protection Authority (SPA) Management Committee members, it was agreed that the staffing compliment would be adjusted to 2.6 full-time equivalent (FTE) (down from 3.0 FTE), as previously reported. The GIS/Data Specialist and Project Manager were reduced by 0.2 FTE each.

Amended Source Protection Plan:

The public consultation period was extended to March 7, 2016 to allow for a full 30-day consultation on all proposed Source Protection Plan (SPP) amendments.

As noted previously, under section 34(3) of the *Clean Water Act, 2006*, a municipal council resolution is required from affected municipalities endorsing the proposed amendments to the SPP. To date we have received resolutions from seven of the eight events-based areas (EBA)-affected municipalities. Saugeen Shores recently deferred passing a resolution until it receives a letter from its Source Protection Authority endorsing this amendment.

A Source Protection Committee meeting has been scheduled for March 18, 2016 to approve the amendments to the Source Protection Plan and direct submission to the three Source Protection Authorities. It is important to note that Source Protection Authority endorsement is required prior to submission of the amended SPP to the MOECC. Drinking Water Source Protection will be seeking endorsement from the Grey Sauble Source Protection Authority at its April 13, 2016 Board of Directors meeting.

It is anticipated that the amended Source Protection Plan will be submitted to the MOECC for review by the end of April, 2016.

Risk Management Office Update:

We have received signed Agreements from the following municipalities to conduct risk management services on their behalf: South Bruce, West Grey, Brockton, Kincardine, South Bruce Peninsula and Arran-Elderslie. We are also in the process of getting signed Agreements with Blue Mountains and Georgian Bluffs.

We have started threats verification work in South Bruce and West Grey with letters sent to all affected landowners. We are also planning to send letters to landowners in Arran-Elderslie in mid-March and Kincardine at the end of March. We are currently staging the distribution of letters to manage the number of calls that are received by this office following mail-outs.

Meetings Attended Since February 8, 2016:

Public Open House – Saugeen Shores	February 9, 2016
MOECC Tour/Program Audit	February 11, 2016
Brockton Council Meeting	February 16, 2016
Saugeen Valley CA Board Meeting	February 25, 2016
Owen Sound Council Meeting	February 29, 2016

Board Members asked various questions during the presentation.

c) Foundation Earth Film Festival

The Grey Sauble Conservation Foundation is presenting an Earth Film Festival on Thursday, April 28th, 2016, at the Roxy Theatre. Tickets are \$22.00 each and available by contacting the Roxy directly.

d) Provincial Summer Job Services Program

The Province of Ontario has cancelled its subsidized program of paying \$2.00 per hour towards wages for hiring of students for the summer. In previous years the Authority has been subsidized \$8,000.00 +/- for student summer positions. Grey Sauble staff have applied to Canada Summer Jobs for subsidy and this program will only subsidize two summer positions. Staff will contact OMAFRA to see if there are any programs available for summer staff.

Motion No.: **Moved by:** **Harley Greenfield**
FA-16-039 **Seconded by:** **Jaden Calvert**

THAT a letter, under the Chair's signature, be drafted and sent to the appropriate Ministries with regards to the cancellation of the Provincial Summer Jobs Services Program.

Carried

11. Closed Session - nothing at this time

12. Adjournment - On motion by Jaden Calvert, the meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Dick Hibma, Chairman

Doreen Robinson
Administrative Assistant