Grey Sauble Conservation Authority

Minutes
Full Authority Board of Directors
Wednesday, February 11th, 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, and Ryan Thompson

**Directors Absent** – Al Barfoot, Harley Greenfield, and John McGee

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

2. **Approval of Agenda**

Motion No.: FA-15-015
Moved by: Marion Koepke
Seconded by: Ryan Thompson

THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors approve the agenda of February 11th, 2015.

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) Amendment to Full Authority Minutes of November 12th, 2014

Motion No.: FA-15-016
Moved by: Cathy Little
Seconded by: Marion Koepke

THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors approve the Full Authority minutes of November 12th, 2014, amended as follows:

Amendment to minutes - Addition of Item 8 f 3)

   3) Draft 2015 Budget

Motion No.: FA-14-107
Moved by: Bob Lennox
Seconded by: Paul McKenzie

THAT the first draft of the 2015 Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Budget be received by the Board of Directors as information;
AND FURTHER, THAT this draft be forwarded to Watershed Municipalities.

Carried

Carried
b) Full Authority - January 14th, 2015

**Motion No.:** FA-15-017  
**Moved by:** Craig Gammie  
**Seconded by:** Shawn Greig

**THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors approve the Full Authority minutes of January 14th, 2015.**

**Carried**

5. **Business Out of Minutes**

1) 2015 Draft Budget and Budget Resolutions

During discussions on the 2015 Grey Sauble Conservation Authority draft budget a number of questions were asked by the Directors and answered by staff and other Directors pertaining to the budget process, voting process, and specific items contained in the draft budget.

The following motions were moved, seconded, and discussed, and voted on as follows:

**Moved by:** Craig Gammie  
**Seconded by:** Paul Eagleson

**THAT staff investigate a 10% reduction in the Flood Forecast/Warning portion of the budget.**

The motion was defeated. Craig Gammie was in favour.
Motion No.: FA-15-018 Moved by: Craig Gammie
Seconded by: Marion Koepke

THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors accept the staff recommendations as follows with regards to cuts in the 2015 Budget:

1) Under Capital Expenditures - cut $20,000.00 from the monies allocated towards the Spiral Staircase at Spirit Rock;

2) Under Reserve Accounts - cut $3,000.00 from SWOOP (Southwestern Ontario Orthophotography Project)

Carried

Motion No.: FA-15-019 Moved by: Craig Gammie
Seconded by: Shawn Greig

THAT staff be instructed to investigate areas in the 2015 Draft Budget where $12,862.00 could be cut;
AND FURTHER, THAT staff report back at the March meeting with recommendations for areas for this cut and what the implications would be.

Carried

Marion Koepke and Paul Eagleson were opposed to this motion.

As Marion Koepke will not be able to attend the March meeting, she advised that she is happy with the budget and the Authority has her vote to accept it.
2) 2015 Borrowing Resolution

Motion No.: Moved by: Marion Koepke
FA-15-020 Seconded by: Cathy Little

WHEREAS the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority directors may deem it necessary to borrow a sum of money, up to a maximum of $400,000.00 to meet the current expenditures of the Authority for the current year (2015), until levies and grants are received;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the signing officers of the Authority are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Authority, to borrow from time to time, by way of promissory note or banker’s acceptance, from the Bank of Montreal, a sum or sums not exceeding Four Hundred Thousand Dollars ($400,000.00) to meet the current expenditures of the Authority for the year, until the levies and grants are collected.

Carried

Item 5 (3) Draft Personnel Policy and Item 5 (4) Updated Administration Regulations were deferred until the March meeting.

6. **Correspondence** - nothing at this time

7. **Business Items**

a) Water Management - nothing at this time
b) Environmental Planning

1) Section 28 Permits - January 1st to February 1st, 2015

Motion No.: FA-15-021  Moved by: Ryan Thompson
Seconded by: Jaden Calvert

THAT the list of permits under Ontario Regulation 151/06 - "Development, Interference, with Wetlands and Alterations to Shoreline and Watercourses Regulation", for the period January 1st to February 1st, 2015, be received by the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors.

Carried

2) OMB Hearing Results

In the matter of an application for a Joint Board pursuant to section 3 of the Consolidated Hearings Act R.S.O. 1990 c.C.29, as amended regarding a proposal to create a new 9.2 ha lot to be severed from an existing 19 ha lot on lands located at Lot 2, Concession 5, Municipality of Grey Highlands, the Ontario Municipal Board ruled in favour of Grey Sauble Conservation.

c) Lands Update - nothing at this time

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

e) Communications/Public Relations - nothing at this time

f) Administration

1) Receipts and Expenses - January 2015
Motion No.:  FA-15-022  Moved by:  Craig Gammie  Seconded by:  Cathy Little

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

Carried

8.  Chairman's Report

The Chair attended the Annual General Meeting of Saugeen Valley Conservation in January. He provided comments for their new Board of Directors on their role and mandate. Issues have been in the media about Saugeen member municipalities and planning issues. Luke Charbonneau is the new Chair.

9.  Other Business

a)  Haines Dam Decommissioning

Grey Sauble made application to the Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) and the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry for funding to assist in removal of the Haines Dam. It will reduce the Authority's cost to undertake this work if funding is received from both levels of government. First Nations are on board. Construction drawings are to be approved and then the work can begin in August of 2015. Public meetings have already taken place. Residents and Town of the Blue Mountains are in support.

b)  Next Meeting - Wednesday, March 11th, 2015 at 1:15 p.m. Orientation meeting will take place at 12:30 p.m. on the same day.

10.  In Camera Items - nothing at this time
11. **Adjournment**

On motion by Marion Koepke, the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Dick Hibma, Chairman

Doreen Robinson
Administrative Assistant