



## Grey Sauble Conservation Authority

### Minutes

Full Authority Board of Directors

Wednesday, June 11th, 2014 – 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

Dick Hibma, Dave Clarke, Judy Gay, Harley Greenfield, Bob Lennox, Michael Martin, Paul McKenzie, and Mike Poetker

Directors Absent – Jan Chamberlain, Terry McKay, and Paul Eagleson

Staff Present – John Cottrill, Doreen Robinson, Alison Armstrong, John Bittorf, and Andy Sorensen

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

<b>Motion No.:</b>	<b>Moved by:</b>	<b>Michael Martin</b>
<b>FA-14-056</b>	<b>Seconded by:</b>	<b>Mike Poetker</b>

**THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors approve the agenda of June 11th, 2014, with the addition of an Item under Lands Management - Spirit Tree at Ainslie Wood.**

**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 - May 14th, 2014

<b>Motion No.:</b>	<b>Moved by:</b>	<b>Judy Gay</b>
<b>FA-14-057</b>	<b>Seconded by:</b>	<b>Harley Greenfield</b>

**THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors approve the Full Authority minutes of May 14th, 2014.**

**Carried**

**5. Business Out of Minutes – nothing at this time**

**6. Correspondence**

- 1) Letter from Township of Georgian Bluffs re: Discontinuation of Winter Control and Maintenance - Falls Road

A letter from Peter Paquette, Director of Operations, Township of Georgian Bluffs, advises that the Falls Roads is not a Township Road and is considered private infrastructure and the Township will no longer support Falls Road with staff, materials, or equipment. Road maintenance and snow removal will be discontinued. This was discussed on November 5th, 2013, between Authority and Township staff. Bob Lennox advised that Falls Road has been plowed for fifty years by the Township and the Township is now turning the road over to the Authority. There are two households on the road.

**Motion No.:**            **Moved by:**            **Michael Martin**  
**FA-14-058**            **Seconded by:**        **Dave Clarke**

**THAT an opinion from the Authority's legal counsel be obtained asking their opinion on the obligation to the property owners who live on the Falls Road if the road is not plowed as well as the legal liability.**

**Carried**

Judy Gay was opposed to Motion No. FA-14-058

**7. Business Items**

a) Water Management - nothing at this time

b) Environmental Planning

1) Section 28 Permits

**Motion No.:**            **Moved by:**            **Bob Lennox**  
**FA-14-059**            **Seconded by:**        **Mike Poetker**

**THAT the list of permits under Ontario Regulation 151/06 - "Development, Interference, with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation", for the period May 6th, 2014, to June 2nd, 2014, be received by the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors.**

**Carried**

## 2) Granting of Permission - City of Owen Sound - Ontario Regulation 151/06

The Grey Sauble Conservation Authority has received a permit application for upgrades to the existing water treatment plant on the east side of Owen Sound. Portions of the subject property are regulated under Ontario Regulation 151/06 due to proximity to Georgian Bay (Owen Sound) and the presence of a small watercourse.

Environmental Planning and Regulations staff from Grey Sauble have reviewed the various iterations of this project through the pre-consultation and site plan approval phases. All of our concerns have been addressed through these processes and we are satisfied that the issuance of this permit is in conformity with Ontario Regulation 151/06 and the applicable administrative policies.

As a general overview, with the exception of a walking trail, all development will be maintained above the existing 100 year flood lake level (117.9 m GSC) and all structural development will be maintained outside of the 15 metre setback for wave uprush and other water related hazards.

Given the scale of this project, Authority staff have reason to believe that this project will take longer than the maximum 24 month period of validity applied to staff approved permits.

Under Section 9 (1) (b) (iii) of Ontario Regulation 151/06, the Authority may grant a permit for a period of up to 60 months, if in the opinion of the Authority, the project cannot reasonably be completed within a 24 month time frame. Section 9 (11) of the Regulation requires Board approval for permits with a period of validity exceeding 24 months.

As such, staff recommend that the Board of Directors grant the issuance of this permit for a period up to, but not exceeding, 60 months.

**Motion No.:**            **Moved by:**            **Bob Lennox**  
**FA-14-060**            **Seconded by:**        **Dave Clarke**

**THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors approve the issuance of Permit Number GS14-073 (City of Owen Sound - Owner) for a period of 60 months;**

**Carried**

c)    Lands Management

1)    Spirit Tree at Ainslie Wood

A spirit tree carved, painted, and owned by Don Williams, washed up on the shoreline of Georgian Bay, in Ainslie Wood Conservation Area. Mr. Williams has signed a letter stating that he is giving the spirit tree to the Georgian Bay Metis Council, but that he retains all rights to the images. Local residents had expressed their wishes to leave the spirit tree at Ainslie Wood.

**Motion No.:**            **Moved by:**            **Judy Gay**  
**FA-14-061**            **Seconded by:**        **Mike Poetker**

**THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors acknowledge and agree to the letter signed and submitted by Don Williams, the artist of the carvings on the spirit tree found at Ainslie Wood Conservation Area, to donate the spirit tree to The Great Lakes Metis Council, with Authority staff facilitating the transfer of the tree to the Council, on the morning of Saturday, June 14th, 2014, when that date is confirmed.**

**Carried**

The Chair and staff will be present during the transfer to talk to any concerned neighbours in the area about the transfer.

- d) Forestry, Fish, and Wildlife - nothing at this time
- e) Communications/Public Relations - nothing at this time
- f) Administration
  - 1) Receipts and Expenses - May 2014

<b>Motion No.:</b>	<b>Moved by:</b>	<b>Harley Greenfield</b>
<b>FA-14-062</b>	<b>Seconded by:</b>	<b>Paul McKenzie</b>

**THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors approve the receipts and expenses for May 2014.**

**Carried**

There is an additional amount to be added to the tree sales in the amount of \$9,100.55 from purchases using debit cards/credit cards.

- 2) Use of Reserves - Update

The Board continued further discussion on the staff report on Use of Reserves dated May 14th, 2014, which was presented at the last Board meeting.

<b>Motion No.:</b>	<b>Moved by:</b>	<b>Bob Lennox</b>
<b>FA-14-063</b>	<b>Seconded by:</b>	<b>Mike Poetker</b>

- 1. That the Board confirm the first list as the general reserve accounts.**
- 2. That the Board confirm the second list of special purpose reserve accounts.**
- 3. That the Board rename the "Inglis Falls Parking Reserve" as the "Conservation Lands Capital Reserve" and confirm the purpose of this account as a reserve to be used for future capital improvements or replacement at Grey Sauble Conservation facilities present and future.**

4. That the Finance Coordinator and the CAO be authorized to allocate funds to the various reserve accounts as outlined in the annual budget, and be authorized to utilize funds from the various reserve accounts as required throughout the year. Such transactions will be brought to the Board's attention as part of the quarterly financial reports and again at year end as part of the annual audit report.

Carried

<b>Motion No.:</b>	<b>Moved by:</b>	<b>Michael Martin</b>
<b>FA-14-064</b>	<b>Seconded by:</b>	<b>Mike Poetker</b>

**THAT Grey Sauble Conservation staff be authorized to invest one million dollars comprised of 60% equity investment and 40% GIC;  
AND, FURTHER THAT staff prepare projections for the next few years based on historical return and also that staff get proposals from the banks.**

Carried

3) WSIB Cost Sharing with DWSP

Grey Sauble Conservation is a partner, along with the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority (SVCA) and the Municipality of North Bruce Peninsula (NBP) for the development and implementation of a Source Water Protection Plan.

In 2007, a three party agreement was prepared which outlined the role of the management committee in the oversight of source water staff as they moved forward with the plan preparation. The agreement is overdue for renewal, and has been the subject of discussion by the management team over the last several weeks.

While the major issues have been resolved, there are a couple of matters still outstanding.

**Liability Issue:**

The SVCA has been deemed the “lead authority” for the purposes of implementing the work plan, and as such, have administrative and financial responsibilities. To date, all costs have been covered 100% by the provincial Ministry of the Environment (MOE).

The liability or risk concerns relate to potential WSIB claims that the province would not cover, and future funding shortfalls that would not be covered if the program was cancelled prior to project completion.

**Suggested Action:**

During the discussions concerning the agreement renewal, SVCA suggested that the risk be shared by the three parties based on a formula related to assessment:

SVCA 50%  
GSCA 45%  
NBP 5%

Both the SVCA Board and the NBP Council have reviewed this matter and have supported in principle the cost sharing formula as well as the renewal of the agreement.

<b>Motion No.:</b>	<b>Moved by:</b>	<b>Mike Poetker</b>
<b>FA-14-065</b>	<b>Seconded by:</b>	<b>Dave Clarke</b>

**THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors support the recommendations from NBP Council as outlined in their June 9, 2014 report, as follows:**

- 1. That the DWSP Agreement be renewed with the term ending in 2017.**
- 2. That the formula for potential risk exposure be adopted.**
- 3. That the potential risk exposure be limited to potential DWSP employee injury and/or potential DWSP program funding shortfalls.**

**Carried**



## **8. Chairman's Report**

Since our last meeting, Dave Clarke, Vice Chair, and Dick have participated in a DWSP Management Committee meeting on May 16th which led to the issue discussed today in Item 7 f) 3) WSIB/DWSP. On May 31st Dick joined a number of our staff in supporting Doors Open tour of the water filtration structure. There continues to be considerable interest in this piece of our local history.

On June 1st, he participated in a workshop in Hamilton about Flood Management and Flood Plain Mapping hosted by the Canadian Water Resources Association. This served as an excellent "primer" for the workshop in Toronto about the same issue hosted by Co-Operators Insurance and Partners for Action. The latter workshop brought stakeholders from governments (all 3 levels), academia, the insurance industry, real estate, financial, development, NGO's, and Conservation Authorities together to consider priorities, and an actionable path forward to begin to address flood risk management.

It was also the Chair's privilege to participate in the Foundation's Memorial Forest ceremony on Sunday, June 8th, which is always well received by those in attendance. Sincere thanks to all who participated in preparing and hosting this event.

## **9. Other Business**

- a) Foundation Minutes (AGM) - April 9th, 2014
- b) Foundation Minutes - April 9th, 2014
- c) Foundation Minutes - May 14th, 2014

<b>Motion No.:</b>	<b>Moved by:</b>	<b>Michael Martin</b>
<b>FA-14-066</b>	<b>Seconded by:</b>	<b>Dave Clarke</b>

**THAT the Foundation Minutes of April 9th (AGM), regular meeting minutes of April 9th, and minutes of May 14th, 2014, be received.**

**Carried**

d) Next Meeting - July 9th, 2014 at 1:15 p.m. followed by bbq at 5:00 p.m.

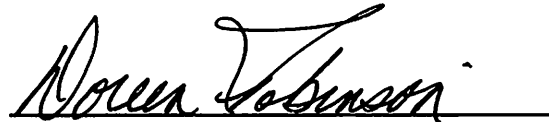
Response has been low for persons attending the bbq scheduled for 5:00 p.m., on Wednesday, July 9th. The Board agreed that if we do not have 50 or more responding that they will attend the bbq, that the bbq be cancelled.

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

11. **Adjournment**- On motion by Harley Greenfield, the meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.



Dick Hibma, Chairman



Doreen Robinson  
Administrative Assistant