



**GREY SAUBLE CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
MINUTES
Full Authority Board of Directors
Tuesday, November 17, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.**

The Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors meeting was held via the internet on the meeting application, WebEx.

1. Call to Order

Chair Cathy Little called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

Directors Present – Chair Cathy Little, Dwight Burley, Sue Carleton, Harley Greenfield, Ryan Greig, Vice Chair Scott Greig, Marion Koepke, Andrea Matrosovs, Paul Vickers

Staff Present – Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Tim Lanthier, Administrative Assistant Valerie Coleman, Manager of Information Services Gloria Dangerfield, Environmental Planning Coordinator Andy Sorensen, Manager of Finance and Human Resources Alison Armstrong

Regrets – Scott Mackey, Paul McKenzie

2. 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.

3. Adoption of Agenda

It was requested that items 4. i) and 4. ii) be switched.

Motion No.:
FA-20-081

Moved by: Paul Vickers
Seconded by: Dwight Burley

THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors approve the Agenda, as amended, of November 17, 2020.

Carried

4. Business Items

i) Environment Planning

a) Exemption from a Policy Condition for Issuance of a Permit

The Environment Planning Coordinator, Andrew Sorensen, reported on a request made to GSCA by the Town of South Bruce Peninsula to allow work to be completed along Lakeshore Blvd. in Sauble Beach. The work would involve the installation of a retaining wall between the roadway and the dune system and run approximately 460 metres from 1st Street North to Kinloss Lane. The goal of the project will be to secure the dune and allow for more accessible and safer parking.

The proposed project is not consistent with GSCA policy, specifically it would fall under the Prohibited Uses within Lake Huron and Georgian Bay Flooding or Erosion Hazards policy section 8.6.8 a) on lands within dynamic beach hazard and its associated allowance.

Staff recommended making this exception and noted that the area is within the town's road allowance, the proposal will not affect drainage, and will assist the town in maintaining the road infrastructure.

Motion No.:
FA-20-083

Moved by: Sue Carleton
Seconded by: Harley Greenfield

THAT the board of directors authorize an exception to policy 8.6.8 to allow the issuance of permit GS20-363 for the installation of a retaining wall in accordance with the submitted application and engineered plan.

Carried

ii) Administration

a) Update on the Changes to the Conservation Authorities Act

The CAO reported with respect to the proposed changes to the Conservation Authorities Act under Bill 229. Staff gave a background and timeline of recent events and meetings regarding the proposed changes. Staff noted four main areas of concern; governance, programs and services, natural hazards, and the Planning Act as it relates to CAs, and expanded in detail the major concerns within each.

The CAO proposed several next steps. Following the example of Conservation Ontario, GSCA will issue a media release with the support of the board. Utilizing information from Conservation Ontario, GSCA will put out social media posts and update the GSCA website. GSCA will continue discussions with partners and stakeholders and ask for them act on GSCAs behalf. To put out letters to local MPPs, Premier Ford, and Ministers Yurek and Yakabuski. Additionally, letters to municipal CAOs asking for their support at council.

The CAO presented a sample municipal resolution for Board Members to take back to their respective municipal councils. Board members discussed some minor changes to the wording of the resolution. The CAO will provide all board members with an amended resolution to bring forward to their municipal councils.

Member Burley left the meeting at 2:43 pm for a prior commitment.

In conjunction with Lake Simcoe CA, Nottawasaga Valley CA, and Saugeen Valley CA, the CAO will prepare a standardized letter with consistent messaging for all watershed municipal CAO's asking for their support.

Motion No.:
FA-20-082

Moved by: Sue Carleton
Seconded by: Marion Koepke

WHEREAS in 2019, the Ontario Government amended the Conservation Authorities Act through the Focusing CA Permits on Protection of People and Property, and the Modernizing CA Operations initiatives, AND,

WHEREAS, Ontario's 36 Conservation Authorities and Conservation Ontario have been attempting to effectively communicate and consult with the Province on these changes and the pending regulations, AND,

WHEREAS on November 5th, 2020, the Province introduced new and unexpected amendments to the Act, AND,

WHEREAS the Board of Directors passed a motion for the establishment of a working group consisting of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board, as well as GSCA Staff to articulate the value of conservation authority work, garner support for GSCA's position, and encourage these organizations to convey their support to the Province, AND,

THAT the Board of Directors support the ongoing efforts of this Working Group, including garnering partner and stakeholder support, sending correspondence to Mayors and Councils, sending correspondence to local MPPs, to Minister Yurek, Minister Yakabuski, and Premier Ford, AND,

THAT the Board of Directors seek to have the attached Municipal Resolution, as amended, approved by their respective Councils, AND,

THAT GSCA Staff be directed to support Conservation Ontario's communication Advocacy Strategy through various platforms, including social media, GSCA website, and media releases.

Carried

5. Adjournment

Motion No.:
FA-20-084

Moved by: Andrea Matrosovs
Seconded by: Scott Greig

THAT this meeting now adjourn.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 3:04 p.m.

Cathy Little, Chair

Valerie Coleman
Recording Secretary