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**The next regular meeting of the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors is scheduled for Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 1:15 p.m. The regular meeting will occur via the Webex web-based application. Please notify Valerie Coleman if you are unable to attend.**

**Directors**

Greig, Scott (Chair)  
Matrosovs, Andrea (Vice-Chair)  
Burley, Dwight  
Greenfield, Harley  
Greig, Ryan  
Koepke, Marion  
Little, Cathy  
Mackey, Scott  
McKenzie, Paul  
Moore Coburn, Cathy  
Vickers, Paul

**Honourary Members**

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Betty Adair

Ling, Mark, MECP  
Katona, Keley, MECP  
Oosting, Lara, MNRF Peterborough  
Allison, Tracy, MNRF Owen Sound  
Walker, Bill, MPP Bruce Grey Owen Sound  
Ruff, Alex, MP Bruce Grey Owen Sound  
Dowdall, Terry, MP Simcoe-Grey  
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**[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCy\\_ie5dXG8aFYDYG8tV9Yg/videos](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCy_ie5dXG8aFYDYG8tV9Yg/videos).**

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## AGENDA

Grey Sauble Conservation Authority  
Full Authority Meeting  
Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 1:15 p.m.

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1. Call to Order
2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest
3. Call for Additional Agenda Items
4. Adoption of the Agenda
5. Approval of Minutes
  - i. Full Authority – February 24, 2021 – Resolution – Attachment #1
6. Business Out of Minutes
  - i. Update on Recording and Approving Closed Session Minutes
7. Consent Agenda
  - i. Environmental Planning – Section 28 Permits – February 2021 – Attachment #2
  - ii. Administration – Receipts & Expenses – February 2021 – Attachment #3
  - iii. Correspondence
    - a. Notice of Motion – Township of Georgian Bluffs – Attachment #4
  - iv. Minutes - Nothing at this time.
  - v. Media – Attachment #5
8. Deputation – Jeff Graham – Carbon Offset Tree Planting - Attachment #6
9. Business Items
  - i. Administration
    - a. Operational Plan Target Timelines Update – Information – Attachment #7 (15 min)
    - b. Q4 Investment Portfolio – Information – Attachment #8 (30 min)
  - ii. Water Management
    - a. Inglis Falls Dam – Information – Attachment #9 (15 min)
    - b. Snow Melt/Flow Forecasting – Information – (20 min)
  - iii. Environmental Planning – Nothing at this time.
  - iv. Conservation Lands – Nothing at this time.

- v. Forestry
  - a. Agricultural Committee – Discussion – Attachment #10 (30 min)
- vi. Communication/Public Relations – Nothing at this time.
- vii. Education – Nothing at this time.
- viii. GIS/IT – Nothing at this time.
- ix. Operations – Nothing at this time.
- x. DWSP/RMO Report – Nothing at this time.
- 10. CAO's Report
- 11. Chair's Report
- 12. Closed Session – Nothing at this time.
  - i. Approval of Closed Session Minutes – Nothing at this time.
- 13. Adjournment



## Grey Sauble Authority Board of Directors

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### M O T I O N

**DATE:**                **March 24, 2021**

**MOTION #:**        **FA-21-044**

**MOVED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SECONDED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors approve the agenda of March 24, 2021.**



GREY SAUBLE CONSERVATION AUTHORITY  
MINUTES

Full Authority Board of Directors  
Wednesday, February 24, 2021, at 1:15 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 Scott Greig called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

Directors Present: Chair Scott Greig, Vice Chair Andrea Matrosovs, Dwight Burley, Cathy Moore Coburn, Ryan Greig, Harley Greenfield, Marion Koepke, Cathy Little, Scott Mackey, Paul McKenzie, Paul Vickers (came in at 1:50 p.m.)

Regrets: None

Staff Present: CAO Tim Lanthier, Administrative Assistant Valerie Coleman, Manager of Information Services Gloria Dangerfield, Manager of Financial and Human Resources Service Alison Armstrong, Manager of Conservation Lands Rebecca Ferguson, Operations Manager Morgan Barrie, Forestry Coordinator Mike Fry, Network Administrator Les McKay

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 the time.

3. Call for Additional Agenda Items

None at this time.

4. Adoption of Agenda

Motion No.:  
FA-21-028

Moved By: Dwight Burley  
Seconded By: Andrea Matrosovs

**THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors approve the agenda of February 24, 2021.**

Carried

## 5. Approval of Minutes

Motion No.:  
FA-21-029

Moved By: Cathy Little  
Seconded By: Harley Greenfield

**THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors approve the Annual General Meeting minutes of January 27, 2021.**

Carried

Motion No.:  
FA-21-030

Moved By: Scott Mackey  
Seconded By: Dwight Burley

**THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors approve the Full Authority minutes of January 27, 2021.**

Carried

## 6. Business Out of Minutes

None at this time.

## 7. Consent Agenda

Member Cathy Little inquired if there was more detail that could be shared about the LiDAR Sales item in the January Receipts. Manager of Information Services, Gloria Dangerfield responded that in 2020 GSCA signed a memorandum of understanding with the Town of the Blue Mountains and Grey County to sell GSCA LiDAR data acquired through a Natural Disaster Mitigation Program (NDMP). This data is sold at \$250 per 1 km tile. The data is sold for commercial purposes only and not municipal, research, or educational purposes, as per this agreement. Vice Chair Andrea Matrosovs asked if private residents could purchase smaller plots of area. Gloria responded that sales are currently limited to 1 km tiles and that there is considerable work required to reduce the area.

Member Harley Greenfield inquired if line 11360, in the January Expenses, represented one project or several. Operations Manager, Morgan Barrie, responded that this expense was related to work done by GSCA staff on the CP Rail Trail, on behalf of Grey County. GSCA was reimbursed this fee.

Motion No.:  
FA-21-031

Moved By: Cathy Moore Coburn  
Seconded By: Ryan Greig

**THAT in consideration of the Consent Agenda Items listed on the February 24, 2021, agenda, the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors receives the following items: (i) Environmental Planning - Section 28 Permits – January 2021; (ii) Administration - Receipts & Expenses – January 2021; (iii) Correspondence – Stakeholder Notification Letter; (iv) Conservation Ontario; (vi) Recent Media Articles;**

Carried

## **8. Business Items**

### **i. Administration**

#### **a. Update on COVID-19**

CAO, Tim Lanthier provided an update on GSCA's response to the COVID lockdown and stay at home order, and status post lock down. Staff, for the most part, have returned to the pre-lock down schedule, including working in office, in field, remotely, and a combination thereof. GSCA is being flexible with staff who need to continue to work remotely. All staff are following health and safety procedures.

#### **b. Report on Salary Review RFP**

Manager of Financial and Human Resource Services, Alison Armstrong, spoke with respect to the Salary Review RFP that closed at the end of December. Five proposals were received and were reviewed utilizing a grading system. The Gallagher Benefit Services Group Inc provided the highest scoring proposal. The total cost was \$19,345, coming in under the budgeted amount of \$20,000. The completion date may be pushed back as Staff originally anticipated bringing the report forward at the January Full Authority meeting.

Staff recommended awarding the contract to Gallagher Benefit Services Group Inc.

Motion No.:  
FA-21-032

Moved By: Cathy Little  
Seconded By: Marion Koepke

**WHEREAS Grey Sauble Conservation Authority (GSCA) is required to be in compliance with pay equity legislation;**

**AND WHEREAS, GSCA Personnel Policy recommends undertaking such a review on a five-year basis;**

**AND WHEREAS, GSCA last undertook a review of the salary system in 2013-2014;**

**AND WHEREAS, through the approved budget, GSCA has issued a formal request for proposals to have this review completed,**

**THAT the Board of Director's authorize staff to award this contract to Gallagher Benefit Services Group Inc.**

Carried

#### **c. Q4 Final Budget Update**

Manager of Financial and Human Resource Services, Alison Armstrong, spoke with respect to the updated 2020 Approved Budget and Q4 Actuals. Surpluses were noted and explained in both the operating and capital budgets.

**Member Paul Vickers joined the meeting at 1:50 p.m.**

Alison reviewed the GSCA reserve funds and explained the proposed transfers staff have presented.



CAO, Tim Lanthier, spoke in reference to two specific reserve funds: The Youth Reserve Fund and Capital Lands Reserve Fund. Tim gave a brief review of the Youth Reserve Fund's history and noted that the fund has a \$20,000 balance cap on it. Staff proposed that the board remove the cap, noting that it is not in line with other reserve funds. Additionally, Tim gave a brief history of the Capital Lands Reserve Fund. Tim recommended that the board rename the Capital Lands Reserve Fund to the Conservation Lands Reserve Fund.

Motion No.:  
FA-21-033

Moved By: Dwight Burley  
Seconded By: Cathy Little

**WHEREAS, the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority (GSCA) has a "Youth Reserve" established to expand the GSCA Community Relations and Outdoor Education Programming,**

**AND WHEREAS, at the inception of this fund, a \$20,000 upper limit cap was established for the fund,**

**AND WHEREAS, the GSCA educational programming is working towards self-sufficiency, such that it is desirable to allow a greater reserve to account for year-over-year fluctuations in revenues and expenses,**

**THAT the GSCA Board of Directors move to remove the upper limit cap from this reserve.**

Carried

Motion No.:  
FA-21-034

Moved By: Marion Koepke  
Seconded By: Scott Mackey

**WHEREAS, the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority has a Conservation Lands Capital Reserve,**

**AND WHEREAS, GSCA's parking and other property-based revenue occur across a multitude of properties and are intended to be a resource to all GSCA lands,**

**AND WHEREAS, the resources needed to manage these properties extends beyond capital expenditures,**

**AND WHEREAS the Board of Directors has recently directed GSCA Staff to utilize a portion of the parking revenues to offset lands-based operating costs,**

**THAT, the GSCA Board of Directors move to rename the "Capital Reserve" to the "Lands Reserve",**

**AND THAT, the GSCA Board of Directors move that this reserve be utilized for the maintenance and improvement of GSCA's property holdings in accordance with the annually approved budget.**

Carried

Motion No.:  
FA-21-035

Moved By: Scott Mackey  
Seconded By: Dwight Burley

**WHEREAS the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority (GSCA) develops an annual budget, approved by the Board of Directors, that includes transfers to and from reserve accounts, AND WHEREAS, the 2020 year-end proposed reserve transfer amounts differ from the budgeted reserve transfer amounts, THAT the GSCA Board of Directors approve the transfer of funds as presented in the 2020 Reserve Continuity Schedule as presented.**

Carried

Motion No.:  
FA-21-036

Moved By: Cathy Little  
Seconded By: Andrea Matrosovs

**WHEREAS, the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority (GSCA) 2020 year-end operating budget exhibited a surplus of salary dollars in the Conservation Lands Policy Department due to in-year staffing changes.**

**THAT, the Board of Directors approve the use of approximately \$12,000 of this surplus for the funding of additional assistance for work on the property management plans,**

**AND THAT, the Board of Directors approve the use of approximately \$7,000 of this surplus for the funding of the printing of GSCA's updated Explore Property Brochure.**

Carried

**d. CAA Update**

CAO, Tim Lanthier, gave an update on the changes to the CAA and the additional proclamations that have been circulated.

Chair and Vice Chair positions are limited to a one-year term with the opportunity for a one-year extension. The Board of Director's may request an exemption from the Minister to allow a Chair or Vice-Chair to hold further successive terms. Staff advised that the Board may wish to consider seeking such an exemption. Staff will bring back a recommendation on this at a later date. Concern is raised regarding succession planning with a limited term. It was clarified that a member holding the Vice Chair position is still eligible to nominated and elected to hold the Chair position.

The Minister may appoint an Agricultural Representative to the Board. The legislation limits what this appointed representative can and cannot vote on. Staff do not expect all CAs to be appointed an Agricultural Representative and do not know if GSCA will be. Member Scott Mackey suggests GSCA establish an Agricultural Advisory Committee. He noted that this would link to the work GSCA is doing with the Stewardship program. Tim informed the Board that the Forestry Coordinator, Mike Fry, has been working on setting this up and have only held off until the changes to the CAA became clearer.

ii. **Water Management**

Nothing at this time.

iii. **Environmental Planning**

Nothing at this time.

iv. **Conservation Lands**

a. **Report on Old Baldy CA Parking Agreements**

Manager of Conservation Lands, Rebecca Ferguson spoke with respect to the situation of several local residents parking overnight in the Old Baldy Conservation Area parking lot during the winter months. GSCA had received complaints of residents parking after hours at this conservation area. Staff contacted the residents in question and were told that this has been a common practice for a significant amount of time during the winter months. There are six households that are not able to access their homes in the winter as the Municipality does not plow the road to their driveways as the plow is unable to access these areas.

Staff have proposed entering into a five-year agreement with those residents affected. The agreement will include indemnity clauses and will have an annual fee of \$500. This fee is based on similar agreements that GSCA has entered into with private landowners for services which are a direct benefit to the subject landowner and not to the greater public.

Motion No.:

FA-21-037

Moved By:

Scott Mackey

Seconded By:

Cathy Moore Coburn

**WHEREAS, the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority (GSCA) is the fee-simple owner of the lands known as Old Baldy Conservation Area (herein, Old Baldy) in the Municipality of Grey Highlands,**

**AND WHEREAS, several property owners have a vested interest in securing a parking arrangement on GSCA's Old Baldy property to accommodate parking for their personal residences,**

**AND WHEREAS, under Section 21(1)(n) of the Conservation Authorities Act, GSCA may enter into agreements with individuals,**

**THAT the Board of Directors agree to Staff negotiating a 5-year agreement with the subject landowners to allow for parking on GSCA's Old Baldy parking area and that GSCA Staff assign a fee to these agreements of \$500.00 per year.**

Carried

**The Board recessed for a 5-minute break at 3:06.**

v. Forestry

a. Report Back on Bruce Trail Partnership

Forestry Coordinator, Mike Fry, gave a report regarding the expansion of the partnership between the GSCA and the Bruce Trail Conservancy (BTC). GSCA has been contacted by individuals looking to donate money for tree planting as a means to offset their personal or family carbon footprint. Staff have fulfilled these requests; however, GSCA does not have a lot of appropriate sites to plant these additional trees on GSCA lands. The BTC owns many properties within the GSCA watershed and preserves these properties in a natural state. As such, Staff approached the BTC to determine if they had areas of land in need of afforestation/reforestation and if BTC would be interested in partnering on this initiative. BTC has expressed an interest in this partnership. Staff is excited to develop this relationship for the benefit of GSCA, BTC and those individuals looking to donate.

Motion No.:  
FA-21-038

Moved By: Marion Koepke  
Seconded By: Cathy Coburn

**WHEREAS Grey Sauble Conservation Authority (GSCA) plants trees to increase forest cover and improve riparian habitat through our watershed jurisdiction;**

**AND WHEREAS, GSCA has received interest and donations from private individuals to complete tree planting projects to offset their carbon footprints;**

**AND WHEREAS, GSCA has an established relationship with the Bruce Trail Conservancy (BTC), whose overall goals and mandate align with GSCA's;**

**AND WHEREAS, GSCA staff have engaged the BTC to expand our relationship to include tree planting activities on BTC owned lands;**

**THAT the Board of Director's receive this report for information.**

Carried

b. Report Back on One Tree Planted Partnership

Forestry Coordinator, Mike Fry, spoke with respect to a partnership with the charity, One Tree Planted. Mike was approached by a representative of One Tree Planted, a charitable organization from Vermont, about funding the planting of trees on private lands. The funding provided will help to offset the costs private landowners must cover for tree planting projects. For the 2021 tree planting season, One Tree Planted has committed to the planting of 70,000 with \$55,300 USD in funding. This will reduce the cost of trees for landowners to \$0.02 per tree on average. Staff hope to foster this relationship further. With the loss of vital funding through the Ontario Government, it is imperative that staff seek out alternative funding sources. One Tree Planted has offered to provide professional photographic and video services for promotional purposes.

Motion No.:  
FA-21-039

Moved By: Harley Greenfield  
Seconded By: Dwight Burley

**WHEREAS Grey Sauble Conservation Authority (GSCA) plants trees to increase forest cover and improve riparian habitat through our watershed jurisdiction;**

**AND WHEREAS, GSCA completes tree planting projects for private landowners;**

**AND WHEREAS, the cost to complete tree planting projects has increased faster than the rate of inflation, and GSCA staff identify suitable funding programs to lower landowner costs;**

**AND WHEREAS, staff have entered into a funding agreement with One Tree Planted, who will provide funds to help offset landowner costs;**

**THAT the Board of Director's receive this report for information.**

Carried

vi. Communications/Public Relations – Nothing at this time.

vii. GIS/IT

a. Internet Service Provider

Network Administrator, Les McKay, spoke with respect to the acquisition of a new internet service provider for the GSCA Administration Centre. Review of current internet service providers and options is a 2020 Operational Plan item. Previous quotes ranged from \$33,000 to \$100,000 to connect a cable from the northwest corner of the arboretum (Forest Heights Subdivision) to the administration building.

In December 2020, GSCA staff contacted GBTel to discuss providing high speed internet, as GBTel had just completed the installation of a new tower. GBTel conducted a site visit and installed service to the facility. The monthly cost is approximately a 30% increase; however, results in a significantly faster and more stable internet service that is necessary to accommodate the new meeting platforms and remote work scenarios that have resulted from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Staff note that this improved connectivity and bandwidth may afford opportunities to improve efficiencies and reduce costs within the phone system, thereby offsetting the increased internet service cost.

viii. Operations

a. Report on CA Washrooms and Gatehouses

Operations Manager, Morgan Barrie, spoke with respect to the upgrading and building of GSCA Conservation Areas structures. The significant increase of visitors in 2020 demonstrated that additional washroom upgrades and the installation of staff gatehouses were necessary for the 2021 season. Staff were able to source upgrade and replacement options for the Spirit Rock and Bruce's Caves washrooms that are significantly under anticipated budget numbers. As such, Staff propose to reallocate those surplus capital dollars into updating of washroom facilities at Eugenia Falls, and the installation of gatehouse structures at Eugenia Falls, Spirit Rock, and Old Baldy conservation areas.

These projects are expected to begin in mid-Spring of 2021.

Motion No.:  
FA-21-040

Moved By: Dwight Burley  
Seconded By: Cathy Moore Coburn

**WHEREAS, GSCA's 2021 Capital Budget includes provisions for spending \$20,000 on the replacement of washrooms at Bruce's Caves and Spirit Rock conservation areas;**

**AND WHEREAS, GSCA'S 2021 Operating Budget includes the placement of staff and several conservation areas;**

**AND WHEREAS, GSCA's Operations Manager has identified a need for sheltering these staff from the elements;**

**AND WHEREAS, GSCA Staff have identified potential cost savings and efficiencies within the existing capital budget for approved projects;**

**THAT the Board of Directors authorize Staff to reallocate the surplus capital budget toward the improvement and construction of gatehouses as noted in this report.**

Carried

**b. Parking By-Law Report**

CAO, Tim Lanthier spoke with respect to the increase in nuisance and/or illegal parking along the roadways outside of GSCA properties. Dramatic increases in visitation to GSCA properties is causing increased roadside parking at Bruce's Caves, Inglis Falls, Old Baldy, Eugenia Falls, and Christie Beach. This situation presents a safety risk and causes a nuisance for GSCA's neighbours.

GSCA does not have the jurisdiction to control parking on roadways and local municipalities may not have staff scheduled during busy times or enough staff hours to cover the need.

In seeking a solution, staff have initiated discussions with municipal partners to review the feasibility of GSCA staff providing parking enforcement on behalf of the member municipalities in the locations of concern adjacent to GSCA properties. It is intended that this would be supplemental to the parking enforcement done by the municipality and/or the OPP. This option would require municipalities to pass parking by-laws, if not already in place, and to appoint GSCA staff member(s) as parking by-law officers. Staff are bringing this forward for information at this point. Staff will continue to investigate and negotiate options before bringing a recommendation back to the Board.

Concern was expressed about feasibility.

**ix. Education**

Nothing at this time.

**x. Drinking Water Source Protection & Risk Management**

Nothing at this time.

## **9. Closed Session**

Motion No.:  
FA-21-041

Moved By: Cathy Moore Coburn  
Seconded By: Cathy Little

**THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors proceed into closed session at 3:55 pm to discuss matters related to the following:**

- i. Policy Direction on a matter related to personal matters about an identifiable individual including Authority Directors or Authority employees (GSCA Administrative By-Law, Section 4(xvii)(b))**
- ii. CAO Personal Goal Setting for 2021 – closed as it relates to personal matters about an identifiable individual including Authority directors or Authority employees (GSCA Administrative By-Law, Section 4(xvii)(b))**
- iii. Finalize CAO Performance Review – closed as it relates to personal matters about an identifiable individual including Authority directors or Authority employees (GSCA Administrative By-Law, Section 4(xvii)(b))**

**AND FURTHER THAT CAO, Tim Lanthier, Administrative Assistant, Valerie Coleman, and Manager of Information Services, Gloria Dangerfield be present for items 9(i) & 9(ii).**

**Carried**

Motion No.:  
FA-21-042

Moved By: Ryan Greig  
Seconded By: Cathy Little

**THAT a closed meeting was held, and only closed session items identified were discussed in closed session.**

**THAT the Board of Director's provided direction to Staff on Items 9(i) and 9(ii).**

**AND THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors approve the January 27, 2021 Confidential Closed Session minutes as presented in the closed session agenda**

**Carried**

**Members Dwight Burley and Cathy Moore Coburn left the meeting at 4:30 p.m.**

## **10. CAO's Report**

The CAO reported that GSCA was successful in securing two grants through Healthy Lake Huron. GSCA will receive \$50,000 through the Ontario Ministry of Agricultural, Farming and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) over two Provincial Fiscal years. Additionally, GSCA secured \$56,000 for stewardship projects through the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP).

The Arboretum Alliance was successful in receiving a grant through TD Bank's Friend of the Environment. This will allow for new and updated informational signage for each tree within the arboretum. Part of this project will include engaging with local First Nation's communities with a goal of incorporate traditional names, uses, and other information into the plaques.

The CAO let the Board know of some recent staffing changes.

- Lloyd Nichol has been hired as the Assistant Operations Manager.
- The Stewardship Technician position has been filled, more information to come.
- Andrew Sorensen, the Environmental Planning Coordinator, has announced his intent to retire. His final formal day with GSCA will be April 18<sup>th</sup>.
- The Manager of Environmental Planning position has been posted to backfill this position.
- Jacob Kloeze, Junior Planner, has taken a position with another organization. His last day with GSCA was February 19<sup>th</sup>.
- The Intermediate Planner position was posted to backfill this position.

The CAO continues to work on developing and strengthening relationships. In conjunction with the North Grey – Owen Sound Public Library, GSCA has donated two Season's Passes for library member's to "check out". For 2022, staff will work on creating outdoor education "toolboxes" or "backpacks" with resources for exploring our conservation areas. The hope is that these will be available to be "checked out" as well. Both initiatives will encourage individuals, families, and adults to get outside and explore.

The Province of Ontario has recently granted Physicians permission to prescribe "Nature Exposure" to patients. The CAO has started to reach out to the local healthcare community seeking opportunities for collaboration in this regard.

#### **11. Chair's Report**

Chair Greig attended GSCA's Brand Ambassador training on February 4<sup>th</sup>. For those who could not attend, the training session was recorded, and the link has been circulated.

On February 11<sup>th</sup> Chair Greig attended a joint GSCA and GSCF Executive meeting along with Vice Chair Matrosovs, Chair Don Sankey, Vice Chair Al Wilcox, Dick Hibma, CAO Tim Lanthier and Manager of Conservation Lands, Rebecca Ferguson. Volunteer recruitment, the 500 Club, and long term GSCA projects were among the items discussed.

Chair Greig expressed his intention to meet with each board member at a conservation area within their respective municipalities to get to know everyone better and listen to their concerns.

#### **12. Other Business**

Nothing at this time.

#### **13. Next Full Authority Meeting**

- i. Wednesday March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021



14. Adjournment

Motion No.:  
FA-21-043

Moved By: Paul McKenzie  
Seconded By: Harley Greenfield

**THAT this meeting now adjourn.**

**Carried**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

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Scott Greig, Chair

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Valerie Coleman  
Administrative Assistant



## Grey Sauble Authority Board of Directors

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### M O T I O N

**DATE:**                **March 24, 2021**

**MOTION #:**        **FA-21-045**

**MOVED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SECONDED BY:**\_\_\_\_\_

**THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors approve the Full Authority minutes of February 24, 2021.**

# Permits Issued from Feb 1 2021 to Feb 28 2021

## ATTACHMENT #2

| Permit #:       | Date Applied: | Date Issued: | Lot:  | Conc:  | Municipality:                                       | Former Municipality:  |
|-----------------|---------------|--------------|---|--------|---|---|
| GS21-026        | 15-Jan-21     | 01-Feb-21    | Part Lot  | 5 WBR  | Town of South Bruce Peninsula                       | Albemarle Township  |
| Approved works: |               |              | Construction of a garage and associated site alterations                                    |        | Project Location:                                   | 83 Adelaide St  |
|                 |               |              |   |        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> construct       | <input type="checkbox"/> alter watercourse <input type="checkbox"/> shoreline   |
|                 |               |              |   |        | <input type="checkbox"/> alter structure            | <input type="checkbox"/> alter wetland <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fill |
|                 |               |              |   |        | Reviewed by:  |   |
|                 |               |              |   |        | Lauren McGregor                                     |   |
| GS21-030        | 21-Jan-21     | 04-Feb-21    | Pt Lot 30   | 12 EBR | Town of South Bruce Peninsula                       | Albemarle Township  |
| Approved works: |               |              | construction of a dwelling, installation of a septic system and associated site alterations |        | Project Location:                                   | 2 Third Ave   |
|                 |               |              |   |        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> construct       | <input type="checkbox"/> alter watercourse <input type="checkbox"/> shoreline   |
|                 |               |              |   |        | <input type="checkbox"/> alter structure            | <input type="checkbox"/> alter wetland <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fill |
|                 |               |              |   |        | Reviewed by:  |   |
|                 |               |              |   |        | Lauren McGregor                                     |   |
| GS21-031        | 25-Jan-21     | 04-Feb-21    | 25  | 14     | Municipality of Grey Highlands                      | Artemesia Township  |
| Approved works: |               |              | Construction of a sun room addition   |        | Project Location:                                   | 174681 Grey Road 30   |
|                 |               |              |   |        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> construct       | <input type="checkbox"/> alter watercourse <input type="checkbox"/> shoreline   |
|                 |               |              |   |        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> alter structure | <input type="checkbox"/> alter wetland <input type="checkbox"/> fill            |
|                 |               |              |   |        | Reviewed by:  |   |
|                 |               |              |   |        | Mac Plewes  |   |
| GS21-034        | 21-Jan-21     | 05-Feb-21    | 39  | 12     | Town of the Blue Mountains                          | Collingwood Township  |
| Approved works: |               |              | construction of a residential dwelling and associated site grading                          |        | Project Location:                                   | 131 Admiral's Trail   |
|                 |               |              |   |        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> construct       | <input type="checkbox"/> alter watercourse <input type="checkbox"/> shoreline   |
|                 |               |              |   |        | <input type="checkbox"/> alter structure            | <input type="checkbox"/> alter wetland <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fill |
|                 |               |              |   |        | Reviewed by:  |   |
|                 |               |              |   |        | Jacob Kloeze  |   |
| GS21-013        | 07-Jan-21     | 05-Feb-21    | 39  | 12     | Town of the Blue Mountains                          | Collingwood Township  |
| Approved works: |               |              | construction of a residential dwelling and associated site grading                          |        | Project Location:                                   | 125 Admiral's Trail   |
|                 |               |              |   |        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> construct       | <input type="checkbox"/> alter watercourse <input type="checkbox"/> shoreline   |
|                 |               |              |   |        | <input type="checkbox"/> alter structure            | <input type="checkbox"/> alter wetland <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fill |
|                 |               |              |   |        | Reviewed by:  |   |
|                 |               |              |   |        | Jacob Kloeze  |   |
| GS21-014        | 07-Jan-21     | 05-Feb-21    | 39  | 12     | Town of the Blue Mountains                          | Collingwood Township  |
| Approved works: |               |              | construction of a residential dwelling and associated site grading                          |        | Project Location:                                   | 133 Admiral's Trail   |
|                 |               |              |   |        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> construct       | <input type="checkbox"/> alter watercourse <input type="checkbox"/> shoreline   |
|                 |               |              |   |        | <input type="checkbox"/> alter structure            | <input type="checkbox"/> alter wetland <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fill |
|                 |               |              |   |        | Reviewed by:  |   |
|                 |               |              |   |        | Jacob Kloeze  |   |

| Permit #:       | Date Applied: | Date Issued: | Lot:   | Conc:       | Municipality:   | Former Municipality: |
|-----------------|---------------|--------------|--|-------------|---|----------------------|
| GS21-015        | 08-Jan-21     | 05-Feb-21    | 39   | 12          | Town of the Blue Mountains  | Collingwood Township |
| Approved works: |               |              | construction of a residential dwelling and associated site alterations |             | Project Location: 137 Admiral's Trail<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> construct <input type="checkbox"/> alter watercourse <input type="checkbox"/> shoreline    Reviewed by:<br><input type="checkbox"/> alter structure <input type="checkbox"/> alter wetland <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fill    Jacob Kloeze    |                      |
| GS21-024        | 13-Jan-21     | 05-Feb-21    | 39   | 12          | Town of the Blue Mountains  | Collingwood Township |
| Approved works: |               |              | construction of a residential dwelling and associated site grading     |             | Project Location: 129 Admiral's Trail<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> construct <input type="checkbox"/> alter watercourse <input type="checkbox"/> shoreline    Reviewed by:<br><input type="checkbox"/> alter structure <input type="checkbox"/> alter wetland <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fill    Jacob Kloeze    |                      |
| GS21-040        | 22-Jan-21     | 08-Feb-21    | Part Lot   | 1           | Municipality of Grey Highlands  | Euphrasia Township   |
| Approved works: |               |              | Installation of a man made pond and associated site alterations        |             | Project Location: 727205 Sideroad 22C<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> construct <input type="checkbox"/> alter watercourse <input type="checkbox"/> shoreline    Reviewed by:<br><input type="checkbox"/> alter structure <input type="checkbox"/> alter wetland <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fill    Lauren McGregor |                      |
| GS20-421        | 23-Oct-20     | 09-Feb-21    | 7  | BF          | Municipality of Meaford   | Sydenham Township    |
| Approved works: |               |              | construction of a residential dwelling and associated site grading     |             | Project Location: 130 Ugovsek Crescent<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> construct <input type="checkbox"/> alter watercourse <input type="checkbox"/> shoreline    Reviewed by:<br><input type="checkbox"/> alter structure <input type="checkbox"/> alter wetland <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fill    Jacob Kloeze   |                      |
| GS20-461        | 23-Nov-20     | 10-Feb-21    | 11   | Jones Range | Township of Georgian Bluffs   | Keppel Township      |
| Approved works: |               |              | Construction of a single family dwelling and private servicing         |             | Project Location: 214 Old Mill Road<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> construct <input type="checkbox"/> alter watercourse <input type="checkbox"/> shoreline    Reviewed by:<br><input type="checkbox"/> alter structure <input type="checkbox"/> alter wetland <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fill    Mac Plewes        |                      |
| GS20-465        | 24-Nov-20     | 11-Feb-21    | 11   | Jones Range | Township of Georgian Bluffs   | Keppel Township      |
| Approved works: |               |              | Construction of a single-family dwelling with private servicing        |             | Project Location: 218 Old Mill Road<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> construct <input type="checkbox"/> alter watercourse <input type="checkbox"/> shoreline    Reviewed by:<br><input type="checkbox"/> alter structure <input type="checkbox"/> alter wetland <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fill    Mac Plewes        |                      |
| GS21-010        | 05-Jan-21     | 17-Feb-21    | 26   | 6           | Town of the Blue Mountains  | Collingwood Township |
| Approved works: |               |              | construction of a residential dwelling and associated site grading     |             | Project Location: 110 Sebastian Street<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> construct <input type="checkbox"/> alter watercourse <input type="checkbox"/> shoreline    Reviewed by:<br><input type="checkbox"/> alter structure <input type="checkbox"/> alter wetland <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fill    Jacob Kloeze   |                      |

| Permit #:       | Date Applied: | Date Issued:   | Lot: | Conc:  | Municipality:                 | Former Municipality: |
|-----------------|---------------|--|------|--|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| GS21-045        | 10-Feb-21     | 18-Feb-21  | 39   | 12   | Town of the Blue Mountains    | Collingwood Township |
| Approved works: |               | construction of a residential dwelling and associated site grading   |      | Project Location: 135 Admiral's Trail<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> construct <input type="checkbox"/> alter watercourse <input type="checkbox"/> shoreline    Reviewed by:<br><input type="checkbox"/> alter structure <input type="checkbox"/> alter wetland <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fill    Jacob Kloeze       |                               |                      |
| GS21-046        | 10-Feb-21     | 18-Feb-21  | 39   | 12   | Town of the Blue Mountains    | Collingwood Township |
| Approved works: |               | construction of a residential dwelling and associated site grading   |      | Project Location: 127 Admiral's Trail<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> construct <input type="checkbox"/> alter watercourse <input type="checkbox"/> shoreline    Reviewed by:<br><input type="checkbox"/> alter structure <input type="checkbox"/> alter wetland <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fill    Jacob Kloeze       |                               |                      |
| GS21-047        | 10-Feb-21     | 18-Feb-21  | 25   | 7  | Town of the Blue Mountains    | Collingwood Township |
| Approved works: |               | fill placement and lot grading associated with the construction of a residential dwelling and parking area |      | Project Location:<br><input type="checkbox"/> construct <input type="checkbox"/> alter watercourse <input type="checkbox"/> shoreline    Reviewed by:<br><input type="checkbox"/> alter structure <input type="checkbox"/> alter wetland <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fill    Jacob Kloeze                                      |                               |                      |
| GS21-020        | 12-Jan-21     | 23-Feb-21  |      |  | Township of Georgian Bluffs   | Keppel Township      |
| Approved works: |               | Installation of a shore well   |      | Project Location: Grey Road 1<br><input type="checkbox"/> construct <input type="checkbox"/> alter watercourse <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> shoreline    Reviewed by:<br><input type="checkbox"/> alter structure <input type="checkbox"/> alter wetland <input type="checkbox"/> fill    Mac Plewes                            |                               |                      |
| GS21-049        | 12-Feb-21     | 26-Feb-21  | 28   | 7  | Town of the Blue Mountains    | Collingwood Township |
| Approved works: |               | site alterations related to tree clearing and grubbing for Phase 2 of a plan of subdivision                |      | Project Location: 828453 Grey Road 40<br><input type="checkbox"/> construct <input type="checkbox"/> alter watercourse <input type="checkbox"/> shoreline    Reviewed by:<br><input type="checkbox"/> alter structure <input type="checkbox"/> alter wetland <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fill    Andrew Sorensen               |                               |                      |
| GS20-395        | 06-Oct-20     | 26-Feb-21  |      |  | Town of South Bruce Peninsula | Albemarle Township   |
| Approved works: |               | the construction of a garage, small addition and site alterations associated with a new septic system      |      | Project Location: 622 Mallory Beach Road<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> construct <input type="checkbox"/> alter watercourse <input type="checkbox"/> shoreline    Reviewed by:<br><input type="checkbox"/> alter structure <input type="checkbox"/> alter wetland <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fill    Andrew Sorensen |                               |                      |

GREY SAUBLE CONSERVATION AUTHORITY  
RECEIPTS  
February 1st - 28th, 2021

## FROM

|                                |    |                   |   |
|--------------------------------|----|-------------------|---|
| Regulation Permits             | \$ | 13,590.00         |   |
| Planning                       | \$ | 22,870.00         |   |
| Pavillion Rentals/User Fees    | \$ | 2,680.00          | Season Passes   |
| Self-Serve Parking Fees        | \$ | 1,000.00          | 100 Day Passes  |
| Forestry                       | \$ | 677.80            |   |
| Timber Sales                   | \$ | 3,700.00          | Comp. 71, 73, 108   |
| Land Leases                    | \$ | 7,246.69          |   |
| County of Grey                 | \$ | 73,277.97         |   |
| 1st Levy Installment           | \$ | 206,785.68        | Owen Sound, Georgian Bluffs, Grey Highlands, TOSBP, Arran-Elderslie |
| MECP                           | \$ | 57,645.00         | DWSP 2020-2021 2nd Installment                                      |
| Risk Management Office         | \$ | 12,300.00         | TOSBP, Saugeen Shores, Grey Highlands                               |
| Province of Ontario            | \$ | 138,000.00        | NDMP Intake 4   |
| HST Return                     | \$ | 3,300.65          | 4th Qtr. 2020   |
| Funds Received From Foundation | \$ | 1,653.89          |   |
| Funds Due to Foundation        | \$ | 75.00             |   |
| Donations                      | \$ | 500.00            | for Tree Planting   |
| Miscellaneous                  | \$ | 5.00              |   |
| Oliphant Phragmites Project    | \$ | 21,236.00         |   |
| BRWI                           | \$ | 215.00            |   |
| February Receipts              | \$ | <u>566,758.68</u> |   |

**GREY SAUBLE CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**  
**EXPENSES**  
**February 1st - 28th, 2021**

|       |  |    |            |  |
|-------|--|----|------------|--|
| 11379 | GBTel  | \$ | 225.99     | Internet Service                                     |
| 11380 | Accountability                                 | \$ | 864.45     | PayDirt Implementation                               |
| 11381 | Damar Security Systems                         | \$ | 133.02     | Building Monitoring Services                         |
| 11382 | Bell Canada                                    | \$ | 204.54     | Monthly Phone Service                                |
| 11383 | County of Bruce                                | \$ | 370.00     | Planning Refund                                      |
| 11384 | Canadian Institute of Forestry                 | \$ | 649.75     | Staff Training                                       |
| 11385 | Conservation Ontario                           | \$ | 11,686.00  | 1st Installment CO Levy                              |
| 11386 | Directdial                                     | \$ | 111.87     | Peripherals and Adapters                             |
| 11387 | J.A. Porter Holdings Ltd.                      | \$ | 807.50     | Gabion Baskets                                       |
| 11388 | Johnny Tint Graphics & Design Inc.             | \$ | 395.50     | Property Signage                                     |
| 11389 | MacDonnell Fuels Limited                       | \$ | 1,167.04   | Diesel Fuel for Tractor and Equipment                |
| 11390 | Municipality of Meaford                        | \$ | 88.12      | Hibou Water Charges                                  |
| 11391 | Middlebro' & Stevens LLP                       | \$ | 421.60     | Legal Fees   |
| 11392 | Pickfield Law Professional Corporation         | \$ | 1,932.30   | Legal Fees   |
| 11393 | Bluewater Regional Science and Technology Fair | \$ | 50.00      | Science Fair Donation                                |
| 11394 | Peninsula Ford Lincoln                         | \$ | 1,841.84   | Dump Truck Repair and Maintenance                    |
| 11395 | Bell Canada                                    | \$ | 80.21      | Tara Stream Gauge Monthly Service                    |
| 11396 | The Cleaning Brigade                           | \$ | 361.60     | Monthly Office Cleaning                              |
| 11397 | Township of Chatsworth                         | \$ | 1,306.00   | 1st Qtr. Property Tax                                |
| 11398 | City of Owen Sound                             | \$ | 433.73     | 1st Qtr. Property Tax and Admin Centre Water Charges |
| 11399 | Township of Georgian Bluffs                    | \$ | 4,499.00   | 1st Qtr. Property Tax                                |
| 11400 | Grey County Agricultural Services Centre       | \$ | 20.00      | Staff Training                                       |
| 11401 | John Bates Roofing                             | \$ | 339.00     | Bognor Marsh Plowing                                 |
| 11402 | Kilsyth Auto Service Ltd.                      | \$ | 354.11     | Vehicle Repair and Maintenance                       |
| 11403 | MacDonnell Fuels Limited                       | \$ | 973.12     | Vehicle and Furnace Fuel                             |
| 11404 | Messer Canada Inc.                             | \$ | 310.18     | Oxygen and Acetylene Cylinder Lease                  |
| 11405 | Scott's Industrial & Farm Supplies             | \$ | 51.00      | Clendenan Dam Supplies                               |
|       | Mastercard Payments                            | \$ | 2,097.47   |  |
|       | Amilia   | \$ | 582.57     |  |
|       | Bruce Telecom                                  | \$ | 526.09     |  |
|       | DWSP Copier Lease                              | \$ | 163.85     |  |
|       | Chris Durand                                   | \$ | 500.00     | Website Maintenance Retainer                         |
|       | Office Moneris Fees                            | \$ | 139.16     |  |
|       | Self-Serve Moneris Fees                        | \$ | 46.44      |  |
|       | Hydro, Reliance                                | \$ | 2,969.30   |  |
|       | Receiver General, EHT, WSIB                    | \$ | 38,565.31  |  |
|       | Group Health Benefits                          | \$ | 8,202.33   |  |
|       | OMERS  | \$ | 55,585.22  | December and January Contributions                   |
|       | February Payroll                               | \$ | 84,428.54  |  |
|       | February Expenses                              | \$ | 223,483.74 |  |



## The Corporation of the Township of Georgian Bluffs

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March 1, 2021

### **Via Email:**

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Att: Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

### **RE: Bill 229**

At its meeting on February 24, 2021, Council passed resolution number RES2021-036:

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Sue Carleton

Seconded By: Councillor Ryan Thompson

**Whereas Council passed resolution number RES2020-346 at their meeting on November 25, 2020, opposing the proposed amendments to the *Conservation Authorities Act, 1990* via Bill 229, *Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act (Budget Measures), 2020*; and**

**Whereas Bill 229, *Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act (Budget Measures), 2020*, including Schedule 6 of said Act, received Royal Assent on December 8, 2020; and**

**Whereas Schedule 6 of Bill 229, *Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act (Budget Measures), 2020*, amends the *Conservation Authorities Act, 1990*, to significantly hinder the conservation authorities' role in regulating development, permit appeal process and engaging in review and appeal of planning applications; and**

**Further, as Schedule 6 provides that the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing may by zoning order, under Section 47 of the *Planning Act, 1990*, permit all or part of a development project in a conservation authority's area of jurisdiction; and**

**Whereas the Township of Georgian Bluffs values and relies upon the natural habitats and water resources within our jurisdiction for the health and well-being of residents and, values the conservation authorities' work to prevent and manage the impacts of flooding and other natural hazards;**





## The Corporation of the Township of Georgian Bluffs

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Now Therefore, Council of the Township of Georgian Bluffs re-establishes opposition to the amendments to the *Conservation Authorities Act, 1990* via Bill 229, *Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act (Budget Measures)*, 2020, and

Further, implores the Province of Ontario to repeal Schedule 6 of Bill 229 and maintain the important role of conservation authorities throughout the Province, and

That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MP Alex Ruff, MPP Bill Walker, Grey Sauble Conservation Authority and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried (6 to 0)

Please contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Brittany Drury

Clerk

519 376 2729 x. 244

[bdrury@georgianbluffs.ca](mailto:bdrury@georgianbluffs.ca)

### Cc Via Email:

Honorable Alex Ruff, MP for Bruce - Grey - Owen Sound

Honourable Bill Walker, MPP for Bruce - Grey - Owen Sound

Grey Sauble Conservation Authority

All Ontario Municipalities

# MEDIA RELEASES AND ARTICLES

Grey Sauble Conservation Authority

March 17, 2021

*"A Good News Story from the Inglis Falls Arboretum Alliance!"*

[A GOOD NEWS STORY FROM IFAA MARCH-17-2021.pdf \(greysauble.on.ca\)](#)

The Owen Sound Sun Times

March 14, 2021

*"Lake Huron water levels well off records of 2020"*

[Lake Huron water levels well off records of 2020 | Owen Sound Sun Times](#)

Blackburn News

March 10, 2021

*"Weather conditions could cause seasonal flooding"*

[BlackburnNews.com - Weather conditions could cause seasonal flooding](#)

Grey Sauble Conservation Authority

March 10, 2021

*"Watershed Conditions Statement"*

[https://www.greysauble.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/GSCA Watershed Conditions Statement MARCH-10-2021.pdf](https://www.greysauble.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/GSCA_Watershed_Conditions_Statement_MARCH-10-2021.pdf)

## **Grey Sauble Authority Board of Directors**

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### **M O T I O N**

**DATE:**                **March 24, 2021**

**MOTION #:**        **FA-21-046**

**MOVED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SECONDED BY:**\_\_\_\_\_

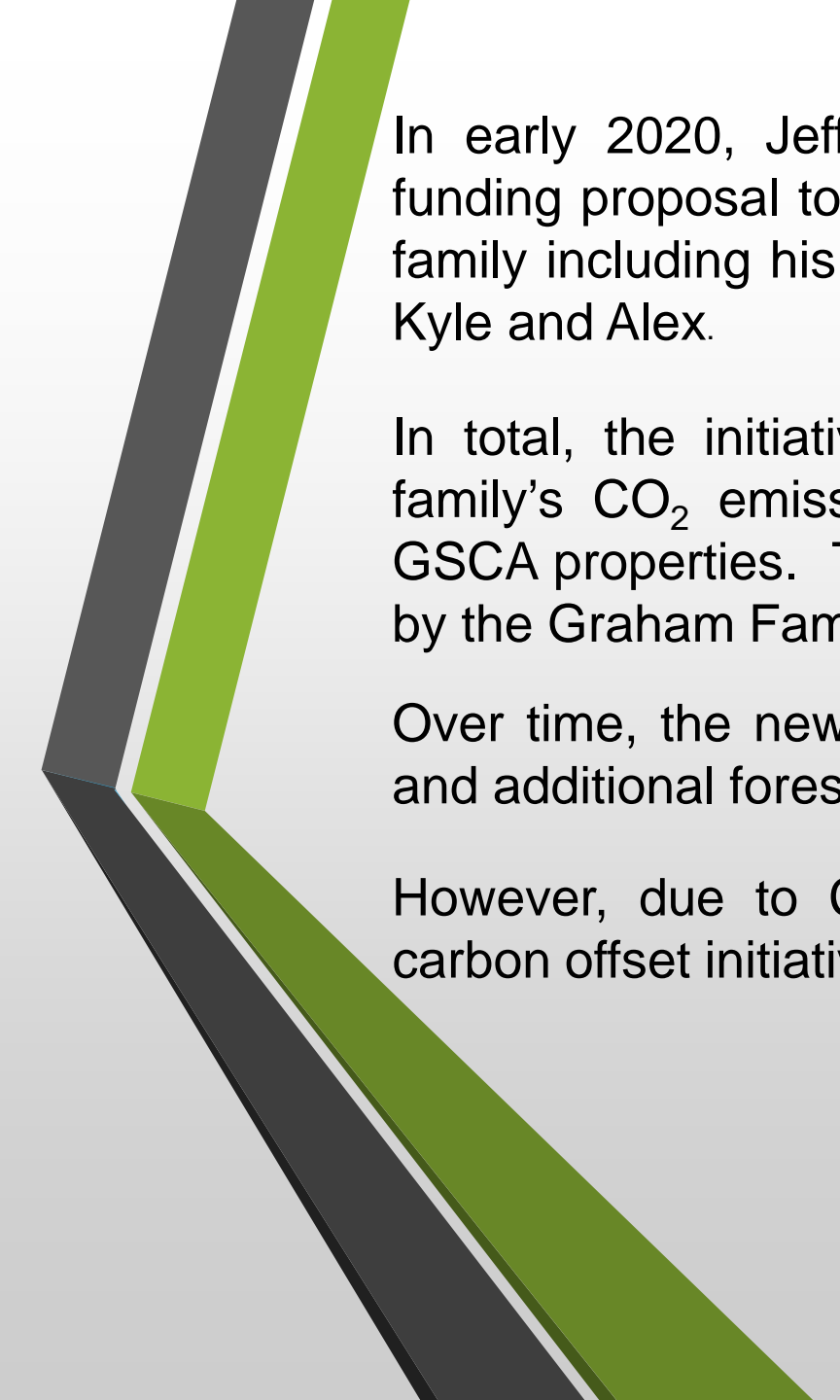
**THAT in consideration of the Consent Agenda Items listed on the March 24, 2021, agenda, the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors receives the following items: (i) Environmental Planning - Section 28 Permits – February 2021; (ii) Administration - Receipts & Expenses – February 2021; (iii) Correspondence – Georgian Bluffs Notice of Motion; (v) Recent Media Articles**

A photograph of a dense forest of tall, thin evergreen trees. In the foreground, there are green shrubs and some fallen branches. A graphic element consisting of two parallel diagonal lines, one green and one grey, runs from the top left towards the bottom right, partially obscuring the forest image.

# **Graham Family Tree Planting and Carbon Sequestering Project**

**In partnership with the Grey  
Sauble Conservation Authority**

**Spring 2021**




In early 2020, Jeff Graham approached the GSCA with a funding proposal to plant 1,000 trees for each member of the family including his late wife Kelly and children Heather, Neil, Kyle and Alex.

In total, the initiative would plant 6,000 trees to offset the family's CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. Trees would be planted on public GSCA properties. The total cost (± \$9,500) would be paid for by the Graham Family.

Over time, the new forest would also provide wildlife habitat and additional forestry opportunities for the CA.

However, due to COVID-19, the GSCA recommended the carbon offset initiative be delayed until 2021.




The average Canadian is responsible for 20,000 kg of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions per year (equal to 20 metric tonnes per year per person).

This per capita rate of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions is among the highest in the world.

In comparison, third world countries with lower standards of living, have much lower per capita rates of emissions (1 or 2 tonnes per person per year).

As such, wealthy countries have a moral duty to reduce carbon emissions – as well as funding direct air capture (DAC) of CO<sub>2</sub> from the atmosphere.






Is it widely accepted that trees sequester  $\text{CO}_2$  from the atmosphere as part of photosynthesis.

It is also generally agreed that young trees absorb more carbon per year than a fully grown tree. This is reasonable, as wood is largely composed of carbon captured from the atmosphere during tree growth.

While an estimate only, it would appear that young, growing trees absorb about 20 kg of  $\text{CO}_2$  per year. As such, 1,000 trees would absorb 20 tonnes of  $\text{CO}_2$  per year, or equal to the average per capita rate of  $\text{CO}_2$  emissions for Canadians.

Note that the Federal government plans to plant 2 billion trees to help offset climate change. However, this is equal to only 50 trees per person based on an approximate population of 40,000,000 Canadians.

Assuming that trees take 20 years to grow to full size (and likely longer), 1,000 trees would remove 400 tonnes of  $\text{CO}_2$  over twenty years.



For the Graham tree planting initiative, GSCA has prepared tree planting plans for two properties. Total trees planted would be 6,300 to allow for some tree losses.

At both sites, all trees planted would be native species and be hand planted. Tree species and planting plans have been based on soil and water conditions at each site.

The first site is the GSCA property on the west side of Highway 6 approximately 2 km south of Mar. This site would be planted with approximately 4,300 trees over 14 acres.


The second site would be the Griersville site. The site would be planted with approximately 2,000 trees over 3.3 acres.





Benefits of the program include:

- cost effective CO<sub>2</sub> removal
- long term forestry revenue from selective tree harvest
- new wildlife habitat
- buying trees from local nurseries and employing local tree planters supports our local economy.



## Value for Money

Is planting trees a cost-effective way to achieve direct air capture (DAC) of CO<sub>2</sub>?

With the Graham tree planting proposal, the cost per 1,000 trees is approximately \$1,500 per person.

Over 20 years, this investment is estimated to remove 400 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> per person.

Therefore, the estimated cost is only \$3.75 per tonne of CO<sub>2</sub> (say \$4 per tonne).

This also equates to approximately \$80 per year per person – or less than \$7 per month. This cost is affordable to many Canadians.





## Value for Money.....cont'd

In comparison, there is now serious interest to construct massive industrial plants for DAC. However, the estimated cost for large DAC plants is \$50 to \$600 per tonne of CO<sub>2</sub> removed.

Active tree growth to remove CO<sub>2</sub> at \$4/tonne appears to be significantly cheaper.





The Graham Family looks forward to this novel partnership with the GSCA!



# GSCA 2021 PRIORITY WORKPLAN

| Strategic Direction, Action or Significant Activity                   | 2021 OPERATIONAL TASK  | Target Completion Date |
|---|--|------------------------|
| <b>BETTER MONITOR AND MANAGE FLOOD RISKS</b>                          |  |                        |
| <b>Build a comprehensive real-time monitoring network</b>             | Continue to install 3-4 new water level monitoring stations  | October                |
| <b>Enhance flood-related expertise and capacity</b>                   | Review program needs for Planning, Water Management and GIS to develop staffing skills needed for Stormwater review, Flood modeling and floodplain management  | August                 |
| <b>ENHANCE GSCA LAND MANAGEMENT AND NATURAL HERITAGE PRESERVATION</b> |  |                        |
| <b>Implement Asset Management</b>                                     | Update Asset Management Plan to incorporate 2019 Operational Reviews findings, 2018 year-end reinvestments, etc. for incorporation in 2022 budget  | August                 |
| <b>Operational reviews of priority GSC properties</b>                 | "Meet net land use revenue budget target, including increased compliance enforcement. Review and implement options for expanded paid parking network (Ongoing)"  | November               |
|   | Working with relevant departments, develop strategy to manage ash along/near GSC trail network   | June                   |
| <b>Implement Asset Management Plan</b>                                | "Deliver capital projects per Asset Management Plan and approved budget: Entrance Signs - Spirit Rock - Washroom Upgrade - Bruce's Caves - Washroom Upgrade - Admin Centre Basement Renewal - Indian Falls Washroom Upgrades - Various Stone Repointing Projects (deferred from 2019)" | December               |
|   | Deliver RFP for Administrative Centre concept design, and manage consultant  | May                    |
| <b>Deliver Priority Lands Management Plans</b>                        | Complete Phase 2 of Eugenia Falls Management Plan  | December               |

| ENHANCE GSCA LAND MANAGEMENT AND NATURAL HERITAGE PRESERVATION - continued |  |           |
|--|--|-----------|
| Deliver Priority Lands Management Plans                                    | Finalize Inglis Falls Mgmt Plan  | September |
| Secure Core Green Areas and Linkages                                       | Develop Natural Heritage land protection and acquisition approach (i.e. for core green areas, linkages, and properties with high conservation value) | August    |
| Enhance Communication and Education – land management and Natural Heritage | Deliver 2021 GSCA Properties Brochure  | May       |
|  | Deliver Priority Lands Management Plans Public Consultation Activities   | October   |

## SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF WATERSHED PLANS WITH MUNICIPALITIES

| IMPROVE WATER QUALITY  |   |          |
|--|---|----------|
| Enhance Low Impact Development Expertise and Capacity            | Suggest LID priority actions for update of strategic plan | October  |
| Implement Drinking Water Source Protection Risk Management Plans | See Drinking Water Source Protection and Risk Management  | N/A      |
| Complete Sub-watershed Assessment Reports                        | Complete 2 subwatershed report assessments                | November |
| Increase stewardship actions – Water Quality                     | Deliver and report on 2021 Stewardship activities         | November |

| STRENGTHEN ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS    |   |           |
|--|---|-----------|
| Admin/Comms  | Begin process development for updated 2022 Strategic Plan   | May       |
| Develop communications expertise and communications plan | Complete branding strategy and key messaging and use these tools to improve the overall consistency of corporate brand  | May       |
|  | Update and Improve Budget Companion   | September |
|  | Continue Indigenous Committee of BOD, including recommending a Terms of Reference and reaching out to local Indigenous communities to learn more about them and form positive relationships | June      |



| STRENGTHEN ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS - continued       |   |                  |
|---|---|------------------|
| Develop Educational offerings for youth and adults across the watershed | Support for additional education events   | October          |
|   | Run Summer Day Camp and incorporate planned programming   | September        |
|   | Offer one week of daycamp in Meaford  | Deferred to 2022 |
|   | Examine potential of day camp offerings in other locations in watershed or partner with provider(s) (Ongoing) | August           |

## OTHER PRIORITY TASKS BY DEPARTMENT

| WATER MANAGEMENT                     |  |          |
|--------------------------------------|--|----------|
| Water Management                     | All of the normal ongoing functions and activities required for the continued operation and success of the Water Management Department | Ongoing  |
| Flood Forecasting and Warning        | Annual BOD Updates   | June     |
| Flood and Erosion Control Structures | Dams and Erosion Control - Update Asset Management Plan  | August   |
|                                      | Complete or update one (1) GSCA Dam Procedure Document Guide   | November |

| ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND REGULATIONS                      |  |          |
|---|--|----------|
| Environmental Planning and Regulations                      | All of the normal ongoing functions and activities required for the continued operation and success of the Environmental Planning and Regulations Department | Ongoing  |
| Land Use Planning (Planning/Technical Clearance)            | Ongoing Plan Review of Planning Applications and Pre-consultation meetings/site visits in all municipalities and support to planning and regulation staff    | Ongoing  |
|   | Open house information sessions for Real Estate Agents and possibly Shoreline Owners   | November |
|   | Review and Update Planning policies related to plan review from 1994 document (does not include approvals period)  | October  |
| Land Use Planning (Planning/Technical Clearance)            | Update Planning Services Agreement with counties and local municipalities.   | May      |
| Development, Interference & Alternation Regulation (151/06) | Review and Update Permit application guide   | June     |
|   | Annual Regulation Mapping Update   | June     |

| CONSERVATION LANDS - POLICY AND STRATEGY                      |   |          |
|---|---|----------|
| Lands - Policy and Strategy                                   | All of the normal ongoing functions and activities required for the continued operation and success of the Conservation Lands Policy and Strategy Department  | Ongoing  |
|   | Update Asset Management Plan for lands and facilities   | August   |
|   | Investigate carbon credit options for GSCA Lands  | August   |
| CONSERVATION LANDS - OPERATIONS                               |   |          |
| Lands - Operations  | All of the normal ongoing functions and activities required for the continued operation and success of the Conservation Lands Operations Department   | Ongoing  |
|   | Create and implement an Operations and Maintenance Policy or Guideline  | December |
|   | Spirit Rock and Bruce's Caves washroom upgrades   | June     |
|   | Inglis Falls Septic replacement   | May      |
| CONSERVATION LANDS - GREY COUNTY FOREST AND TRAILS MANAGEMENT |   |          |
| Lands - Operations, Policy and Strategy                       | All of the normal ongoing functions and activities required for the continued operation and success of administering the Grey County Forest and Trails Management Contract  | Ongoing  |
| DRINKING WATER SOURCE PROTECTION AND RISK MANAGEMENT          |   |          |
| Implement Drinking Water Source Protection Risk Mgmt Plans    | Deliver Drinking Water Risk Management Office services: - Per contract, and on behalf of 13 municipalities across Grey Sauble and Saugeen Valley watersheds, as delegated through municipal agreements (Arran-Elderslie, Blue Mountains, Brockton, Chatsworth, Georgian Bluffs, Grey Highlands, Kincardine, Meaford, Owen Sound, Saugeen Shores, South Bruce, South Bruce Peninsula and West Grey), deliver Risk Management Office services | December |
|   | Conduct ongoing restricted land use planning screenings related to Source Protection Plan policies and support communication efforts with municipalities on planning related issues.  | Ongoing  |
|   | Complete annual reporting requirements to Source Protection Authorities as specified under the Clean Water Act  | May      |



| DRINKING WATER SOURCE PROTECTION AND RISK MANAGEMENT |  |           |
|--|--|-----------|
| Drinking Water Source Protection Program             | Deliver Drinking Water Source Protection: - Provide technical and administrative support and resources to the drinking water source protection program as the Lead Source Protection Authority (SPA) for the Source Protection Region (Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula) | Ongoing   |
|  | As Lead SPA, ensure the maintenance of Source Protection Committee (SPC) membership. Appoint SPC members after consultation with the Source Protection Region Management Committee, as required  | Ongoing   |
| Drinking Water Source Protection Program             | Participate as a member of the Source Protection Region Management Committee to help ensure coordination of program financial management and annual work plan requirements across the Region   | Ongoing   |
| FORESTRY SERVICES                                    |  |           |
| Forestry Services                                    | All of the normal ongoing functions and activities required for the continued operation and success of the Forestry Services Department  | Ongoing   |
| GSCA Forests Management                              | Growth & Yield Plot Re-measurement (2 plots)   | September |
|  | Continue investigation of cutting cycle length for plantations (currently 15 years across the board) and possibility of linking to site/species/etc...   | Ongoing   |
|  | Management of Ash on GSC Lands - Report  | May       |
|  | Create video content for website to explain forest management (plantation establish or plantation management)  | September |
|  | Trial harvest of white cedar using 'pearl necklace' approach   | October   |
|  | Investigate selling carbon credits from GSC properties.  | August    |
| FORESTRY SERVICES - continued                        |  |           |
| GSFS   | Plant more trees than in 2020. 2020 numbers were just over 71,000 trees. Target is 70,000.   | June      |

| ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE, AND HUMAN RESOURCES |   |           |
|--|---|-----------|
| Administratin, Finance and Human Resources   | All of the normal ongoing functions and activities required for the continued operation and success of the Administration, Finance and Human Resource Departments   | Ongoing   |
| Administration                               | Capital Assets Policy Update  | August    |
|  | Records retention policy update   | September |
| Finance                                      | Implementation of financial renewal and systems, including training   | May       |
| Human Resources                              | Create a Succession Plan for Coordinators and Supportive Training Plan, alternatively cross training for existing staff; includes Onboarding/Offboarding Checklist and Recruitment Guideline for Managers | September |
|  | Update Job descriptions and complete grid review through RFP  | June      |
| FLEET & EQUIPMENT MANAGEMENT                 |   |           |
| Fleet & Equipment Management                 | All of the normal ongoing functions and activities required for the continued operation and success of managing GSCA's Fleet and Equipment  | Ongoing   |
|  | Review fuel usage and purchasing  | May       |
|  | Tender for two vehicles, and sale of surplus vehicles   | June      |
| GIS/IM/INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT     |   |           |
| GIS/IM/Information Technology Management     | All of the normal ongoing functions and activities required for the continued operation and success of the GIS/IM/IT Departments  | Ongoing   |
|  | Investigate high-speed Network/broadband access to the Administration Building  | Complete  |
|  | Make priority updates to GSCA website that are consistent with corporate image design strategy  | November  |
|  | IT Asset management - replacement of scheduled desktops and update for ongoing years  | August    |
|  | Begin Planning Hazard Mapping Improvements/Streamlining   | July      |
|  | Staff improvements in IT/IM/Software Knowledge: Lunch n Learns  | December  |
|  | Acquire and implement use of SWOOP 2020 products  | August    |
|  | Update Regulation Mapping to Correspond with Updated CA Act Regulations (If Required)   | December  |
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 GREY SAUBLE CONSERVATION  
 Portfolio number: MP3613  
 Portfolio type: Investment Account

## Your Investment Account statement

October 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020

## Your portfolio at a glance

### You need to know

Please see **page 11** for important information about your portfolio.

Please see **page 13** for further information about Your portfolio at a glance section.

|  | This period<br>(Oct 1 - Dec 31, 2020) | Year to date<br>(Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2020) | Last 12 months<br>(Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2020) | Last 3 years<br>(Jan 1, 2018 - Dec 31, 2020) | Since<br>Apr 10, 2015<br>(Apr 10, 2015 - Dec 31, 2020) |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Beginning portfolio balance                      | \$1,159,255.05                        | \$1,227,339.94                         | \$1,227,339.94                           | \$1,124,666.06                               | \$0.00   |
| Deposits & transfers-in of securities            | \$0.00                                | \$0.00                                 | \$0.00                                   | \$0.00                                       | \$1,000,000.00   |
| Withdrawals & transfers-out of securities        | \$0.00                                | \$0.00                                 | \$0.00                                   | \$0.00                                       | \$0.00   |
| Fees   | -\$3,472.21                           | -\$13,498.64                           | -\$13,498.64                             | -\$40,375.45                                 | -\$74,481.99   |
| Investment income:                               |                                       |  |  |  |  |
| Dividends  | \$19,597.21                           | \$24,405.00                            | \$24,405.00                              | \$36,653.53                                  | \$52,060.20  |
| Interest   | \$2.52                                | \$5,266.93                             | \$5,266.93                               | \$65,071.74                                  | \$131,660.58   |
| Realized capital distributions, gains and losses | \$0.00                                | -\$1,679.45                            | -\$1,679.45                              | \$24,427.52                                  | \$64,571.13  |
| Change in unrealized capital gains and losses    | \$55,095.82                           | -\$22,858.76                           | -\$22,858.76                             | \$9,090.77                                   | \$45,724.25  |
| Adjustments for the period                       | \$0.00                                | \$0.00                                 | \$0.00                                   | -\$559.15                                    | -\$559.15  |
| Unallocated distributions for the current year   | \$0.00                                | \$11,503.37                            | \$11,503.37                              | N/A  | N/A  |
| <b>Ending portfolio balance</b>                  | <b>\$1,230,478.39</b>                 | <b>\$1,230,478.39</b>                  | <b>\$1,230,478.39</b>                    | <b>\$1,230,478.39</b>                        | <b>\$1,230,478.39</b>                                  |

On December 31, 2020, CAD 1.00 = USD 0.78460

## Your personal rates of return as of Dec 31, 2020

| This period  | Year to date | For the last<br>12 months | For the last<br>3 years | For the last<br>5 years | Since<br>Apr 10, 2015 |
|--------------|--------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>6.17%</b> | <b>0.28%</b> | <b>0.28%</b>              | <b>3.05%</b>            | <b>4.34%</b>            | <b>3.65%</b>          |

Personal rate of return reflects the total percentage return earned on the investments held in your account. Total percentage return means the cumulative realized and unrealized capital gains and losses of an investment, plus income from the investment, over a specified period of time, expressed as a percentage.

Personal rate of return is calculated using a money-weighted methodology. Unlike alternative rate of return methodologies, it takes into account any deposits or withdrawals you have made, and the performance outcomes of your investments over a specified time period, net of fees and charges paid. Rates of return are provided on an annualized basis except for any returns reflective of a period of less than one year.

This historical data offers you a longer term perspective about your account's performance and progress towards your goals.



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## STAFF REPORT

**Report To:** Board of Directors  
**Report From:** John Bittorf, Water Resources Coordinator  
**Meeting Date:** March 24, 2021  
**Report Code:** 014-2021  
**Subject:** Inglis Falls Dam Repairs

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### Strategic Initiatives

This item is related Enhance Land Management priority set out in GSCA's Strategic Plan.

#### Background:

GSCA presently owns 14 dams located on our properties. Some of these dams (6) were built or modified by Ducks Unlimited (DU) and are maintained by DU. Other dams, such as the Inglis Falls Dam, are for wildlife and recreational purposes only. The Clendenan Dam is our only dam that is used for flood control purposes (reduces sheet ice jams throughout Clarksburg). Dams owned and managed by GSCA are eligible for Provincial Water and Erosion Control Infrastructure funding (WECl - 50%) for significant repairs or safety studies. Priority funding goes to structures that provide public safety functions i.e. flood reduction.

Inglis Falls Dam is over 100 years old. The dam was part of the Inglis Falls purchase in 1970. Significant repairs were completed in the early 1990's after a Professional Dam Inspection determined that immediate repairs to the structure were required. At that time, 6 logs were seasonally installed in the two bays to maximize the head pond level.

Over the past few years, GSCA staff have noticed a large crack has developed in the westerly pier and the concrete beneath the deck has given way to expose the structural rebar. The rebar shows signs of oxidation (rust). In 2018, GSCA contracted DU staff to complete visual investigations of all of our dams and to provide recommendations for needed repairs. DU noted that the underside of the Inglis Fall Dam deck needs to be repaired before the rebar gets worse which may cause more concrete to break away. The large crack should also be investigated and repaired. The concrete seams in the deck needed re-sealing. Overall, the concrete was

showing signs of aging but was not identified as an immediate concern. Presently, only 2 logs are seasonally installed to maintain a small head pond and reduce stress on the structure.

GSCA staff were hopeful they could complete the repairs themselves. Unfortunately, due to various reasons, the repairs were never attempted. Last year, GSCA staff approached the Grey County Bridge Crew to see if they could give advice on the repairs or attempt the repairs for GSCA on a cost recovery basis. Grey County was interested in helping us with the repairs but could not fit them into their schedule. Based on their experience with old concrete structures, they were also concerned that the scope of the project could quickly escalate once the project was started.

This year, GSCA approached Grey County again to see if they were interested in attempting the repairs. Grey County staff indicated that they could fit it into their schedules, but they would need a professional assessment of the dam and engineered drawing of the needed repairs before proceeding.

### **Financial/Budget Implications:**

Over the past few years, GSCA has included staff time and materials in the “Other Dams” budget for minor repairs to the Inglis Falls Dam. Unfortunately, the repairs were never attempted or completed for various reasons. After discussing with Grey County staff, GSCA staff are no longer confident that GSCA will be able to complete the repairs in-house. An opportunity has arisen with Grey County to re-furbish the structure provided a professional assessment is completed along with detailed repair plans and drawings. A preliminary estimate for engineering may cost up to \$12,000. Grey County’s time and materials may cost \$25,000 to \$35,000 depending on the extent of the repairs. These items are not part of the 2021 budget. These repairs are eligible for WECL 50% funding, but the Inglis Dam is classified as “low priority” and would not likely receive any funding. All funding for this project would come out of our Dam Reserve.

### **Options:**

1. Do nothing – wait until dam shows signs of significant deterioration; may lose opportunity with Grey County for future repairs.
2. Attempt repairs to deck and crack – hire a concrete specialist to complete the smaller repairs and help to assess condition of the concrete; delay refurbishing structure for another 10 years - may lose opportunity with Grey County for future repairs.
3. Split the project over 2 years; Year 1 = professional assessment and detailed plans (may require NEC and MNR permits as well); Year 2 = Grey County complete the works. This option would need to be confirmed with Grey County.
4. Complete the entire project this year.

### **Staff Recommendation:**

The offer from Grey County to assist with the repairs to the dam is very appealing and is expected to be far more cost effective if significant repairs are needed. However, the structure does not show signs of immediate failure and recent visual inspections only recommend repairs to prevent further deterioration.

Staff recommend the GSCA Board of Directors support Option 2 for the hiring of a concrete specialist to complete the repairs as identified by the 2018 Duck's Unlimited report.

**Consultation:**

CAO, and Manager of Operation

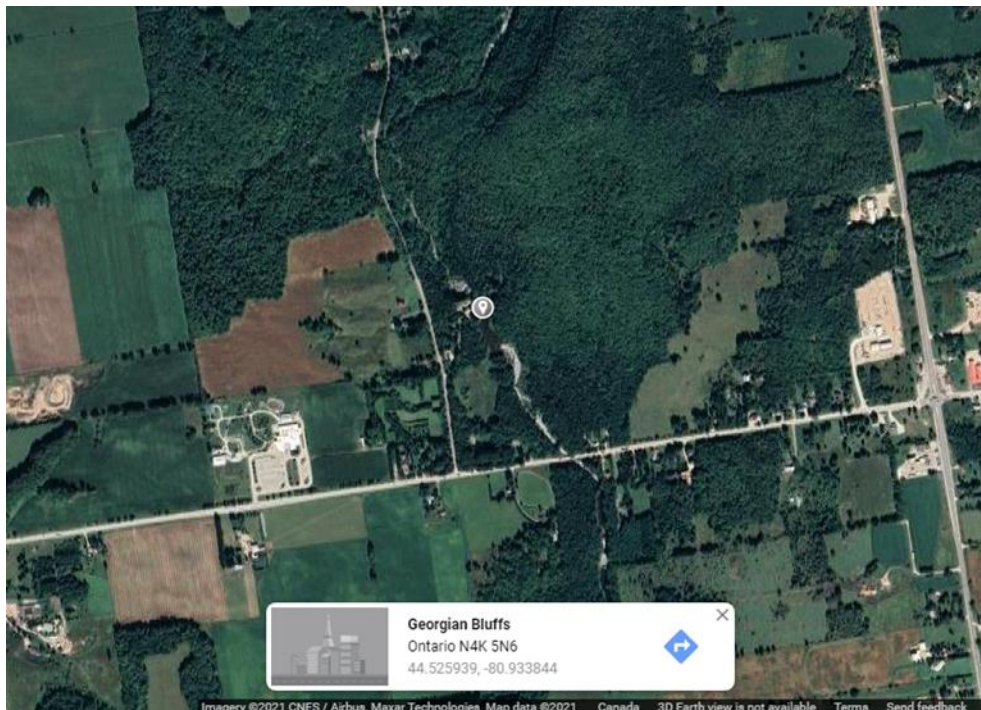
**Date of Update of this Report:**

March 17, 2021

## Inglis Falls Dam Repair

### Location of Dam

Inglis Falls Dam is located on the Sydenham River immediately above the falls within the Inglis Falls Conservation Area. It is situated in Lot 11, Concession 1, former Derby Township (Township of Georgian Bluffs). Access to the dam is by the laneway into the conservation area from Inglis Falls Road. Nearest Hamlet is Rockford on Hwy 6/10.



### Purpose of the Dam

The dam is a former mill dam that was acquired by the Authority as part of the Inglis Falls Conservation Area land assembly. Its current use is for the creation of an impoundment for waterfowl habitat, aesthetic and recreational purposes.

### Description of Dam

The dam is a concrete structure that spans the channel of the river between river banks consisting of bedrock. The dam is founded on bedrock. There are no earthen berms associated with the dam. The structure is approximately 30 m. wide. It contains two stop log bays with openings of 3.96m wide each. The remaining crest of the dam is an overflow weir.



The dam is approximately 3m high. Traditionally, the stop logs bays each contain a total of six 8 inch stop logs. The complete set of logs retains water to depth of 1.22m. (4 feet). However, in an effort to reduce the load on the dam, the total stop logs for each bay has been reduced to two.

### **History of Repairs**

In 1989, an assessment of the dam was completed and recommended immediate repair to the weir, piers and decking as well as installing a better log hoist system. These repairs were undertaken from 1990 to 1992. No other significant repairs have been completed since the 90's.

### **Description of the issues**

In 2018, GSCA hired Ducks Unlimited to complete a preliminary assessment of our dams. Below is a quote from the assessment.

- Spalling has resulted in exposed rebar on the dam's top concrete slab (underside). Damaged rebar will need to be exposed, spliced and patched.
- Cracks run the length of the dam's top slab. Exposed rebar is present in portions of these cracks. Some areas are surficial and can be cleaned and patched, others will require the rebar to be exposed, removed and replaced.
- The western pier of the stop log bay area has a substantial crack (greater than 6 inches) in the top left corner. Repairs will need to be made to prevent further cracking.

Inglis Falls Dam





### The Inglis Falls Dam



Concern: Exposed Rebar on top concrete slab.

Options: Rebar will need to be exposed, spliced and patched. Confirm with concrete repair specialist



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### The Inglis Falls Dam



Concern: Cracks run length of Dam top slab. Exposed rebar in portions of crack.

Options: Some areas are surficial and can be cleaned and patched.



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### The Inglis Falls Dam



Concern: Western pier has substantial crack (greater than 6 inches) in top left corner.

Options: A partial decommission of the Inglis falls dam should be considered. See inspection report.





# **GSCA Agricultural Advisory Committee**

Background report to the GSCA Board of Directors.



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## Introduction

This report provides background information on the establishment of an Agricultural Advisory Committee at Grey Sauble Conservation Authority (GSCA), as well as information about the known Agricultural Advisory Committees at neighbouring Conservation Authorities (Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority and Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority), as well as the County of Grey, and Town of The Blue Mountains. Attached as an Appendix 1.

## Local Conservation Authorities with Agricultural Advisory Committees

Currently, both Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) and Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority (SVCA) have Agricultural Advisory Committees. Both committees aim to improve communications with their respective agricultural communities, identify issues and areas of concerns with Conservation Authority programming as they relate to the agricultural community, and act as a discussion group to bring forward communication and recommendations to the members of their respective Board of Directors.

## Watershed Municipalities and Counties with Agricultural Advisory Committees

Currently, the Town of The Blue Mountains and the County of Grey have agricultural advisory committees. The purpose of both advisory committees is to act as a voice to their respective councils on matters that impact the agricultural communities.

## Goal of an Agricultural Advisory Committee

The goals of an agricultural advisory committee may include:

- Improve the relationship between GSCA and the local agricultural community;
- Provide a forum for the agricultural community to provide input to GSCA programs;
- Provide a direct link to inform the agricultural community of current and future GSCA funding opportunities; and
- Further develop partnerships between GSCA and the local agricultural community.

## Previous Reports Presented to GSCA Board of Directors

Karen Gillan, Drinking Water Source Protection Project Supervisor & Risk Management Official/Communications Planner, presented a report to the GSCA Board of Directors in June 2019 (Motion FA-19-068) regarding the GSCA Agricultural Advisory Committee (Appendix 2). The following motion was passed at that meeting:

**WHEREAS the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors (BOD) received a deputation from the Grey County Federation of Agriculture and requested a report from staff on the feasibility of an Agricultural Advisory Committee;**

**AND WHEREAS agricultural practices and relationships have generally been perceived as positive and have not been identified as a strategic change priority for GSCA;**

**AND WHEREAS GSCA staff already interact with the agricultural community through participation**

as members in the local ALUS Committee, as a board member on Stewardship Grey Bruce, in a display at Farmers' Week in Elmwood, as participants at the Annual Politicians Meeting hosted by Grey and Bruce County Federations of Agriculture, in Soil and Crop Tours, at Grown in Grey and Roots of Bruce with students, in Displays at Keady Market in partnership with Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority, with the farmers bidding on and using GSCA's leased agricultural lands, and in the Coffee, Crops and Donuts – program coordinated by Saugeen Valley CA staff;

**AND WHEREAS GSCA currently has limited resources to actively fund agriculture-specific stewardship initiatives;**

**THAT the GSCA Board of Directors supports that GSCA staff members continue to seek opportunities to interact with, engage with and get the input of the membership of the Grey County Federation of Agriculture and other agricultural associations within our watershed, including annually at Federation meetings, without establishing a formal Agricultural Advisory Committee immediately, and reconsider upon the next Strategic Plan update.**

**AND THAT GSCA actively discuss and compile the future information or supports that the agricultural industry would like CAs to have and provide to them.**

Following this Board of Directors' meeting and report, a letter written by the GSCA Board of Directors' Chair, Cathy Little, to Hugh Simpson, President of Grey County Federation of Agriculture advising him of the Board of Directors' decision to not create a formal Agricultural Advisory Committee until, at least, the next GSCA Strategic Plan. The letter specifically highlights a portion of the motion passed at the June 2019 meeting stating "to support that GSCA staff continue to seek opportunities to interact with, engage with and get the input of the membership of the Grey County Federation of Agriculture and other agricultural organizations within our watershed, including at Federation meetings, without establishing a formal Agricultural Advisory Committee immediately". This letter is attached as Appendix 3.

The Staff Report lays out next steps to enhance communication with our farm communities:

- To communicate and investigate any concerns with the CA Permits requirements and approach.
- To advise GSCA on farming techniques and practices, as we have limited in-house agricultural expertise.
- To help GSCA reach farmers when we have stewardship funds available.
- To enable GSCA to be better known across the agricultural communities and vice versa.

The Staff Report also provided possible activities that GSCA could undertake including:

- Board representatives and Staff attending existing GCFA and BCFA meetings annually to make presentations and/or bring a display. Could include presentations to explain permit requirements and accept feedback, and to show the stewardship funding available that year, and/or to have a two-way discussion about environmental best practices.
- A sign-up list could be used to identify attendees who want to stay in contact with GSCA on agriculturally-related news or are willing to provide us with advice.
- An open invitation for agricultural delegations to attend GSCA Board meetings.
- An open letter to known agricultural groups indicating our willingness to be engaged with them.
- Staff continue to pursue opportunities to participate in agricultural groups, events or workshops as appropriate i.e. ALUS, Stewardship Grey Bruce, Soil and Crop Tours, Grown in Grey, Roots of Bruce (staff to seek input from GCFA, BCFA and Grey Agricultural Services of appropriate key events)

There several comments and/or suggestions provided at the June 2019 Board of Directors' meeting including:

- Board Members commended Karen Gillan on an excellent report.
- Great information – and how we are reaching out. Why was the OFA coming to us asking for this structured Committee? This report shows we are reaching out so why does OFA feel we should have a Committee. Maybe we are not hitting our mark, and need a more visible and deliberate reach-out to our agricultural

community.

- Can we solicit a survey from our farming groups?
- Would be interested to see a summer tour and winter meetings
- Keep tabs and respond back to formal request and then we would know if the agricultural community is satisfied.
- GSCA should speak at farmer's week and get on agendas for agricultural events.

As the report suggests, staff have been working with various Agricultural groups throughout our watershed. Further work is needed to continue to improve this relationship and enhance communications.

In 2020, GSCA staff organized a Soil Health Workshop. The workshop was to take place near the end of March 2020, and was to include speakers from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs and included lunch. Due to COVID-19, this event was cancelled.

GSCA has also maintained a Stewardship Technician position who has been responsible for identifying and securing grants to improve water quality throughout the GSCA watershed. This position has funding secured for 2021 and 2022 through a combination of municipal levy dollars and money from grants covering a portion of their wages.

## APPENDIX 1 – GSCA AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY - TERMS OF REFERENCE – DRAFT

### **Mission / Purpose:**

The committee's purpose is to act as a voice of the agricultural community at Grey Sauble Conservation Authority (GSCA) and to coordinate communication between agricultural organizations within the GSCA watersheds. The committee will identify opportunities related to the agricultural community and provide feedback to the Board of Directors from the community.

The purpose of the Agricultural Advisory committee is to:

- Improve communications with a diverse agricultural community through information sharing, advocacy and education.
- Identify initiatives and projects that impact the agricultural community and discuss pros and cons of these projects.
- Provide an opportunity for input and recommendations on matters considered relevant to the agricultural community including but not limited to: stewardship programs, land programs, regulation policies, and plan review policies.
- Identify areas of common interest/issues and/or concerns as they relate to the agricultural community (externally).
- Act as a discussion group to bring forward communication to the GSCA Board of Directors.

### **Authority to Establish Committee**

#### **Conservation Authorities Act**

Section 18(2) of the Conservation Authorities Act (CAA) states, “*an authority shall establish such advisory boards as may be required by regulation and may establish such other advisory boards as it considers appropriate. 2017, c. 23, Sched. 4, s. 15*”.

Section 18(3) of the CAA states, “*an advisory board shall comply with any requirements that may be prescribed by regulation with respect to its composition, functions, powers, duties, activities and procedures. 2017, c. 23, Sched. 4, s. 15*”.

Section 19.1(1) of the CAA states, “*an authority may make by-laws,*

- (a) respecting the meetings to be held by the authority, including providing for the calling of the meetings and the procedures to be followed at meetings, specifying which meetings, if any, may be closed to the public;*
- (e) providing for the composition of its executive committee and for the establishment of other committees that it considers advisable and respecting any other matters relating to its governance”.*

#### **Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Administrative By-Law**

Section 17 of the GSCA Administrative By-Law states, “*in accordance with Section 18(2) of the Act the Authority shall establish such advisory boards and committees as required by regulation and may establish such other advisory boards or committees as it considers appropriate to study and report on specific matters. The General*



*Membership shall approve the terms of reference for all such advisory boards and committees, which shall include the role, the frequency of meetings and the number of members required. Resolutions and policies governing the operation of the Authority shall be observed in all advisory board and committee meetings. Each advisory board or committee shall report to the General Membership, presenting any recommendations made by the advisory board or committee. The dates of all advisory board and committee meetings shall be made available to all Members of the Authority.”*

## **Composition:**

The Agricultural Advisory Committee shall be composed generally of 5 members, who live, farm, work or represent an agricultural organization within the GSCA watershed. GSCA will appoint all committee members. It will be the responsibility of the individual organizations to recommend annually in writing their representatives, by Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> to the GSCA Chief Administrative Officer/Secretary-Treasurer. An invitation for membership would be sent to the following organizations:

### **Ontario Federation of Agriculture:**

- 1 representative from Bruce County Federation of Agriculture
- 1 representative from Grey County Federation of Agriculture

### **Other Agricultural Groups:**

- 1 representative from the Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario (CFFO)
  - 1 representative from the National Farmers Union (NFU)
  - 1 additional representative from the Agricultural Community (selected annually by the Advisory Committee through an open/by invitation selection process)
- If Federations, CFFO, or NFU do not fulfil their allowed number of representatives the Committee may recommend appointees from other agricultural community groups for appointment by GSCA.

### **GSCA Authority Representatives:**

- 2 members from the General Membership of the Authority.

### **GSCA Staff Resources:**

Depending on the topics to be discussed, any of the following GSCA Managers/Coordinators could take the meeting lead:

- Chief Administrative Officer;
- Manager of Conservation Lands;
- Forestry Coordinator;
- Water Resources Coordinator;
- Environmental Planning Coordinator; or
- Drinking Water Source Protection Project Manager.

A current municipal member of the GSCA Board of Directors may not sit on this committee as a member of another organization.

## **Meetings:**

The Committee will meet up to 4 times per year subject to agenda content and need. Additional meetings will be at the call of the Chair if required for timely matters.

The Committee will set the meeting schedule annually at the first meeting of the year.

Meetings will generally be held during regular business hours at the GSCA Administration Office (237897 Inglis Falls Road, Owen Sound, Ontario) at the call of the Committee Chair.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, meetings may be held in a virtual forum by either majority approval of the Committee or due to pandemic related health and safety concerns.

## **Committee Chair and Vice Chair:**

If the Minister of the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) has designated an agricultural representative to the GSCA Board of Directors as per Section 14(4) of the Conservation Authorities Act, this member shall be the Chair of the Agricultural Committee. The Committee will elect a Vice Chair from its membership annually at the first meeting of the year.

If the Minister of MECP has not designated an agricultural representative as per Section 14(4) of the Conservation Authorities Act, the Committee will elect a Chair and Vice Chair from its membership annually at the first meeting of the year.

## **Procedural Rules:**

The Committee shall be subject to all policies and clauses of the GSCA Administrative By-Laws. In the case where these by-laws are silent, Roberts Rules of Order will take precedent.

Quorum is more than 50% of the membership of the Committee, and never less than four (4) members. Members shall not be represented by proxy.

The agenda will be developed by GSCA staff with input from the Committee chair.

Committee members do not have the authority to specifically direct the activities of GSCA staff and will communicate through the GSCA Chief Administrative Officer/Secretary-Treasurer. The Committee may make recommendations to the GSCA Board of Directors.

The Terms of Reference will be reviewed on an annual basis by the Committee. Any recommended changes must be approved by the Full Authority Board of Directors.

## **Decision Making:**

This Committee does not have decision making power over the Authority or the Staff of the Authority. However, the Committee may make decisions on recommendations to the Authority. Consensus based decisions will be encouraged for all matters, however if required, normal simple majority rules will be implemented. Each committee member shall have full voting rights and be entitled to one vote per member. Members must be present at the meeting to be eligible to vote. Virtual attendance is permitted.

### **Remuneration:**

Agricultural organizational representative members of the Committee are not eligible for remuneration for their participation on the Agricultural Advisory Committee. GSCA Board of Director representatives on the Committee are eligible for a per diem pursuant to the policies established by the GSCA.

### **Reporting:**

The Committee Chair shall report to the GSCA Authority Members in the form of a report containing Committee Agendas, meeting minutes, and recommendations. When required the Committee may appoint a representative who best represents the topic of discussion to speak to the report. The Committee shall provide the Chief Administrative Officer/Secretary-Treasurer with a copy of the reports to be circulated to the GSCA Authority Members. Requests to present to the Board of Directors shall be submitted to the Chief Administrative Officer no later than three weeks prior to the subject Full Authority meeting. Written reports and package materials for the Board of Director's shall be provided to the Chief Administrative Officer no later than two weeks prior to the subject Full Authority meeting.

### **Resources:**

GSCA staff and other resource experts will be invited, as required, to provide additional input to the Committee. GSCA will provide administrative support, including the circulation of reports to the GSCA Members, distribution of agendas and the general administrative co-ordination of the meetings.

### APPENDIX 2 – GSCA STAFF REPORT – POTENTIAL FOR A GSCA AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE STAFF REPORT



**Report To:** Board of Directors

**Report From:** Karen Gillan, Program Supervisor/  
Communications Planner

**Meeting Date:** June 26, 2019

**Report Code:** 21-2019

**Subject:** Potential for a GSCA Agricultural Advisory Committee

#### Recommendation:

WHEREAS the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors (BOD) received a deputation from the Grey County Federation of Agriculture and requested a report from staff on the feasibility of an Agricultural Advisory Committee;

AND WHEREAS agricultural practices and relationships have generally been perceived as positive and have not been identified as a strategic change priority for GSCA;

AND WHEREAS GSCA staff already interact with the agricultural community through participation as members in the local ALUS Committee, as a board member on Stewardship Grey Bruce, in a display at Farmers' Week in Elmwood, as participants at the Annual Politicians Meeting hosted by Grey and Bruce County Federations of Agriculture, in Soil and Crop Tours, at Grown in Grey and Roots of Bruce with students, in Displays at Keady Market in partnership with Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority, with the farmers bidding on and using GSCA's leased agricultural lands, and in the Coffee, Crops and Donuts – program coordinated by Saugeen Valley CA staff;

AND WHEREAS GSCA currently has limited resources to actively fund agriculture-specific stewardship initiatives;

THAT the GSCA Board of Directors supports that GSCA staff members continue to seek opportunities to interact with, engage with and get the input of the membership of the Grey County Federation of Agriculture and other agricultural associations within our watershed, including annually at Federation meetings, without establishing a formal Agricultural Advisory Committee immediately, and reconsider upon the next Strategic Plan update.

AND THAT GSCA actively discuss and compile the future information or supports that the agricultural industry would like CAs to have and provide to them.

## **Strategic Initiative**

Strengthening Environmental Communication and Education as well as Improving Water Quality were identified as Goals in the current Strategic plan, however agricultural practices and the community were not identified as specific concerns.

## **Background**

### **Outreach by Grey County Federation of Agriculture**

On **April 4, 2019** Hugh Simpson, Grey County Federation of Agriculture (GCFA) President met with GSCA BOD Chair Cathy Little, Andrea Matrosovs, Sonya Skinner, Rebecca Ferguson, John Bittorf and Karen Gillan.

On **May 22, 2019**, Hugh Simpson, presented to the BOD for Grey Sauble Conservation Authority (GSCA) as a delegation at the regular monthly meeting. Highlights included that the Federation represents 1500 farm families and there have been three priorities identified– 1) Rural economic development; 2) Fair farm properties taxation; and 3) Environmental Stewardship.

He mentioned that Agricultural Advisory Committees have been formalized with Nottawasaga Valley CA and Saugeen Valley CA, and Hugh shared that he has had a positive personal experience, as a member of the NVCA Agricultural Ad-hoc Committee. He recommends that GSCA consider a similar model and that the Federation could help to identify a mix of farm participants. The Federation’s members steward a large part of the land in the Watershed, and can bring benefits to land, water and air as environmental influencers. This is particularly true in Grey County as there is a greater proportion of farmer owners than elsewhere in Ontario. Discussions will improve relationships and communication and can include what is of interest to all parties, such as stewardship, tile drainage and regulatory approvals on a general non-project-specific basis.

### **Agricultural Committees in Neighbouring CAs**

Neighbouring Conservation Authorities, Nottawasaga Valley (NVCA) and Saugeen Valley (SVCA) have Agricultural Ad-hoc Advisory Committees that meet throughout the year. Their purpose as per their Terms of References are to:

- Improve communications with a diverse agricultural representation group.
- Identify areas of common interest/issues and or concerns with respect to CA programs as they relate to the agricultural community.
- Act as a discussion group to bring forward communication and recommendations to the CA Board of Directors/Authority Members.

The SVCA model was initiated in response to local concerns about planning and regulatory issues between farmers and SVCA and has expanded to a communications avenue on more diverse topics.

NVCA formed their Agricultural Ad-hoc Committee in 2014, SVCA formed their Agricultural Ad-hoc Advisory Committee in 2016.

### **GSCA’s Current Engagement with the Agricultural Community**

GSCA is already active in a number of agricultural forums, such as:

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- As members of the local Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS) Committee and have found it to be a useful venue for interacting with local farmers in the watershed.
- As a Network Representative with a staff person holding a board member position on Stewardship Grey Bruce. A goal of this group is “To encourage action that helps people value, look after, and improve the land and resources of Grey and Bruce counties.”
- GSCA and Drinking Water Source Protection have had a display at Farmers’ Week in Elmwood for several years to make themselves available for interaction with farmers.
- March 2019 staff attended and presented at the 11th Annual Politicians Meeting hosted by Grey and Bruce County Federations of Agriculture and found it to be a positive engagement event.
- Soil and Crop Tours – Drinking Water office staff have participated in past tours and found them to be a positive event for networking and an opportunity to see different operations and innovations
- Grown in Grey is for grade 5 students, to learn what is happening in agriculture and related industries in our region. Staff and co-op students have attended some years when available.
- Roots of Bruce, students in grade 5 and 6 learn about agricultural community, food production and supporting industries. Drinking Water Staff have attended in past but not consistently.
- Displays at Keady Market on Tuesdays in partnership with Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority. Staff have attended a couple days each summer to field questions from the public and make resources available.
- Agricultural leased lands are an opportunity to engage with farmers bidding on and using our lands.
- Coffee, Crops and Donuts – program coordinated by Saugeen Valley CA staff. Risk Management Staff have attended as they have producers in that jurisdiction – learn about and see the innovative practices like cover crops being implemented by farmers and why they participate.
- Flesherton Farmers Market select Saturdays in 2019

GSCA is also aware of several other groups for the agricultural community, including:

- Grey Bruce Christian Farmers Association
- National Farmers Union of Ontario Grey County Local 344
- Ecological Farmers Association of Ontario
- The Bruce County Federation of Agriculture
- Ontario Sheep Farmers District 2
- Chicken Farmers of Ontario District 1
- Grey-Bruce Pork Producers
- Grey County Dairy Producers
- Georgian Bay Fruit Growers
- Georgian Central Soil and Crop Improvement Association
- Grey County Beef Farmers Association, Bruce County Beef Farmers Association
- The Grey Agricultural Services office in Markdale is a hub for many rural organizations, coordinating training and outreach efforts since the departure of a local office for OMAFRA

### **Existing GSCA Committees**

**Forestry Committee** – Has a Memorandum of Understanding that includes a delegation of authority for the committee to steer and make some decisions on forest management for GSCA’s 30,000 acres and the Grey Sauble Forestry Services offered to the public. Members are all BOD members, supported by staff.

**Beaver River Watershed Initiative (BRWI)** – Works on issues/concerns/projects related to Beaver River and its associated watershed. Staff attend meetings and participate in stewardship activities. BRWI members and executive actively recruit members and perform most of regular committee functions. GSCA provides insurance, holds funds for the group as an avenue for donations and there is a Memorandum of Understanding in place.

**Inglis Falls Arboretum Alliance (IFAA)** – Executes the Inglis Falls Arboretum vision with hundreds of hours of volunteer work and expertise, including the goal to have living samples of all the woody plants in Bruce and Grey Counties. Leads vision updates, as well as raising funds, providing the World of Trees school children event and volunteering at the Tree Sale. The IFAA works in collaboration with GSCA staff who provide operations and maintenance and policy support.

**Foundation** – Provides essential and visionary fundraising for capital needs and stewardship projects, and volunteer support to GSCA. Most activities are organized by Foundation members with support from GSCA staff members.

**Low Water Response Team** – comes together to respond to situations as needed – very function/response based.

### **GSCA's Agricultural Stewardship Funding**

GSCA has received about \$85,000 from the federal government for agricultural stewardship over the next three years, starting at about \$17,000 per year with increased amounts in years two and three.

Other options for increased and longer duration funding are being actively sought, including intentions by Stewardship Grey Bruce to expand funding and land coverage for a current SVCA program across the GSCA jurisdiction, and the Bruce Peninsula Biosphere Association has also started to deliver agricultural stewardship in South Bruce Peninsula.

### **Analysis**

Staff see a need to have enhanced communication with our farm communities:

1. To communicate and investigate any concerns with the CA Permits requirements and approach.
2. To advise GSCA on farming techniques and practices, as we have limited in-house agricultural expertise.
3. To help GSCA reach farmers when we have stewardship funds available.
4. To enable GSCA to be better known across the agricultural communities and vice versa.

The agricultural community is also a key player in any future climate change-related activities.

However, given their reasonably good care of the land in our watershed, the agricultural community was not identified as a priority group during the recent strategic plan analysis, and resources were allocated elsewhere, such as to developing staff expertise to mitigate development impacts through Low Impact Development, naturalization and other initiatives.

A review of the minutes of the SVCA and NVCA Agricultural Advisory Committees indicate that they generally consist of CA staff presenting information on relevant topics, with inconsistent attendance. However, the CAOs of both SVCA and NVCA find the committees very positive and helpful.



Enhanced communication and engagement with the agriculture community could occur without a structured committee, allowing a broader audience to be nimbly engaged and promoting a broader recognition of GSCA and what we do. Possible activities could include:

- Board representatives and Staff attending existing GCFA and BCFA meetings annually to make presentations and/or bring a display. Could include presentations to explain permit requirements and accept feedback, and to show the stewardship funding available that year, and/or to have a two-way discussion about environmental best practices.
  - A sign-up list could be used to identify attendees who want to stay in contact with GSCA on agriculturally-related news or are willing to provide us with advice.
- An open invitation for agricultural delegations to attend GSCA Board meetings.
- An open letter to known agricultural groups indicating our willingness to be engaged with them.
- Staff continue to pursue opportunities to participate in agricultural groups, events or workshops as appropriate i.e. ALUS, Stewardship Grey Bruce, Soil and Crop Tours, Grown in Grey, Roots of Bruce (staff to seek input from GCFA, BCFA and Grey Agricultural Services of appropriate key events)

In addition to current efforts, the expected resources to run a committee meeting three times per year are:

- Board Members Per Diems (\$500), and about 15 hours per board member per year, say 3 members totaling 45-50 hours
- Staff preparation, meeting attendance and follow up time of about 100 hours
- Minor costs for snacks and coffee (\$100)

The committee would reach 5-10 farmers quite intensively and build deeper relationships.

Alternately, if GSCA added attendance at three meetings of agricultural associations, and provided a presentation/display, the resources would include:

- Board Members Per Diems (\$300), and about 15 hours per board member per year, say 2 members totaling 30 hours
- Staff preparation, meeting attendance and follow up time of about 42 hours
- Minor costs for travel (\$100)

This approach would have the potential to reach hundreds of farmers for a short period, raising general awareness and improving the opportunities for two-way communications.

#### **Financial/Budget Implications of the recommended Motion:**

There are no financial and/or budget implications, however about 30 hours of Board Members time and over 40 hours of staff time could be used to attend 3-5 additional agricultural group meetings.

#### **Communication Strategy:**

A letter from GSCA BOD Chair to local OFA office as a proactive communications effort extending the willingness of staff to attend an upcoming meeting or bring a display to a meeting or event. Thank them for making environmental stewardship a priority for their organization and that we would like to have better communications with their membership through actions like those mentioned above, not a formal ad-hoc committee structure at this time.

A letter from the BOD Chair to each known agricultural group indicating our willingness to be engaged with them, and the opportunity to suggest a delegation at any time.



**Consultation:**

- NVCA and SVCA CAOs and Agricultural Committee Minutes
- Lorie Smith at Grey County Agricultural Services Centre

**Date of Update of this Report:**      **June 21, 2019**

## APPENDIX 3 – GSCA LETTER TO GREY COUNTY FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE – OCTOBER 2019



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October 10, 2019

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Grey County Federation of Agriculture

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Dear Hugh,

On behalf of the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority (GSCA), thank you for meeting with staff and Board members on April 4, 2019 and appearing as a delegation at the May 22, 2019 Board of Directors meeting.

GSCA values the Grey County Federation of Agriculture, and all other agricultural communities and organizations within our watershed. We do appreciate that the Ontario Federation of Agriculture has identified Environmental Stewardship as one of three strategic priorities and we perceive agricultural practices within our watershed as generally positive.

GSCA is already active in a number of agricultural forums and has undertaken stewardship actions on some agricultural lands within our watershed. However, agricultural practices and outreach are not identified as specific concerns in our GSCA Strategic Plan (2018 – 2021), which is the framework for our annual CAO/Staff workplan and budget.

At the June BOD meeting, the Board resolved, “to support that GSCA staff continue to seek opportunities to interact with, engage with and get the input of the membership of the Grey County Federation of Agriculture and other agricultural organizations within our watershed, including at Federation meetings, without establishing a formal Agricultural Advisory Committee immediately”.

The GSCA Board supports staff-proposed options for increased engagement and enhanced communication: board representatives and staff attend existing GCFA and BCFA meetings annually to explain permit requirements and receive feedback, advise of available stewardship funding, and have discussion about environmental best practices; open invitation for agricultural delegations to attend GSCA BOD meetings; open letter to known agricultural groups indicating our willingness to be engaged with them; staff continue to pursue opportunities to participate in agricultural groups, events or workshops as appropriate.

On behalf of GSCA, we look forward to strengthening our relationship with GCFA, and upon the next Strategic Plan update, we would reconsider establishing a formal Agricultural Advisory Committee.

Kind regards,

Cathy Little

Chair

Grey Sauble Conservation Authority

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**Watershed Municipalities**  
Arran-Elderslie, Chatsworth, Georgian Bluffs, Grey Highlands  
Meaford, Owen Sound, South Bruce Peninsula, Town of The Blue Mountains





## **Grey Sauble Authority Board of Directors**

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### **M O T I O N**

**DATE:**               **March 24, 2021**

**MOTION #:**       **FA-21-047**

**MOVED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SECONDED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**THAT this meeting now adjourn.**