

Annual General Meeting

GSCA held their AGM on January 26th, 2022. John Anderson of the Georgian Bluffs Climate Action Committee provided a presentation on climate action. CAO, Tim Lanthier provided an overview of highlights and accomplishments for 2021. Guests provided greetings and salutations from their organizations. Member Scott Greig was re-elected as Chair for 2022 and Member Andrea Matrosovs was re-elected as Vice Chair for 2022.



Forestry

a. 2022 Forestry Fee Schedule Update

Staff presented the proposed fee schedule for the Forestry Department for 2022. There is an average of 9% increase that covers the increased costs within the department. Apart from the annual tree sales price list, these fees have not been reviewed in their entirety for 2 to 3 years. The Board approved the 2022 Forestry Fee Schedule.

Administration

a. 2022 Operational Plan

Staff presented the 2022 Operational Plan. This plan is intended to support the strategic goals of the GSCA. Each department has its own departmental operational plan that extends beyond these tasks. The Board approved the 2022 Operational Plan.

b. GSCA Programs and Services Inventory Report

Staff presented the GSCA Programs and Services Inventory Report as required by the province. It was noted that this report will act as a starting point for discussions with member municipalities.

The next step will be to circulate the inventory to member municipalities, local counties, and those municipalities with agreements in place.

MECP requires quarterly reporting starting in July of 2022 on the status of agreement discussions and any changes to the inventory. The Board approved the Program and Services Inventory.

c. Staffing Update

Staff spoke to need to hire an additional full-time position in the Environmental Planning Department. Due to the substantial increase in formal planning and permit applications that are not projected to decrease, staff recommended the inclusion of a full-time Regulations Officer position in advance of the completion of the Watson and Associates report, which will be presented to the Board in March or April. This position is intended to help manage permitting and the increasing number of violation reports. This was one of three additional positions to be added to the Department following the service rate review. The Board approved the immediate hiring of the Regulations Officer.