GREY SAUBLE CONSERVATION AUTHORITY (GSCA) Board Meeting Highlights 05/25/2022



Administration

a. 2022 Q1 Report Back

Staff provided an update on the first quarter of the 2022 budget year. Staff noted that expenses were higher than budgeted. This was attributed to; increases in salary and wages, contracts and services, and insurance premiums. The deficit is to be covered by the previous year's surplus and user fees.

b. Hybrid Board Meeting Options

Staff provided options and recommendations for the Board to continue meeting in a hybrid format at the GSCA Administrative Centre. These options ranged from a cost-effective staff installed system, using the OWL Meeting Pro device, to a very expensive, professionally installed system. Staff recommended the OWL Meeting Pro with the option of purchasing a second unit to increase coverage, if necessary. The system will meet the Board's needs and can be ready for the Board June meeting. The Board approved the purchase of the OWL Meeting Pro.

c. Conservation Authorities Act Update

Staff provided an update on the CAA Phase 2 regulations released by the province in April. These regulations focus on transparency, fees, budgets, and apportionment (levy).

Regulation 400/22 requires GSCA to create and maintain a "Governance" section on their website that will include Board Meeting Packages and Approved Minutes, meeting dates, policy documents, and Board Member contact information. Many of these are already on the GSCA website. All information is required to be in place by the end of 2022.

Regulation 402/22 defines the budget and apportionment process. The term Apportionment replaces the term Levy.

Conservation Lands

a. Administrative Building RFP Award

Staff reported the results of the Admin Building RFP. The RFP was reissued on March 21st and reviewed by the committee on May 17th. After all submissions being reviewed and scored, staff recommended the RFP be awarded to Lebel and Bouilane. The Board approved the RFP awarded as recommended by staff.

b. Inglis Falls Management Plan Presentation

Staff provided a presentation on the Inglis Falls Conservation Area Management Plan. Staff reviewed the five action areas and provided some highlights of potential projects and ideas. A virtual open house was conducted and a mail out survey was circulated. The draft plan and supporting documentation are available on the website.

Water Management

a. Dam Installation Update

Staff presented an update on the status of GSCA dams in the watershed, including when they were installed for the season, any repairs that were made, and some highlights.