GREY SAUBLE CONSERVATION AUTHORITY (GSCA) Board Meeting Highlights 03/22/2023



Administration

a. Agricultural Advisory Committee

At the request of the Board of Directors, staff updated the Agricultural Advisory Committee Terms of Reference Staff to increase the number of Board representatives from 2 Members to 2 to 4 Members.

The Board approved the amended terms of reference.

Water Management

a. Watershed Health Checks and Report Cards

Staff provided a presentation and update to the Board on the Upper Sauble Sub-Watershed Health Check. This sub-watershed was compared to other sub-watersheds in the region, and it was noted that, overall, the Upper Sauble is scoring much lower on most metrics within the health check criteria.

Environmental Planning

a. 2022 Planning Department Update

Staff provided a summary of the Environmental Planning Department activities for 2022. It was noted that 2022 saw a significant increase in planning application numbers over 2021 and that there is an upward trend over the previous 5 years.

Operations

a. 2022 Parking Revenue Update

Staff provided an overview of the parking revenues of 2022 and the opportunities that staff had explored what opportunities for improving parking revenue and made the necessary changes to increase customer service and parking compliance. The introduction of the park ambassador program to provide information on the relevant conservation area and the use of the Square payment system to take payment for parking on site improved parking compliance and revenues.

b. Hibou 50th Anniversary Report

Staff spoke to the proposal by the Friends of Hibou (FoH) to host an event to celebrate 50-years since Hibou Conservation Area (CA) was brought back into the public realm. Mr. Young gave a brief overview of the recent history and details of the Hibou property. The Friends of Hibou are requesting an evening event with a concert and activities with tickets being sold.

The Board authorized the Friends of Hibou to host this event.

Forestry

a. Stewardship Project Update

Staff gave an update on stewardship projects conducted in 2022.

Education

a. Day Camp Fee Update

Staff gave a presentation on the 2022 Day Camp.