

GREY SAUBLE CONSERVATION AUTHORITY (GSCA)

Board Meeting Highlights 04/26/2023



Administration

a. Investment Portfolio Update

Mike Konopka of TD Wealth Management gave an update on GSCA's Investment Portfolio and its performance over 2022. It was noted that 2022 was a difficult year for investments in general and GSCA's portfolio mix helped to mitigate additional losses.

b. Programs and Services Inventory

CAO Lanthier gave a review and update on GSCA mandated Programs and Services Inventory. Staff have given presentations to member municipalities. A drafted agreement will be brought to the Board for approval. Once approved, the agreements will be circulated to member municipalities.

c. Prosecutor Pilot Project

In an effort to mitigate costs prosecuting offense and in anticipation of an uptick of offences being prosecuted, staff have been in conversation with Grey County legal counsel to strike an agreement for the provision of legal services.

The Board directed the CAO to negotiate and execute a one-year pilot project agreement.

Conservation Lands

a. Inglis Falls Management Plan Presentation

Staff provided a presentation on the Inglis Falls Management Plan.

b. Town of the Blue Mountains Lease Agreement Report

Staff reported on the lease agreement between GSCA and the Town of the Blue Mountains for a suite of properties. Changes to the agreement include a provision for the TBM to collect parking revenues at the GSCA Peasemash property; an agreement that the TBM will share 25% of the net earnings this program with the GSCA, and recognition of the GSCA Members Parking Pass at the Peasemash property.

The Board approved the signing of the agreement.

Forestry

a. Carbon Credit Report Back

Staff reported back on the completed Carbon Credit Feasibility Report from Carbonzero. Staff identified two specific concerns with the report; percentage of land that is managed forest and the concept of "leakage". These result in the potential revenue being significantly reduced. With the limited potential for revenue and high development costs, staff do not recommend moving forward with this carbon credit project at this time.