

# GREY SAUBLE CONSERVATION AUTHORITY (GSCA)

## Board Meeting Highlights 05/24/2023



### **Administration**

#### *a. Financial Audit Presentation*

A representative of Baker Tilly gave a presentation on GSCA's 2022 Financial Statements. GSCA received a clean auditor's opinion.

It was noted that grant revenues increased significantly from the budgeted amount. This was attributed to grants in the Stewardship and Water Resources departments.

#### *b. Q1 Budget Update*

Staff gave the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter budget update. Staff made note of few items that deviated from the budgeted amounts. Wages in flood control were higher, however; there was an influx of funds from the Water and Erosion Control Infrastructure (WECl) grant. There were deferred revenues in Stewardship. In Planning, revenues were lower than anticipated, however wages were also lower.

### **Conservation Lands**

#### *a. Land Severance at Oxenden Creek Conservation Area*

Staff sought approval for the disposition of a portion of land at Oxenden Creek CA to settle a property boundary issue. After consultation with GSCA legal counsel and the adjacent property owners, staff negotiated with the adjacent landowner to transfer the 0.1 hectare of land in question in exchange for all GSCA legal, professional and transfer fees and a payment of an additional fee.

The Board passed a resolution of support for staff to move forward.

### **Forestry**

#### *a. GSCA Agricultural Advisory Committee – Review & Approve Stewardship Projects & Grants*

The GSCA Agricultural Advisory Committee will act as a review committee for applications for the allocation of grant dollars to various stewardship projects on private lands. It was noted that this would mitigate any real or perceived conflicts of interest associated with Staff making this decision in isolation.

The Board approved delegating authority to the GSCA Agricultural Advisory Committee to review and approve landowner grant applications.

### **Upcoming Events**

- Giiwe Sharing Circle – June 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Memorial Tree Ceremony – June 11<sup>th</sup>
- IFAA Arboretum Signage Unveiling – June 19<sup>th</sup>
- GSC Foundation AGM – June 20<sup>th</sup>
- Friends of Hibou 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration – June 24<sup>th</sup>