
Administration

a. Q2 Budget Update

Staff provided an update of the 2023 Budget. There were very few changes to note. Some adjustments were made to reflect a lower than budgeted revenues and expenses in the Environmental Planning department attributed in part to staffing changes.

Staff noted that total increase in insurance premiums rose by less than budgeted.

b. Q2 Investment Portfolio Update

Staff gave the Board a review of the current status of GSCA's investment portfolio. Staff noted that while the market value of the portfolio dipped slightly in June, it is making strides over the long term.

c. Category 3 Agreement Endorsement

Staff requested endorsement of the required Category 3 agreements, noting that GSCA had received council endorsements of 6 of the total 8 and expect to receive the last two in short order. GSCA is on track for the January 1, 2024, deadline.

The Board authorized the CAO and Board Chair to execute the agreements on behalf of the GSCA.

d. 2019 – 2023 Strategic Plan Final Report

Staff gave a final report back on the 2019-2023 Strategic Plan and a review of accomplishments. Staff are currently working on the creation of the next strategic plan with a few lessons learned. One major change will be the timeframe established. The new plan will span a 10-year period with a 5-year refresh and yearly check-ins. Additionally, staff will be including a corporate excellence focus, both inward and outward.

The Board accepted the 2019-2023 Strategic Plan Final Report and commended staff on their hard work.

Conservation Lands

a. Eugenia Falls Management Plan Presentation

Staff provided a presentation on the progress of the Eugenia Falls Management Plan. Staff reviewed the 5 action areas of the plan and the potential or necessary projects that have been identified.

The full plan is available through the GSCA website.

Education

a. Education Contract Position

Staff updated the Board regarding the extension of the Day Camp Supervisors contract to provide education programming and funding research. Funding for the extension is being provided by the GSC Foundation.