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February 10th, 2011

Sent via Purolator

Reg Russwurm, Acting C.A.O.
The Town of The Blue Mountains
26 Bridge Street, Box 310
Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0

Dear Reg:

Attached for your review is a copy of the document "2011 Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Draft Budget" for your Council's review. An electronic copy will also be sent. Your Council representative(s) from the Authority Board of Directors should be able to help with any questions you may have regarding the package.

You will be pleased to know that for 2011, the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority reduced the levy rate charged to \$9.15 for a property assessed at \$100,000. The last page of the Draft Budget shows your proposed levy amount for 2011.

The final Budget will be formally presented at our Board meeting on March 16th, 2011, for adoption. In the meantime, we would be pleased to attend a meeting with your Council to present the Draft Budget and answer any questions they may have regarding the contents.

The Grey Sauble Conservation Authority appreciates your ongoing support. We look forward to carrying out our mandate for your benefit, and the benefit of the residents in your municipality.

Yours truly,

R. John Cottrill, B.A., M.E.S.
Chief Administrative Officer

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*Feb 14/2011
Copy to
R. Cummings*



Watershed Municipalities
Arran-Elderslie, Chatsworth, Georgian Bluffs, Grey Highlands,
Meaford, Owen Sound, South Bruce Peninsula, Blue Mountains



GREY SAUBLE CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Jan 18/11

OPERATING EXPENSES	EXPENSES Dec 31/10	APPROVED 2010 Budget	Proposed 2011 BUDGET	COMMENTS
WATER MANAGEMENT				
FLOOD FORECAST/WARNING				
Salary, wages & benefits	116,491	116,491	116,542	
Service Contracts	1,105	1,015	1,020	
Vehicle/Equipment	2,250	3,553	3,500	
Material/Supplies	5,912	5,075	3,000	
Services/Rents/Utilities	22,875	24,056	24,000	
TOTAL FLOOD FORECAST/WARNING	148,633	150,189	148,062	partial MNR grant
FLOOD CONTROL STRUCTURES				
Clendenan Dam	8,891	9,000	9,000	
Taylor Street Retention Pond	-	1,500	1,500	
TOTAL FLOOD CONTROL STRUCTURE	8,891	10,500	10,500	partial MNR grant
ICE MANAGEMENT				
Ice Removal (Various Locations)		9,000	9,000	
TOTAL ICE MANAGEMENT		9,000	9,000	partial MNR grant
EROSION CONTROL STRUCTURES				
Salary, wages & benefits	9,825	9,948	10,029	
Vehicle/Equipment	-	203	200	
Material/Supplies	-	508	400	
Services/Rents/Utilities	1,689	1,414	1,500	
TOTAL EROSION CONTROL	11,514	12,072	12,129	partial MNR grant
B) DAMS (Not considered Flood Control)				
Salary, wages & benefits	12,335	12,216	14,037	
Vehicle/Equipment	1,274	1,624	1,600	
Material/Supplies	355	538	500	
Services/Rents/Utilities	1,343	1,523	1,500	
Dam Maintenance	3,542	5,075	5,000	
TOTAL DAMS	18,848	20,975	22,637	
WATER MANAGEMENT	187,886	202,737	202,328	

OPERATING EXPENSES	EXPENSES Dec 31/10	APPROVED 2010 Budget	Proposed 2011 BUDGET	
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ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING				
BIO-MAPPING				
Wages/Benefits	1,740	2,400	3,500	
Vehicle/Equipment	308	400	400	
Supplies	72	200	200	
TOTAL BIO-MAPPING	2,120	3,000	4,100	Funded by GSCF & Deferred revenue
GROUNDWATER MONITORING				
Wages/Benefits	4,442	2,000	5,000	Increased reporting requirements
Vehicle/Equipment	832	750	700	
Material/Supplies	53	500	500	
Services/Rents	444	1,100	1,000	
TOTAL GROUNDWATER MONITORING	5,772	4,350	7,200	
WATERSHED MANAGEMENT				
Wages/Benefits	37,673	37,227	38,721	
Vehicle/Equipment	3,152	5,583	5,000	
Supplies/Services	522	812	800	
TOTAL WATERSHED MANAGEMENT	41,347	43,622	44,521	
LAND USE PLANNING/REGULATIONS				
Salary, wages & benefits	229,714	233,595	237,301	
Service Contracts	21,371	2,100	2,000	Legal fees related to fill violations
Vehicle/Equipment	13,404	14,718	14,700	
Material/Supplies	5,333	3,350	5,000	
Services/Rents/Utilities	15,638	12,485	15,000	
TOTAL PLANNING/REGULATIONS	285,459	266,247	274,001	
SOURCEWATER PROTECTION	24,383	30,000	30,000	100% recoverable
ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING	359,079	347,218	359,822	

OPERATING EXPENSES	EXPENSES Dec 31/10	APPROVED 2010 Budget	Proposed 2011 BUDGET	
FORESTRY				Page 3
OPERATIONS ON CONSERVATION LAND				
Salary, wages & benefits	151,531	151,531	143,326	
Vehicle/Equipment	14,274	14,210	13,000	
Material/Supplies	9,901	24,360	23,000	
Services/Rents/Utilities	52,030	55,825	50,000	
TOTAL AUTHORITY FOREST	227,736	245,926	229,326	
GREY COUNTY MANAGEMENT	95,958	91,309	96,000	
GB Forestry & Trees ON Foundation	445,879	375,000	375,000	
FORESTRY	769,574	712,235	700,326	
CONSERVATION PROPERTIES				
A) Recreation Use Areas:				
Salary, wages & benefits	250,131	250,131	256,850	
Service Contracts	18,279	22,330	22,000	
Vehicle/Equipment	24,120	29,029	25,000	
Material/Supplies	15,368	15,700	15,700	
Services/Rents/Utilities	42,600	43,645	43,000	
Picnic Table replacements	1,899	2,800	2,500	
Property Taxes	38,748	42,000	42,000	
Arboretum Alliance	390	-	-	
Inglis Falls Gatehouse	11,851	10,150	10,150	
CONSERVATION PROPERTIES	403,385	415,785	417,200	
CONSERVATION INFORMATION & EDUCATION				
Salary, wages & benefits	70,912	104,773	87,963	
Foundation Asst. Wages	22,872		20,000	Included in salary, wages & benefit budget
Service/Advertising Contracts	225	4,000	4,000	
Vehicle/Equipment	1,956	3,100	3,100	
Material/Supplies	3,466	4,100	4,000	
Corporate Promotions	14,871	18,600	16,900	
Services/Rents/Utilities	12,929	7,700	8,000	
Great Outdoors Daycamp	11,611	10,000	10,000	
CONS. & INFO	138,842	152,273	153,963	

OPERATING EXPENSES	EXPENSES Dec 31/10	APPROVED 2010 Budget	Proposed 2011 BUDGET	
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ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT & OVERHEAD				
Salary, wages & benefits	133,629	165,000	166,824	
Directors per diems/expenses	3,651	4,060	4,000	
Vehicle/Equipment	4,540	3,553	3,500	
Material/Supplies	4,507	8,120	8,150	
Services/Rents/Utilities	38,908	45,000	45,000	Conservation ON/ IT services
Minor Infrastructure	533	650	650	
Biennial Tour	2,014	4,000	-	
ADMINISTRATION	187,782	230,383	228,124	partial MNR grant
MISCELLANEOUS				
Conservation Trust Fund	2,915	2,500	2,500	
Donations Others/Ducks Unlimited	-	200	200	
Special Events	802	1,000	1,000	
Summer Student Programs	6,234	4,160	4,160	
Health & Safety Committee Budget	1,121	2,000	2,000	
MISCELLANEOUS	11,071	9,860	9,860	
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	2,057,615	2,070,491	2,071,623	
TO RESERVE ACCOUNTS				
Due to Forest Management	334,644	125,000	200,000	
Due to Computer Reserve	6,000	6,000	6,000	
Due to Vehicle/Equipment	45,484	40,000	40,000	
Due Admin Reserve	14,253	10,000	10,000	
Due to Inglis Falls Parking Reserve	11,532	13,000	13,000	
Due Dam Reserve	163,000			To be used for Haines & Mill Dam 2011 & 2012
Deferred Revenue	2,755			For Arboretum Alliance
Deferred Grants				
TRANSFERS TO RESERVE	577,668	194,000	269,000	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES	2,635,287	2,264,491	2,340,623	

	EXPENSES Dec 31/10	APPROVED 2010 Budget	Proposed 2011 BUDGET	
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES				
GENERAL LEVY REQUIRED PROJECTS				
Haines Dam Engineering for leak	27,428	28,000		50% MNR
Mill Dam Wall & Concrete Repair		20,000		50% MNR
Mill Dam Assessment	8,514			
Eugenia Falls - Viewing Wall Upgrades	9,311	10,000		In place of concrete repairs
Bognor Boardwalk Replacement	23,856	19,200		Risk Management Issue
Admin. Centre barrier free entrances		20,000		GSCA'S share (1/3)
Repair Haines Dam			20,000	To Admin Reserve Account
Owen Sound Mill Dam Engineering			125,000	50% MNR
To replace aging infrastructure			25,000	50% MNR
Arboretum Barn replace boards			5,000	To Admin Reserve Account
TOTALS	69,108	97,200	192,000	
OTHER REVENUE GENERATED PROJECTS				
Computer and Software	4,677	5,000	18,000	COMPUTER RESERVE (server maintenance)
Forestry - Planting on GSCA Lands	17,540	5,000	5,000	FORESTRY RESERVE
Property Signage & Access/Landings	18,909	35,000	35,000	FORESTRY RESERVE
Forestry Tech & Students		41,055	41,055	FORESTRY RESERVE
Trees for Tomorrow	2,767	5,000	5,000	FORESTRY RESERVE
New tree planter			10,000	FORESTRY RESERVE
Spraying for Tent Caterpillar			40,000	FORESTRY RESERVE
Swoop Photography			36,200	Regulations Reserve
EZ Guide with WAAS	2,169	2,500	-	FORESTRY RESERVE
GIS Hardware & Software		16,000	16,000	Regulations Reserve
Skinner Marsh Dam Flow Monitoring	205	2,500	2,500	DAM Reserve
Mill Dam Hydraulics & Catwalk			10,000	
Inglis Falls Pavillion	48,252	92,000		Outside Funding
Vehicle Replacement	19,453	25,000	30,000	VEHICLE RESERVE
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	183,079	326,255	440,755	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES				
	2,818,366	2,590,746	2,781,378	

REVENUES	REVENUES Dec 31/10	APPROVED 2010 Budget	Proposed 2011 BUDGET	Page 6
GRANTS				
Summer Student Programs	14,667	4,000	4,000	
Provincial Grants	71,779	71,779	71,779	
Biomap Grant	-	3,000	3,000	
MNR Capital Programs 50%	14,000	24,000	75,000	
Trees Ontario Foundation	312,725	275,000	275,000	
TOTAL GRANTS	413,171	377,779	428,779	
AUTHORITY SHARE				
General Levies	1,011,858	1,033,236	1,063,062	2.9% increase
Discount on Levy		(25,201)		
Prior Year under expenditures	(143)	16,515	982	
TOTAL AUTHORITY SHARE	1,011,715	1,024,550	1,064,044	
SPECIAL LEVIES				
Ice removal/Various Municipalities	-	4,500	4,500	
TOTAL SPECIAL LEVIES	-	4,500	4,500	
USER FEES/SERVICE FEES				
Hibou Parking Revenue	4,595	4,000	4,000	
Inglis Falls Parking Revenue	23,384	25,000	25,000	
Climbing Admin Fee (Old Baldy)	1,150	1,900	1,500	
Property Rentals	21,636	24,200	24,200	
Grey Bruce Forestry Services	173,268	100,000	100,000	
Grey County Management Services	107,794	94,962	97,000	
Planning/Regulations Fees	186,543	150,000	180,000	
Great Outdoors Daycamp	15,869	10,000	10,000	
TOTAL FEES	534,239	410,062	441,700	
OTHER REVENUE SOURCES				
Grey Sauble Conserv. Found. Grant	52,731	38,400	25,000	
Office/Room Rentals	14,253	10,000	10,000	
Bank Interest	3,718	3,000	3,000	
Cons. Area Donations (Cons. Trust Fund)	2,915	2,500	2,500	
Misc. Sales (rain gauges, maps etc)	797	100	100	
Sales of Used Equipment	-	500	500	
Special Events	547	500	500	
General Donations	1,136	500	500	
Scanner/Plotter Sales & Data Sharing	1,112	500	500	
Sourcewater Protection	24,383	30,000	30,000	
Vehicle/Equipment Sales	1,121			
Forest Management (timber sales etc.)	294,529	125,000	200,000	
Forest Management Reserve (Operating)	275,000	275,000	275,000	

	REVENUES Dec 31/10	APPROVED 2010 Budget	Proposed 2011 BUDGET	
Donations to Arboretum Alliance	3,144			Page 7
Computer Recoveries	6,000	6,000	6,000	
Vehicle/Equipment Recoveries	45,484	40,000	40,000	
TD Friends of the Environment	1,400			
Capital Expenditures from Reserves	113,971	137,055	248,755	GPS units for Young Nats
Inglis Falls Pavillion				
Infrastructure funding - Bognor	12,800	12,800		
Outside Funding - Pavillion		46,000		
Optimist Club - Pavillion		46,000		
PST Rebate	4,202			
TOTAL OTHER SOURCES	859,241	773,855	842,355	
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	2,818,366	2,590,746	2,781,378	

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LEVY FOR INDIVIDUAL MUNICIPALITIES

	2010* Modified C.V.A. in Watershed	2010		2010 Levy /\$1000 of Mod.CVA	2010 Levy	2.9% Increase		
		Modified C.V.A. to match actual 2009 C.V.A.	2011** Modified C.V.A. in Watershed			PROPOSED 2011 Levy /\$1000 of Mod.CVA	PROPOSED 2011 Levy	PROPOSED Levy Increase
Arran-Elderslie	276,700,949	234,949,518	281,160,217	10.86 cents	26,153.41	9.15	27,063.92	910.51
Blue Mountains	2,909,941,214	2,429,276,609	2,914,196,469	10.86 cents	270,414.93	9.15	280,514.72	10,099.79
Chatsworth	309,576,679	258,898,002	319,157,361	10.86 cents	28,819.23	9.15	30,721.45	1,902.22
Georgian Bluffs	1,357,604,854	1,149,321,330	1,388,992,070	10.86 cents	127,936.70	9.15	133,701.60	5,764.90
Grey Highlands	831,705,865	721,025,984	837,715,156	10.86 cents	80,261.01	9.15	80,836.79	575.78
Meaford	1,445,538,769	1,248,854,901	1,469,109,860	10.86 cents	139,016.28	9.15	141,413.58	2,397.30
Owen Sound	2,224,225,358	1,925,572,476	2,229,413,058	10.86 cents	214,345.10	9.15	214,598.84	253.74
South Bruce Peninsula	1,585,332,888	1,314,192,431	1,604,134,044	10.86 cents	146,289.33	9.15	154,410.73	8,121.40
	10,940,626,576	9,282,091,230	11,043,878,235		1,033,235.99		1,063,061.63	29,825.64

* 2011 Modified C.V.A. figures are provided by the Province of Ontario and based upon January 1, 2009 Assessment Values.

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Canadian Plowing Championship 2011
Brian Davenport, Chair,
Organization Committee
R R # 6
Owen Sound, Ontario
N4K 5N8

February 2011

Town of Blue Mountains County

Thank you for agreeing to meet with us. We are excited to bring you up to date on the developments of our hosting the 2011 Canadian Plowing Championship as follows:

The Keppel Sarawak, North Grey Plowmen's Association have been awarded to host the Canadian Plowing Championship for 2011. The event will take place August 30th to Sept. 3rd 2011 and will conclude with an awards banquet announcing the winners to represent Canada in 2012 at the World Plowing Championship. That event will take place in Croatia (59th World Plowing Championship). The World competition includes competitors from East and West Europe, Russia, North America, Africa and India. 2013 will return the competition to Canada, the first country to host a World Championship, Canada. 2013 will be the 60th Anniversary of the competition. Olds Alberta will be the site.

This event will be more like a very large local match. It will involve approximately 30 competitors. There will be modest display/event area, however, it is important for us to convey that this will not in any way reflect the size and dynamic of the very successful International Plowing Matches that the county have hosted.

This is a not for profit organization, and no prize money is awarded. The contestants are vying for the opportunity to represent Canada at the World competition. (the "Plowing Olympics). The competition will also include Junior contestants (20 years of age and under) however, a World competition does not exist for them at this time.

Objectives of the Canadian Plowing Organization from their website:

- To organize and conduct annual Canadian Championship Plowing Contests and declare a Senior Canadian Plowing Champion with

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- plows and a Junior Canadian Plowing Champion with conventional plows.
- To encourage provincial plowing organizations, to organize contests and preserve the art of match plowing.
- To represent the excellence of Canadian plowing annually at the World Championship Plowing Contest.
- To stimulate interest in and provide guidance for the efficient use of farm machinery.
- To demonstrate sound seedbed preparation and conservation practices through use of the plow.
- To promote interest in plowing and farm productivity in general amongst Government, Industry and the Public.
- To actively promote safety in all farm operations, particularly the safe use and operation of farm machinery
- To utilize the plow to symbolize Peace and goodwill throughout Canada and the world

Catchment area is Ontario. The event hosting rotates through the Canadian provinces. Our province has the opportunity to host every few years. This is the first time that it will be hosted in the Grey Bruce area. This year, the Canadian Championship is in New Brunswick. The International Plowing Match that takes place in St. Thomas in September 2010 will determine the representatives for our competition in 2011. The promotion of our event will take place starting this summer and will continue until the event next fall. Tourist, trade and community venues will be used to promote the event. While we will be promoting this in other provinces, and there will undoubtedly be recognition outside the province, it will be more incidental in nature.

Grey County and Plowing

Grey County has a long history of plowing competitions. Records are scarce, however, Derby Township was the site of the 1933 International Plowing Match. Several very successful hostings of this major event has taken place since. Local matches started prior, however I do not have exact details as several were amalgamated over the years. Grey County has the distinction of hosting 5 local matches throughout the county. This is the most of any county by far. We hope that this event will augment the interest in this historic, social, and International sport.

Budget – the hosting budget is projected in the range of \$25,000. This will cover items from promotion, land rental, billboard on site featuring lead sponsors, site preparation , services for the event, website for the local event, welcome and some awards banquet costs, etc. This is a modest budget, reflecting a dedicated volunteer group that is focused on making it a cost effective, warm and friendly venue. Our draft budget is available upon request.

Request

At this point, we are not requesting any specific support. Our committee is counting on the community to supporting this undertaking, and not making it a burden on anyone.

Thank you for your consideration, and the opportunity to present the details of this event.

Sincerely,

Brian Davenport Chair Host committee Canadian Plowing Championship 2011



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February 16, 2011

*Town of The Blue Mountains
26 Bridge St. E.
Thornbury, On.
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Attention: Mayor Anderson and Council*

Dear Mayor Anderson and Council:

BVO is holding its second "Good things Gala" dinner and dance on Saturday May 7th at the Community Centre. The event will consist of a sit down dinner, lively entertainment and a draw to round out the evening. We appreciated the support of TBM at the Gala last year and know that fun was had by all. Once again, please consider reserving a table of 8 for the social event of the season, at a cost of \$600.00. Individual ticket price is \$75.00 with a \$37.50 tax receipt.

Your early reply would be appreciated as tables are filling quickly. For tickets please contact Carolyn Letourneau at 519-599-2577 ext. 21.

Sincerely,

*Carolyn Letourneau
Executive Director-BVO*