



Grey Sauble Conservation Authority

Minutes

Full Authority Board of Directors

Wednesday, May 14th, 2014 – 1:15 p.m.

The Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors meeting was held at the Conservation Authority Administration Centre located on Inglis Falls Road.

1. Call to Order

Chair Dick Hibma called the meeting to order.

Directors Present

Dick Hibma, Dave Clarke, Jan Chamberlain, Judy Gay, Paul Eagleson, Harley Greenfield, Bob Lennox, Michael Martin, Terry McKay, Paul McKenzie, and Mike Poetker

Staff Present – John Cottrill, Doreen Robinson, Alison Armstrong, John Bittorf, Chris Hachey, and Krista McKee

Motion No.:	Moved by:	Terry McKay
FA-14-045	Seconded by:	Harley Greenfield

THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors approve the agenda of May 14th, 2014, with the addition of an Item Under 5 (2) - Update on Partnership with Stop the Drop and Grey Sauble Conservation - Lake Levels.

Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

The Directors were reminded to disclose any pecuniary interest that may arise during the course of the meeting. No disclosures of pecuniary interest were expressed at this time.

4. Approval of Minutes

a) Full Authority - April 9th, 2014

Motion No.:	Moved by:	Judy Gay
FA-14-046	Seconded by:	Dave Clarke

THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors approve the Full Authority minutes of April 9th, 2014.

Carried

5. Business Out of Minutes

a) 2013 Audit Report

Motion No.:	Moved by:	Judy Gay
FA-14-047	Seconded by:	Mike Poetker

THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors receive the Audit Report prepared by BDO Canada LLP for the year ended December 31st, 2013.

Carried

b) Partnership with Stop the Drop and Grey Sauble Conservation - Lake Levels

John Cottrill advised that after the last Board meeting, Hydrographic Survey was contacted with regards to the partnership and funding with the Stop the Drop and Grey Sauble Conservation - Lake Levels. Staff at Hydrographic Survey are not prepared at this time to do any work on a Georgian Bay project. They have already scheduled projects and would not be able to change their schedule to accommodate the Stop the Drop/Grey Sauble Conservation project. The cost for the company to carry out the project would be \$500,000.00 and they would need a commitment from someone to pay this amount to them. Mr. Dobell is aware of

this. When funds and the program are available in the future, it will be considered by the Board at that time.

Motion No.: **Moved by:** **Jan Chamberlain**
FA-14-048 **Seconded by:** **Dave Clarke**

THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors receive the verbal report as presented by John Cottrill with regards to the Partnership with Stop the Drop and Grey Sauble Conservation - Lake Levels.

Carried

6. Correspondence

- 1) Letter from Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters re: support of annual fundraising dinner

The 19th Annual Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters/Owen Sound Conservation Dinner was held on Saturday, March 1st, 2014. Grey Sauble Conservation donated \$100.00 cash towards the event. A letter was received from Giselle Hatton, Administrative Liaison, OFAH, thanking the Authority for the generous support.

Motion No.: **Moved by:** **Judy Gay**
FA-14-049 **Seconded by:** **Harley Greenfield**

THAT the correspondence from Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters be received and thanks to Krista McKee for her hard work;

Carried

Michael Martin entered the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

7. Business Items

- a) Water Management - nothing at this time
- b) Environmental Planning
 - 1) Section 28 Permits - April 1st - May 5th, 2014

Motion No.:	Moved by:	Dave Clarke
FA-14-050	Seconded by:	Terry McKay

THAT the list of permits under Ontario Regulation 151/06 - "Development, Interference, with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation", for the period April 1st to May 5th, 2014, be received by the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors.

Carried

- c) Lands Management - under In-Camera
- d) Forestry, Fish, and Wildlife
 - 1) Tree Sale - May 3rd, 2014

Alison Armstrong, Finance Coordinator, advised that receipts for the tree sale held on May 3rd, totalled \$20,000.00+ and on May 26th, \$3,000.00+. Sales are up substantially over last year.

e) Communications/Public Relations

1) Science Fair

Grey Sauble Conservation Authority sponsored the Regional Junior Science Fair for many years. The award is open to Grades 4, 5, and 6 students whose project best investigates the wise use of soil. The award is \$40.00 plus a keepsake trophy. The 2014 award was presented to a Grade 6 student, Jadzia Leask, Kinghurst Community School - Project Name - The Buffer Zone.

2) Request for Volunteers for

i) Doors Open - Filtration Plant - Saturday, May 31st, 2014

ii) Memorial Forest Commemorative Tree Planting Ceremony -
Sunday, June 8th, 2014

All volunteers are welcome to participate in the above noted events. Please contact Grey Sauble staff.

f) Administration

1) Receipts and Expenses - April 2014

Motion No.:	Moved by:	Harley Greenfield
FA-14-051	Seconded by:	Terry McKay

THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors approve the receipts and expenses for April 2014.

Carried

The Grey Bruce Pollinators Observation Network is seeking funding to start a project that aims to collaborate with at least 10 farmers to develop a monitoring protocol to observe native pollinators. The members are market gardeners.

Thorsten Arnold is heading the initiative. The group has made a grant application to the TD Bank in the amount of \$6,500.00. In January 2014, 10 ecological farmers donated a total of \$1,500.00 as seed funding to establish a monitoring network. From seed funding, a project proposal in the amount of \$25,000.00 was written and submitted through the Ecological Farmers of Ontario (EFAO) to Mountain Equipment Co-op Community Fund. The MEC proposal supports farmers in implementing the monitoring protocol, habitat assessment, pooling, and analyzing data, evaluating lessons, and reporting. A 10% administration fee of the total project should be charged by the Authority. These monies would come from the MEC application.

8. Chairman's Report

Dick attended the Annual Tree Sale which was held on May 3rd from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

There was an article in the Toronto Sun newspaper that caught the attention of Minister of Natural Resources, David Orazetti. He contacted Dick and the General Manager of Conservation Ontario and the General Manager of Quinte Conservation to attend a meeting with him at Queen's Park. They were advised when they reached Queen's Park that no meeting had been scheduled for them. Minister Orazetti followed up with a letter. We will see what happens after the election. On June 1st, Dick will attend a flood plain mapping meeting in Hamilton in conjunction with emergency measures and the risks that are involved with that.

Conservation Annual Report - An e-bulletin will be issued by Conservation Ontario.

9. Other Business

a) Foundation Minutes - April 9th, 2014 - not available

Judy Gay reminded the Board that volunteers are welcome for the Memorial Forest Commemorative Tree Planting Ceremony being held on June 8th, 2014.

- b) Staff Minutes - March 20th, 2014
- c) Staff Minutes - April 17th, 2014

Motion No.:	Moved by:	Bob Lennox
FA-14-052	Seconded by:	Michael Martin

THAT the staff minutes of March 20th and April 17th, 2014, be received.

Carried

- d) Next Meeting

Wednesday, June 11th, 2014, at 1:15 p.m.
Wednesday, July 9th, 2014, at 1:15 p.m., followed by bbq
No Meeting in August

Alison Armstrong and Krista McKee left the meeting.

- e) Grey Sauble Conservation Reserves Categories and Investing Policy Proposals

The Grey Sauble Conservation Authority has a number of Reserve Accounts in place, some for specific purposes and related used guideline. As part of the 2013 audit report, the Auditors recommended that clear policies be developed and approved to clarify the purpose of each reserve account, and to authorize staff to determine when funds are to be placed in to the reserve accounts or removed from the reserve accounts. In addition, the Auditors suggested the Board consider a more aggressive approach to investing a portion of the reserves in order to increase our return on investment.

After reviewing the report, the Board passed the following resolution.

Motion No.: **Moved by:** **Mike Poetker**
FA-14-053 **Seconded by:** **Dave Clarke**

THAT staff present at the June meeting, more information with regards to limits and alternatives for returns and risk tolerance on Grey Sauble's reserve accounts.

Carried

f) GIS Mapping/3D Machine

A meeting will be set up for Board Members and municipal representatives to meet with Grey Sauble Conservation staff to demonstrate the 3D Mapping application. Meetings can accommodate 2 people at a time.

10. In-Camera Items

Motion No.: **Moved by:** **Harley Greenfield**
FA-14-054 **Seconded by:** **Dave Clarke**

THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors now move In Camera to consider property items.

Carried

Motion No.: **Moved by:** **Mike Poetker**
FA-14-055 **Seconded by:** **Paul McKenzie**

THAT the meeting now move to the Regular Full Authority meeting to consider the matters listed on the May 14th, 2014, agenda and any other business that may be lawfully conducted.

Carried

11. Adjournment

On motion by Bob Lennox, the meeting adjourned at 3:07 p.m.



Dick Hibma, Chairman



Doreen Robinson
Administrative Assistant