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Grey Sauble Conservation Authority

Minutes

**Full Authority Board of Directors
Wednesday, May 9th, 2012 – 1:04 p.m.**

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

1. Call to Order

Acting Chair Clarke called the meeting to order.

Directors Present

Ian Boddy, Dave Clarke, Judy Gay, Harley Greenfield, Ross Herron, Terry McKay, Michael Martin, and Mike Poetker

Directors Absent – Dick Hibma, Bob Lennox, and Paul McKenzie

Staff Present – Chris Hachey, Doreen Robinson, Gloria Dangerfield, Krista McKee, and Andy Sorensen

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion No.:	Moved by:	Terry McKay
FA-12-055	Seconded by:	Michael Martin

THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Board of Directors approve the agenda of May 9th, 2012, with the following two additions: Under Item 6) Correspondence – Letter from Municipality of Arran-Elderslie; and Under Item 7 e) Communications/Public Relations – Trails Open.

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 11th, 2012

Motion No.:	Moved by:	Judy Gay
FA-12-056	Seconded by:	Ross Herron

THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors approve the Full Authority minutes of April 11th, 2012.

Carried

- b) Arboretum Alliance – April 3rd, 2012

Motion No.:	Moved by:	Judy Gay
FA-12-057	Seconded by:	Michael Martin

THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors approve the Inglis Falls Arboretum Alliance minutes of April 3rd, 2012.

Carried

5. **Business Out Of Minutes** - nothing at this time

6. **Correspondence**

- a) Letter from Municipality of Arran-Elderslie

A letter from the Municipal Clerk of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie thanked Conservation staff for the cleanup that is being done at the Conservation Area in Tara. Thanks was given to the Municipality for trucking the materials away from the site.

7. **Business Items**

- a) Water Management – nothing at this time

b) Environmental Planning

- 1) Section 28 Permits – April 3rd, 2012 to April 27th, 2012

Motion No.:	Moved by:	Harley Greenfield
FA-12-058	Seconded by:	Mike Poetker

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 3rd, 2012, to April 27th, 2012, be approved by the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors.

Carried

Michael Martin raised the question of the placement of excavated cobbles and boulders from the groyne removal to add to shoreline protection works under Permit GS12-034. Andy Sorensen advised that the application is to remove groynes, but a permit was needed because some of the material was being taken from the groyne and covering the neighbour’s gabion baskets. The Ministry of Natural Resources generally encourages groyne removals, but the land owner would still need to apply for a work permit for this work.

c) Lands Management – nothing at this time

d) Forestry, Fish, and Wildlife

- 1) Annual Tree Sale

Over \$19,000.00 in tree sales has been made this year. It is down by \$4,000.00 from last year, but the Forestry Department is still selling trees and when these sales have been complete, that dollar figure will be brought back to the Directors.

Dave Clarke thanked all volunteers who worked at the tree sale.

e) Communications/Public Relations

Krista advised that on the weekend of June 2nd/3rd, Grey Sauble Conservation will be hosting a Trails Open to the filtration plant. Volunteers are welcome to participate in this event.

f) Administration

1) Receipts and Expenses

Motion No.:	Moved by:	Terry McKay
FA-12-059	Seconded by:	Harley Greenfield

THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Board of Directors approve the receipts and expenses for April 2012.

Carried

2) Elevation Data Update

Gloria Dangerfield gave an update on status elevation data acquisition. She had previously made one on the same topic in the fall of 2011. There was a collaborative effort to purchase a digital elevation model “softcopy” system. Some of the Conservation Authorities that were included in the plan to purchase have now received full project funding to do this on their own. Grey Sauble Conservation is working on a strategy to create these products on our own.

Step 1 is to purchase a Survey Grade GPS Unit at a cost estimate of \$15,000. This would be a site specific tool and is an essential tool in marking property boundaries, calculating slope hazards and creating cross sections for estimating flood plain areas. It will be a tool for ground truthing watershed DEM (once created) and future aerial photography.

Step 2 is to apply for Shell Fueling Change Grant in the amount of \$25,000. Shell Oil Canada contributes \$2 million a year to this grant.

Step 3 is the purchase of a softcopy system which will allow creation of a watershed DEM with new softcopy system; use Survey Grade GPS to ground check accuracy of DEM; capture features in 3D using softcopy system; potentially sell elevation data to outside sources and generate revenue.

Anyone can access the site www.fuelingchange.com and vote for Grey Sauble Conservation to receive points for the Authority to assist to qualify for the grant. The application deadline for the grant from Shell is July 31st, 2012.

Motion No.: **Moved by:** **Terry McKay**
FA-12-060 **Seconded by:** **Judy Gay**

THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors approve the purchase of a Survey Grade GPS Unit in the amount of \$15,000.00.

Carried

8. In- Camera Items

- a) Property Matters – 2 items

Motions on this appear after Item 10 c).

9. Chairman's Report

Dave Clarke, as Acting Chairman, attended the West Rocks Conservation Area "Operation Green Sweep," Niagara Escarpment Achievement Award Ceremony at West Hill Secondary School at 11:00 a.m. today. Dave also attended the luncheon at the Authority's offices. Dave expressed his appreciation for all the work put into this project by Chris Hachey.

10. Other Business

- a) Grey Sauble Conservation Foundation Minutes – March 14th, 2012

Motion No.: **Moved by:** **Judy Gay**
FA-12-061 **Seconded by:** **Terry McKay**

THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors receive the Grey Sauble Conservation Foundation minutes of March 14th, 2012.

Carried

- b) Drinking Water Source Protection Report – nothing at this time

- c) Next Meeting – June 13th, 2012, at 1:15 p.m.

All staff, excluding Chris Hachey and Doreen Robinson, left the meeting for discussion under the In-Camera Items.

8. In-Camera Items

Motion No.: **Moved by:** **Michael Martin**
FA-12-062 **Seconded by:** **Ross Herron**

THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority meeting now move "In Camera" to consider property matters.

Carried

Motion No.: **Moved by:** **Terry McKay**
FA-12-063 **Seconded by:** **Mike Poetker**

THAT the meeting now move to the Regular Full Authority Board of Directors Meeting to consider the matters listed on the May 9th, 2012 agenda, and any other business that may be lawfully conducted.

Carried

Motion No.: **Moved by:** **Mike Poetker**
FA-12-064 **Seconded by:** **Harley Greenfield**

THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors accept the recommendations from the In-Camera meeting of May 9th, 2012.

Carried

11. Adjournment

On motion by Terry McKay, the meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Dick Hibma, Chairman

Doreen Robinson, Administrative Assistant