



Grey Sauble Conservation Authority

Minutes

Full Authority Board of Directors

Wednesday, August 14th, 2013 – 1:15 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

Chair Hibma called the meeting to order.

Directors Present

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

Staff Present – John Cottrill, Doreen Robinson, John Bittorf, Alison Armstrong, Anne Lennox, Krista McKee, and Andy Sorensen

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion No.:	Moved by:	Bob Lennox
FA-13-074	Seconded by:	Terry McKay

THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors approve the agenda of August 14th, 2013, with the following additions: Under 7 e) Communications/Public Relations – Program Update; Under 7 f) Add Item #3 – Mid Year Financial Statement; Under Item 10, Add Item #d) – Beaver Valley Bruce Trail Club 50th Anniversary;

Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

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

4. Approval of Minutes

- a) Full Authority – June 12th, 2013

Motion No.:	Moved by:	Judy Gay
FA-13-075	Seconded by:	Harley Greenfield

THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors approve the Full Authority minutes of June 12th, 2013.

Carried

5. Business Out of Minutes – nothing at this time

6. Correspondence

- 1) Letter to Municipality of Arran-Elderslie from Canadian Food Inspection Agency Re: Emerald Ash Borer

A letter addressed to the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie from the Canadian Food Inspection Agency was reviewed. The letter was concerning the emerald ash borer. The letter advised that the CFIA recognizes the impacts and challenges posed by the borer on affected stakeholders and is committed to continue to work with federal, provincial, and municipal governments towards the slowing the spread of this pest.

Motion No.:	Moved by:	Mike Poetker
FA-13-076	Seconded by:	Dave Clarke

THAT the letter from the Canadian Food Inspection Agency to the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie, with regards to the emerald ash borer, be received.

Carried

7. Business Items

- a) Water Management – nothing at this time

b) Environmental Planning

- 1) Section 28 Permits – June 4th to July 31st, 2013

Motion No.: **Moved by:** **Mike Poetker**
FA-13-077 **Seconded by:** **Judy Gay**

THAT the list of permits under Ontario Regulation 151/06 - ``Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation`` for the period June 4th to July 31st, 2013, be received by the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors``.

Carried

Discussion was held on a permit which was issued and also on the process of permits being issued by Grey Sauble Conservation Authority and the Niagara Escarpment Commission.

c) Lands Management – nothing at this time

d) Forestry, Fish, and Wildlife

- 1) Forestry Committee Minutes - July 5th, 2013

Motion No.: **Moved by:** **Terry McKay**
FA-13-078 **Seconded by:** **Bob Lennox**

THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors approve the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Forestry Committee Minutes of July 5th, 2013.

Carried

Anne Lennox advised that to date, there has been no response to the letter dated July 8th, 2013, sent to the Honourable David Oraziotti, Minister of Natural Resources. The letter expressed concerns the Authority has regarding the Conservation Land Tax Incentive Program (CLTIP) and the Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program (MFTIP).

The emerald ash borer has been found in both Southampton and Meaford. Staff from Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority are trained in inoculation of ash trees for the control of the emerald ash borer. Grey Sauble staff have reviewed how it is done. SVCA staff have made 77 inoculations and have 25 more to go. Grey Sauble Conservation staff have not been trained to

carry out the inoculations but expect to be trained. The average cost for inoculation is \$254.00 per tree and that is coverage for the tree for a two year period with the need for the tree to be inoculated 4 to 5 times. Inoculations need to be done in the early morning. We are receiving a great deal of telephone calls about the borer. Saugeen Valley advises us on how many trees they are inoculating in our watershed. Bruce County has concerns about the tree dying even if it is inoculated and feel diseased trees should be cut down. Discussion on the emerald ash borer will be put on the October 4th Forestry Committee agenda.

Trees at Frog's Hollow look unhealthy at the top, but at the bottom look okay.

e) Communications/Public Relations

Facebook Status – Created July 12th, - 103 likes

Vs Web Page Statistics – Visits per day in the month of July – 164 to 445 visits per day; Total visits to date – 2,629,638

Coming Events

Children's Water Festival – September 17th, 18th, 19th (Tues, Wed, Thurs) and take down on Friday, September 20th.

Young Naturalists Program – begins on September 29th with a group outing with the Owen Sound Field Naturalists

Forest Festival – October 8th, 9th, and 10th (Tues, Wed, Thurs) and take down on Friday, October 11th.

A. D. Latornell Symposium – November 20th – 22nd

Marking the 20th year, the A. D. Latornell Pioneer Award was changed to the Leadership Award. In past years, some of our local residents have been recipients of the A. D. Latornell Pioneer Award with most nominations from Grey Sauble.

2001 – Elwood Moore; 2002 – Late Terk Bayly; 2004 – Malcolm Kirk;
2008 – Lorne Smith

This year a local naturalist and educator was nominated by Grey Sauble and he has been selected as one of the five recipients for this award. The luncheon will take place on November 21st at the Latornell conference where he will be presented with his award. He has been called by the Authority office and advised of the award. He will be videoed, photographed and interviewed by the A. D. Latornell Leadership Award Team in preparation for the Award Presentation that day.

f) Administration

1) Receipts and Expenses – June and July 2013

Motion No.:	Moved by:	Harley Greenfield
FA-13-079	Seconded by:	Mike Poetker

THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors approve the receipts and expenses for June and July 2013.

Carried

Jan Chamberlain asked if the Directors could get a comparison for 2012 and 2013 for gate receipts for both Inglis Falls and Hibou Conservation Areas, and also a comparison for receipts for Day Camp for both years. Several suggestions were made for compilation of receipts.

2) Quotes for a 3D Mapping/Softcopy System (Shell Fuelling Change Grant)

Background:

Grey Sauble Conservation received a \$25,000 grant through the Shell Fueling Change program to acquire a 3D mapping system. This system will enable us to create and analyze highly accurate elevation data and capture features in a 3D environment.

Software Purchase Proposal:

A request for quotations was sent out to vendors in early June, 2013.

Three vendors - Intergraph Canada Ltd., Perspective Geomatics, and SANI International Technology Advisors (SANI ITA) submitted quotes as shown below.

The software and training costs submitted by vendors does not include costs associated with hardware. This will be outlined in a separate report.

Intergraph Canada Ltd.,	Perspective Geomatics	SANI International Technology Advisors
\$46,464	\$44,340	\$16,875

The SANI International (SANI ITA) product quote came in at a much lower price than the other two due to Government Agency pricing and the possibility of a purchase by a second Conservation Authority (St. Clair CA).

The regular price for this product would have been \$47,500.

SANI ITA has worked with several Conservation Authorities since 1985 and is a well respected name in providing geomatics services and packages.

GIS staff participated in demos of all three systems quoted.

Motion No.: **Moved by:** **Jan Chamberlain**
FA-13-080 **Seconded by:** **Dave Clarke**

THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors ratify that the 3D Capture/Elevation creation software, SocetGXP, be purchased from SANI International Technology Advisors for the price of \$16,875.00, excluding taxes.

Carried

3) Mid Year Financial Statement

Motion No.: **Moved by:** **Paul McKenzie**
FA-13-081 **Seconded by:** **Michael Martin**

THAT the Mid Year Financial Statement be received.

Carried

8. **In-Camera items** – appears at the end of the minutes

9. Chairman's Report

Since the June meeting, Dick made a presentation at a public meeting at Owen Sound's Bayshore Community Centre on June 13th, regarding changing the lake levels as part of Georgian Bay Mayor's Initiative. Dick chaired the Conservation Ontario Council meeting in Toronto on June 24th, and followed up with a presentation to the municipal council of Tillsonburg that evening on the Conservation Ontario White Paper. It was well received and may yet lead to a similar presentation to Norfolk County Council. On June 25th Dick participated in a tele-conference to prepare for a presentation to the IJC hearing in July regarding the proposed Lake Ontario St. Lawrence River (LOSLR) regulation plan and Adoptive Management approach recommended. Dick chaired the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Forestry Committee meeting on July 5th (minutes part of this agenda). A second tele-conference was held July 12th regarding the IJC hearing followed by a presentation at the hearing on July 15th in Toronto in support of a new LOSLR regulation plan. The Chair also spoke at the AGM for the Lindsay Road #20 Ratepayers Association in Northern Bruce Peninsula, sharing information about Great Lakes water levels, on July 28th, 2013. He participated in a tele-conference of Adaptive Management Task Team on August 12th to continue development of AM Plan Pilot Projects methodology.

10. Other Business

- a) Foundation Minutes – May 8th, and June 12th, 2013

The Directors were reminded of the Celebration for Conservation being held on Friday, September 27th, at the Harry Lumley Bayshore Community Centre. Tickets are \$50.00 per person. The two banners – one for each the Authority and the Foundation – were presented.

- b) Staff Minutes – June 20th, 2013

Staff were asked to present year to date on planning and permits for 2012 and 2013.

- c) Next Meeting – Wednesday, September 11th, 2013, at 1:15 p.m.

- d) Beaver Valley Bruce Trail Club

The Beaver Valley Bruce Trail Club is holding it's 50th anniversary on September 7th, 2013. Rsvp is required by August 28th, 2013.

8. In-Camera Items

Motion No.: **Moved by:** **Mike Poetker**
FA-13-082 **Seconded by:** **Paul McKenzie**

THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority meeting now move “In Camera” to consider legal matters.

Carried

Motion No.: **Moved by:** **Michael Martin**
FA-13-083 **Seconded by:** **Terry McKay**

THAT the meeting now move to the Regular Full Authority meeting to consider the matters listed on the August 14th, 2013, agenda, and any other business that may be lawfully conducted.

Carried


11. Adjournment

Motion No.: **Moved by:** **Harley Greenfield**
FA-13-084 **Seconded by:** **Paul McKenzie**

THAT this meeting now adjourn.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.



Dick Hibma, Chairman



Doreen Robinson, Administrative Assistant