



Grey Sauble Conservation Authority

Minutes

Full Authority Board of Directors

Wednesday, December 11th, 2013 – 1:15 p.m.

The Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors meeting was held at the Chatsworth Royal Canadian Legion, Chatsworth, Ontario.

1. Call to Order

Chair Dick Hibma called the meeting to order.

Directors Present

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

Directors Absent – Harley Greenfield

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

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion No.:	Moved by:	Terry McKay
FA-13-113	Seconded by:	Paul McKenzie

THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors approve the agenda of December 11th, 2013, with the following changes.

(i) Item 4 a) Approval of Full Authority Minutes – change from October 9th, 2013, to November 13th, 2013;

(ii) Under Item 7 b) – Environmental Planning – add Item c) – Changes to The Federal Fisheries Act as of November 25th, 2013;

(iii) Under Item 8, add Item c) Annual Review by Chief Administrative Officer

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 – November 13th, 2013

Motion No.:	Moved by:	Bob Lennox
FA-13-114	Seconded by:	Judy Gay

THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors approve the Full Authority minutes of November 13th, 2013.

Carried

5. Business Out of Minutes – nothing at this time

6. Correspondence

a) Expression of appreciation from Peter Middleton

A card from Peter Middleton expressed his appreciation and thanks for Grey Sauble Conservation Authority for the recognition they accorded him in proposing his name for consideration for the Latornell Leadership Award.

7. Business Items

a) Water Management

1) 2013 Great Lakes Guardian Community Fund

John Bittorf made a presentation on the Beaver River Watershed Initiative.

“Working with What Water Wants – Beaver River Watershed Initiative”. Grey Sauble staff submitted an application for funding three projects under the Great Lakes Guardian Community Fund. The original application was not successful and was re-submitted for the second round of funding and has received conditional approval. One of the projects (Henry’s Lake) is on Grey County property and the other two (Kolapore and Blue Ridge) are on Ministry of Natural Resources properties. Grey County has given approval to proceed with the Henry’s Lake works and MNR has given verbal support. The works will be completed by October 2014.

Motion No.:	Moved by:	Judy Gay
FA-13-115	Seconded by:	Jan Chamberlain

THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors approve the 2013 Great Lakes Grant Funding Agreement for Headwater Stream Enhancement and Restoration Project for work along headwater reaches of the Beaver River on land owned by the County of Grey and the Ministry of Natural Resources.

Carried

b) Environmental Planning

1) Section 28 Permits – November 2013

Motion No.:	Moved by:	Mike Poetker
FA-13-116	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 November 1st to November 30th, 2013, be received by the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors.

Carried

2) Regulation Mapping Updates

Gloria Dangerfield and Andy Sorensen made a presentation on updates for regulation mapping. Since Regulation 151/06 came into effect, staff has continued to update the mapping as more detailed information becomes available from field inspections by staff and updates to digital data sources. Most of the changes result from inaccuracies in the base maps. Examples include inaccurate stream locations or streams missing from the maps. Other changes include more accurate definition of slope hazards, flood prone areas and wetland boundaries. Staff is also reviewing updated layers from the Ministry of Natural Resources that may affect the regulation such as provincially significant wetlands. The 2010 aerial photography has been beneficial in continually refining the regulation limits as we review individual planning permit applications. We are starting to utilize the 3D mapping software acquired through the Shell Canada grant. These recent changes do not change the intent of the regulation.

Andy has made two presentations to the members of the REALTORS® Association of Grey Bruce Owen Sound. The meetings had been set up by the Association in co-operation with the Bruce and Grey County Planning Departments.

The Directors suggested that an information meeting with watershed municipalities in 2014 to review the updated regulation mapping would be beneficial.

Motion No.: **Moved by:** **Mike Poetker**
FA-13-117 **Seconded by:** **Michael Martin**

THAT the proposed technical changes to the Ontario Regulation 151/06 maps, dated November 15th, 2013, be approved as presented.

Carried

3) Changes to the Federal Fisheries Act as of November 25th, 2013

Andy Sorensen spoke to the Directors on changes to the Federal Fisheries Act as of November 25th, 2013.

In its Economic Action Plan 2012, the federal Government announced its intention to amend the Fisheries Act. The changes are intended to streamline administrative processes while strengthening environmental and fisheries protection.

On November 6, 2013, the Order in Council establishing the coming into force date of the *Fisheries Act* amendments was published in the *Canada Gazette*

On Monday, November 25, 2013, the amendments to the *Fisheries Act*, the *Applications for Authorization (under Paragraph 35(2)(b) of the Fisheries Act Regulations)* and *Information Requirements Regulations* came into force.

The implementation of the amended Act now brings about many changes in the way the Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) conducts business.

The Focus is now on:

- Proponent self assessment
- Streamlining regulatory reviews ; and
- Greater emphasis on large scale projects.

With these changes, the existing partnership agreements between DFO and Conservation Authorities are no longer in effect.

Effective November 25, 2013, GSCA is no longer able to provide review and /or approvals for works under the Fisheries Act until further notice.

Please note the following contact information for all Fisheries Act requirements, reviews, and/or approvals: Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) website <http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/index-eng.html>,

Telephone Number : 1-855-852-8320

Email: fisheriesprotection@dfo-mpo.gc.ca.

The GSCA is responsible for administering Ontario Regulation 151/06 under the Conservation Authorities Act for works within regulated areas, for alteration to watercourses and continues to provide quality service in this regard.

Motion No.:	Moved by:	Terry McKay
FA-13-118	Seconded by:	Paul McKenzie

THAT the Notice with regards to Changes to the Federal Fisheries Act as of November 25th, 2013, be sent, as amended, to the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Watershed municipalities and posted on the Grey Sauble website.

Carried

- c) Lands Management – nothing at this time
- d) Forestry, Fish, and Wildlife – nothing at this time
- e) Communications/Public Relations – nothing at this time

f) Administration

- 1) Letter from BDO – Audit Statement of the Financial Statements of GSCA for the year ended December 31st, 2013

Motion No.:	Moved by:	Bob Lennox
FA-13-119	Seconded by:	Michael Martin

THAT the letter from BDO Canada LLP, with regards to the Audit of the Financial Statements of Grey Sauble Conservation Authority for the year ended December 31st, 2013, be received.

Carried

- 2) Receipts and Expenses – November 2013

Motion No.:	Moved by:	Mike Poetker
FA-13-120	Seconded by:	Dave Clarke

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

Carried

8. Reports

a) **Chairman's Report**

Since our last meeting in November, your Chairman has been to Alliston to conduct a meeting of the Board of Directors of Conservation Ontario, followed by 3 days at the Latornell Symposium.

- welcomed everyone to the Symposium on Wednesday morning
- enjoyed the Conservation Leadership Award ceremony where Peter Middleton was one of the 5 recipients
- was one of the presenters on Thursday afternoon in session on Adaptive Management with respect to Great Lakes water levels
- a highlight was our closing speaker, Colonel Chris Hadfield, Commander of the International Space Station

On December 2nd, Dick was able to have a meeting with Minister Oraziotti of the Ministry of Natural Resources where we placed a proposal before him seeking support for provincial reinvestment in flood management, among other things. We were well received, but we'll see what comes next. The following evening was the annual Volunteer Appreciation Night.

Sunday evening was back in Toronto area for the final Conservation Ontario meeting of 2013. You'll see minutes from that meeting in the near future.

A busy year both locally and provincially, with progress in various areas. Thanks to all for efforts and support, and after the Christmas/New Years break, there's lots to do in 2014.

Merry Christmas.

b) **C.A.O.'s Report**

2013 has been a year of adjustment for the GSCA.

The Finance Department and The Lands Department have seen staffing changes. Our Budget format has been modified, and presented to you early for approval and distribution. To date the Township of Chatsworth has provided a letter of support. Future meetings are planned at Grey Highlands and the Town of Blue Mountains (both on December 16th).

Thank you for your support of the 2014 Draft Budget and the Job Evaluation and Pay Equity Plan.

All departments have had a busy year, including Forestry with tree planting, Planning –including ongoing contacts with First Nations, Community Relations with Festivals and Young Naturalists, Lands with land acquisitions and donations, and Administration with program support and fundraising proposals.

A special thank you to Gloria Dangerfield in spear-heading the Shell Grant Application, which lead to the purchase of new 3D mapping software. Gloria will be available after Board meetings in the new year to demonstrate the benefits of the new technology.

Staff continue to work closely with Grey County on a number of projects, as well as providing support to our member municipalities. We continue to encourage training and development opportunities, and support staff who represent the authority on a variety of committees and working groups.

Thank you for being such a great Board of Directors and providing strong support to staff.

And to staff, thank you for your hard work, and for making my job that much easier and enjoyable. All the best for the holidays, and looking forward to an even more successful 2014.

9. Other Business

a) Foundation Minutes – November 13th, 2013

Judy Gay thanked staff for their work involving the Foundation.

b) 3D Mapping

A meeting will be arranged to host a 3D Mapping open house for watershed municipalities to attend.

c) Next Meeting – Wednesday, January 15th, 2014, at 1:15 p.m.

10. In Camera – property items

Motion No.:	Moved by:	Terry McKay
FA-13-121	Seconded by:	Paul McKenzie

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

Carried

Motion No.:	Moved by:	Judy Gay
FA-13-122	Seconded by:	Paul McKenzie

THAT the meeting now move to the Regular Full Authority meeting to consider the matters listed on the December 11th, 2013, agenda and any other business that may be lawfully conducted.

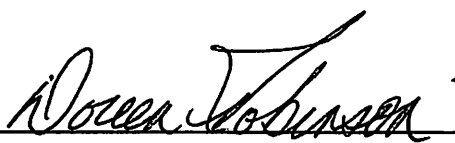
Carried

11. Adjournment

On motion by Terry McKay, the meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.



Dick Hibma, Chairman



Doreen Robinson
Administrative Assistant