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Grey Sauble Conservation Authority

Full Authority Minutes

1:15 p.m.

Wednesday, June 9th, 2010

The Full Authority 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
David Clarke
Dwight Burley
Judy Gay
Harley Greenfield
Deb Haswell
Ross Herron
Terry McKay
Jim McPherson
Michael Martin

Director Absent

Mark Wunderlich

Staff Present

John Cottrill, Doreen Robinson, Doug Hill, Chris Hachey, and Krista McKee

Media Present

Erika Engel - Meaford Express

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion No.:
FA-10-063

Moved by:
Seconded by:

Terry McKay
Dwight Burley

THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority approve the agenda of June 9th, 2010.

Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None at this time.

4. Approval of Minutes

a) Full Authority – May 12th, 2010

Motion No.:	Moved by:	Harley Greenfield
FA-10-064	Seconded by:	Ross Herron

THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority approve the Full Authority minutes of May 12th, 2010.

Carried

b) Arboretum Alliance

Domm Construction has started the work on the pavillion.

5. Business Out Of Minutes

a) Regulation Fee Schedule – Maintenance and Cleanout of Ditches and Drains

John Bittorf, Grey Sauble Conservation Water Resource Technician, was present for discussion under this item.

Doug Hill presented the following report on Fee Schedules. The current fee schedule for Regulation 151/06, Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses, defines all stream bank and channel works, extending 100 metres or greater in length, as a major project. The fee for a major project is \$960. The schedule does not make a distinction between new works and repair or cleanout projects.

At the May meeting of the board, staff was directed to investigate specific criteria for ditch and drain cleanout that would provide for a fee that is less than currently charged. This direction came forward as a result of discussions concerning a specific drain cleanout proposal in South Bruce Peninsula. Background information concerning the drain in question is attached.

The fee schedule currently does not account for the cleanout of existing ditches and drains except for the “cleanout of channels less than 20 metres long completed while the channel is dry” which are currently defined as minor projects.

In reviewing the fee schedule as it applies to other types of projects, it would seem reasonable to apply criteria that, in addition to the length of the watercourse, would recognize a distinction between new channel works and the cleanout or repair of existing channel works.

Having reviewed the fee schedule as it relates to the staff time and effort required to process various types of applications, staff has concluded that the definition of a minor project should be revised from “cleanout of channels less than 20 metres long completed while the channel is dry” to “cleanout of constructed channels less than 100 metres long completed while the channel is dry.” The fee would be \$215.

The definition for a major project that currently reads “ stream bank and channel works that exceed 100 metres in length” should be revised to read “new stream bank and channel works that exceed 100 metres in length”.

The fee schedule is structured such that any project not specifically designated as minor or major is, by default, considered a standard project. All cleanouts of constructed channels greater than 100 metres long would therefore be defined as standard projects. The fee would be \$430.

Motion No.:	Moved by:	Dave Clarke
FA-10-065	Seconded by:	Jim McPherson

THAT the definition of minor projects, as set out in the fee schedule for Ontario Regulation 151/06, be revised from “ cleanout of channels less than 20 metres (65.6 feet) in total length” to “cleanout of constructed ditches and drains, less than 100 metres in length, completed while the channel is dry, provided the dimensions of the channel do not exceed the original “as constructed” channel.

AND FURTHER, THAT the definition of major projects, as set out in the fee schedule for Ontario Regulation 151/06 be revised from the wording “stream bank and channel works that exceed 100 metres (328 feet) in length” to “new stream bank and channel works that exceed 100 metres (328 feet) in length”.

Carried

6. Correspondence

- a) Letter from Township of Georgian Bluffs re: MNR Policies and Procedures for CA Plan Review and Permitting Activities
- b) Letter from Municipality of Grey Highlands re: MNR Policies and Procedures for CA Plan Review and Permitting Activities

A resolution was passed by the Township of Georgian Bluffs and the Municipality of Grey Highlands Councils supporting the Grey Sauble Conservation Authorities position that the

Minister of Natural Resources be urged to finalize and release the Ministry of Natural Resources Policies and Procedures for Conservation Authority Plan Review and Permitting Activities. The Ministry of Natural Resources has advised John Cottrill that the CALC Chapter has been finalized and posted on the Environmental Registry Bulletin for comment, with approval expected in late June.

c) Thank you letter from students of Holland Chatsworth School

Students from the Holland Chatsworth School have written a letter of thanks to Grey Sauble Conservation for a field trip they had taken at the Conservation Authority.

Motion No.:	Moved by:	Judy Gay
FA-10-066	Seconded by:	Terry McKay

THAT the correspondence from the Township of Georgian Bluffs, the Municipality of Grey Highlands, and the Holland Chatsworth School, be received.

Carried

7. Water Management – nothing at this time

8. Environmental Planning

1) Section 28 Permits – May 2010

Motion No.:	Moved by:	Harley Greenfield
FA-10-067	Seconded by:	Michael Martin

THAT the list of permits under Ontario Regulation 151/06 – “Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation”, for the period May 1st – May 31st, 2010, be approved.

Carried

2) Regulation 151/06 – Annual Mapping Update

Gloria Dangerfield, Grey Sauble Conservation GIS Specialist, was present for discussion under this item.

In May 2006 the Minister of Natural Resources approved the new regulation 151/06 under Section 28 of the Conservation Authorities Act. The new regulation was required by changes to

the Act which implemented a generic format for all Conservation Authority regulations across the Province.

To support the new regulation the Authority was required to produce maps describing the limits of the regulated areas. The mapping is to be updated annually with changes that become apparent during the year. A number of changes were made and approved by the board in 2007, 2008 and 2009.

The maps that are used to plot the regulated area are from the Ontario Basic Mapping produced by the Province. Over the period since the new regulation came into effect we have 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.

In 2008 the Province produced a new digital elevation model which resulted in more accurate representation of contours on the maps. These changes resulted in changes to the depiction of slopes requiring a redefining of the regulation lines associated with these valley features in some areas.

The continuing updates to the maps are intended to provide more accurate information. They provide a better representation of the requirements under the regulation. They do not change the intent of the regulation. The Directors reviewed a list of technical changes made from June 2009 to May 11th, 2010.

Motion No.:	Moved by:	Terry McKay
FA-10-068	Seconded by:	Dwight Burley

THAT the list of proposed technical changes to the Ontario Regulation 151/06 maps, dated May 11th, 2010, be approved as presented.

Carried

c) Property Management

1) Bognor Marsh Tender

Chris Hachey advised that a request for tender for the building and installation of a boardwalk at the Bognor Marsh was posted June 5th, 2010, and closes on June 25th, 2010, at 4:00 p.m. One third of the funding is from the Federal Government, 1/3 from the Provincial Government, and 1/3 from Grey Sauble Conservation Foundation. The total estimated project cost is \$19,200.00.

Motion No.: **Moved by:** **Terry McKay**
FA-10-069 **Seconded by:** **Deb Haswell**

THAT the tender award selection for the building and installation of the Bognor Marsh Boardwalk be approved in principle providing all tender specifications are met and that the cost of the project does not exceed the approved budget of \$19,200.00, with Grey Sauble staff and the Chairman opening and reviewing tenders received.

Carried

Damage has occurred by ATV's on the unopened road allowance at the Bognor Marsh.

e) Communications/Public Relations

Between 175 – 200 people attended the Trails Open Event on June 5th for a hike from Inglis Falls to the Filtration Plant. Due to rainy weather and slippery conditions, the hike was cancelled on June 6th. Upcoming events, all being held at the Arboretum from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. are as follows: Birds of Prey – June 12th, Geo-What – July 10th, and an Arboretum Event – August 14th. On June 20th a tour is planned to Kinghurst Forest leaving at 9:00 a.m. and is scheduled to be a six hour event. TD Friends of the Environment are donating \$1,400.00 to the Young Naturalists Club.

f) Administration

1) Receipts and Expenses – May 2010

Motion No.: **Moved by:** **Judy Gay**
FA-10-070 **Seconded by:** **Dwight Burley**

THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority approve the receipts and expenses for May 2010, with the following amendments.

Under receipts – Township of Georgian Bluffs - \$124,816.30 – it is listed as a tree invoice payment. It should be listed as 2010 levy payment.

Under expenses – Cheque No. 5194 to DAC Checker Produce – the amount is listed as \$18,527.26. It should read \$1,827.26. It is for reefer rental.

Under expenses – Cheque No. 5201 – Miller Waste System for tipping fees. There is no amount listed. It should be in the amount of \$73.50.

Carried

8. Chairman's Report

Dick advised that it has been a relatively quiet month. The final SAROS Advisory Committee report has been prepared by the Ministry of Natural Resources. The agreement was confirmed by stakeholder representatives. It will be presented to Minister Linda Jeffrey which date is tentatively scheduled for Friday, June 18th. PIAG met by tele-conference on May 25th. An update was received on current lake levels and precipitation recorded. Updated on IJC consultation on Phase 1 of the St. Clair River report. IJC has received an agreement from 2 federal governments to broaden the mandate of IUGLS to consider impacts of climate change on current and proposed management plans. The next meeting is scheduled for mid-July in Muskegon, MI. The Drinking Water Source Protection Management Committee met on June 4th. The Committee was updated on public consultation regarding the Draft Proposed Assessment Report and will be finalized and submitted to Source Protection Authorities on July 6th. A financial report was presented, the 2010/11 business plan reviewed, as well as a draft of the plan for 2011/12. Dick hosted tours on the morning of Saturday, June 5th for Trails Open. Approximately 60 people attended between 10 a.m. and 12 noon. There was good media coverage as well.

9. Other Business

- a) Foundation Minutes
 - AGM – March 14th, 2010
 - March 17th, 2010
 - April 21st, 2010
 - May 5th, 2010

Deb Haswell advised that September 22nd is the Foundation fund raising dinner. It will be a wine and cheese gathering with items for auction of higher value than in previous years. A power point presentation on the Grey Sauble Conservation Foundation will be made. Deb asked that each of the Grey Sauble Conservation Directors should try to recruit a member to sit on the Foundation Board. The Foundation supports Grey Sauble Conservation Authority, which includes all municipalities. Michael Martin thought that consideration could be given to putting a package together on what the Foundation is about and have the Directors take it back to their member municipality. The municipality could then put it on the municipal website. If there are people who do not like to attend meetings, the Foundation is always looking for volunteers at their events.

Harley Greenfield commended Chris Ferris, the Foundation Executive Director, on what an excellent job he has done in his position and that he will be missed when he leaves on September 1st, 2010.

b) Business Plan – Drinking Water Source Protection - SWOOP Initiative

For the 2010 – 2011 Business Plan for Drinking Water Source Protection for our region, an amount was included to cover a partner cost for the SWOOP initiative. A similar item for earlier Ortho Photography was paid for by the Province the last time as part of the data gathering effort to support Source Protection Planning. We have been advised that it is not eligible this time. Don Smith, DWSP Project Manager, will follow up to see if we can get access to the information. With all the work that Gloria Dangerfield, GIS Specialist, has carried out as part of a Committee making up Terms of Reference, there should not be a required payment.

c) Solar Energy – Chris Hachey has advised that he has registered on the Microfit website. Discussion will continue at the July 28th meeting. Requests for proposals will be discussed by Chris, Terry Belton, Mark Wunderlich, and Michael Martin.

d) Hog Weed – Anne Lennox and Chris Hachey looked at the weeds growing at the Tara Conservation Area. It is not hog weed, but angelica. Both plants look similar. Angelica can be used for medicinal purposes. There is hog weed growing in Tara, west of the pool. Wild chervil is spreading but does not create a problem with people's skin. It is a very aggressive weed.

e) Drinking Water Source Protection Report – nothing at this time.

f) Next Meeting – Wednesday, July 28th, 2010, at 1:15 p.m. with bbq to follow at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting recessed at 2:30 p.m. Michael Martin left the meeting at this time. Chris Hachey and Krista McKee also left the meeting at this time. The meeting reconvened at 2:40 p.m.

g) Hearing Before the Board re: Permit Application #GS09-301

Motion No.:	Moved by:	Dwight Burley
FA-10-071	Seconded by:	Judy Gay

THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority now sit as a Hearing Board.

Carried

The Hearing before the Board of Directors is held under Section 28, Subsection 12 of the Conservation Authorities Act with respect to the application by Mr. Ken Fox to permit development within an area regulated by the Authority in order to ensure no adverse affect on flooding and erosion on Lot 27, Plan/Lot 16R-6490/4, Broken Front Concession, former Township of Sydenham, in the Municipality of Meaford, County of Grey.

Roll call was taken by the Chair.

Doug Hill, Director of Operations, Ashley Wilcox and Tim Lanthier, Grey Sauble Conservation Environmental Planning Technicians, were present for the hearing.

Also present were Ken and Mary Lynn Fox – Applicants, Don Baron – friend and spokesperson for Ken and Mary Lynn Fox, and Kyle Simmons of Genivar Consultants LP.

Harley Greenfield and Jim McPherson asked that the property be viewed on site. Deb Haswell felt that the Directors were provided with enough information, including photographs, with the information based on staff reviewing the property in the field.

The Chair advised that Ashley Wilcox would be making her presentation for the hearing, with any questions or comments for Ashley being made directly following her presentation. Don Baron, spokesperson for Mr. and Mrs. Fox, will make a presentation on behalf of the Mr. and Mrs. Fox with any questions or comments for Mr. Baron to follow his presentation.

After both presentations and a question and answer period, everyone excluding Full Authority Directors, John Cottrill, and Doreen Robinson, were excused from the meeting.

10. In-Camera Items

a) Permit #GS09-301

Motion No.:	Moved by:	Terry McKay
FA-10-072	Seconded by:	Deb Haswell

THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Hearing Board now move “In Camera” to consider deliberations on matters relating to a hearing under Regulation 151/06.

Carried

Motion No.:	Moved by:	Dwight Burley
FA-10-073	Seconded by:	Harley Greenfield

THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Hearing Board now move out of “In Camera”.

Carried

Motion No.: **Moved by:** **Deb Haswell**
FA-10-074 **Seconded by:** **Ross Herron**

THAT the Directors move out of Hearing Board and sit as the Grey Sauble Full Authority Board of Directors.

Carried

11. Adjournment

On motion by Terry McKay, the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Dick Hibma
Chair

Doreen Robinson
Administrative Assistant