



Grey Sauble Conservation Authority

Minutes

Full Authority Board of Directors

Wednesday, October 12th, 2016 – 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

Paul Eagleson, Harley Greenfield, John McGee, Dick Hibma, Marion Koepke, Al Barfoot, Jaden Calvert, and Ryan Thompson

Directors Absent – Shawn Greig, Cathy Little, and Ana Vukovic

Staff Present – Chris Hachey, Doreen Robinson, John Bittorf, Andy Sorensen, Cam Bennett, and Anne Lennox

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion No.:	Moved by:	Jaden Calvert
FA-16-084	Seconded by:	John McGee

THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors approve the agenda of October 12th, 2016, with the following additions: Under Item 5) Business out of Minutes, add c) Haines Dam Removal; Under Item 7 a) Under Water Management, add 1) Low Water Response; Under Item 7 b) Environmental Planning, add 2) NEC Plan Review;

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 – September 14th, 2016

Motion No.:	Moved by:	Marion Koepke
FA-16-085	Seconded by:	Al Barfoot

THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors approve the Full Authority minutes of September 14th, 2016.

Carried

5. Business Out of Minutes

a) Brack Classic Car Hill Climb

The Brack Classic Car Hill Climb held on the Inglis Falls Road on September 17th was successful even though it was a rainy day. Chris Hachey and the Directors reviewed some deficiencies by the organizers of the event including the lack of volunteers that were to be supplied by the organizers. To date, no fees have been paid by the Brack Classic Hill Climb to Grey Sauble Conservation. They have proposed to hold the event again in 2017.

b) Forestry Tenders on compartments with no bids

Small Forestry Operations (1997 Board Report)

To date, all forestry operations on lands managed by the Authority have been sold through the tender process. The average price for firewood obtained through the tender process has been \$21.57/full cord (High-\$26.90/full cord, Low-\$17.00/full

cord). Very little cedar or plantation thinnings have been harvested from our Management Areas. When this type of operation was done, it was completed by Authority staff. The posts or logs were then tendered.

On the Agreement Forest properties, sawlog harvests have traditionally been tendered, but all of the fuelwood operations, cedar and plantation thinnings have been sold directly to interested individuals at prices set by MNR. Individuals who have worked on Authority Agreement Forests have been approaching us about buying wood, and we have continued doing business with these customers in the same way.

Grey County also tenders their sawlog harvests but sells all other wood products - firewood, cedar and plantation thinnings - directly to interested individuals. Grey County sells fuelwood for \$25.00-\$28.00/full cord (less if there are access or site problems). Cedar is sold using the 3/4 - 1/4 rule (3/4 goes to the buyer, 1/4 goes to the County). Both cedar and plantation thinnings have been and are being sold on market demand in a variety of ways.

While the tender process is the fairest way to sell large volumes of wood products, the sale of small volumes through the tender process is time-consuming and costly given the amount of money to be made. It takes the same amount of time to prepare small volume tender packages and the same amount of money to advertise these tenders as it does large ones.

In 1997, in order to standardize our procedures for all Authority properties, staff recommended and the Board of Directors passed the following resolution.

Motion No.: **Moved by:** **George Douglas**
FA-37-97 **Seconded by:** **Anastasia Sparling**

That the following operational guidelines be implemented for the sale of wood products on all Authority properties:

- 1. All hardwood sawlog harvests would be tendered as usual.**

- 2. All fuelwood improvement operations (including tops) less than \$3,000.00 in estimated value would be sold directly to interested individuals, and all operations larger than \$3,000.00 in estimated value would be tendered. Prices paid by the individuals would vary depending upon access availability as well as site and stand conditions. No sales of less than 10 full cords would be allowed.**
- 3. White cedar harvests would be sold directly to interested individuals according to prices set by the Authority. In general, cedar is sold according to a 75%-25% rule (75% goes to the buyer, 25% comes to the Authority).**
- 4. Plantation thinnings and natural softwood stands would be sold using different sales methods in order to determine the best way to sell this material.**

AND FURTHER, THAT all sales would be reported to the Full Authority on a regular basis.

Carried

The motion regarding small forestry operations (Motion No. FA-37-97) that was passed by the GSCA Board of Directors in 1997 is outdated and should be updated to reflect the current sales market for wood products. There was not a Forestry Committee in 1997.

Recommendation for 2016:

THAT the following operational guidelines be implemented for the sale of wood products on all Authority properties:

- 1. All sawlog harvests with an estimated value of more than \$5,000.00 be tendered as usual and approved by the Board of Directors.**
- 2. All small forestry operations with an estimated value of less than \$5,000.00 be sold directly to a small operator. GSCA staff will keep an updated list of small operators and approach a minimum of three (3) small operators about the operations that are for sale. The sale of all small forestry operations will be reported regularly at the next Forestry Committee meeting, and the minutes would then go to the next Full Authority meeting.**

Discussion was held with regards to:

- Rescinding the 1997 motion
- Contacting small operators for the 3 tenders that were not awarded at the September meeting
- Identifying and selecting small operators
- Possibility of placing an ad for tenders not awarded
- Telephone small operators to see if they would be interested in bidding on the 3 compartments to cut down on costs of mailing
- Take into consideration the proximity of the operator and their qualifications – develop a criteria
- Updating Forest Management Plans and the Policy

Motion No.: **Moved by:** **John McGee**
FA-16-086 **Seconded by:** **Harley Greenfield**

THAT Grey Sauble Authority staff develop a policy regarding small forestry operations.

Carried

c) Haines Dam

The road work is to be completed later this fall – before the end of October. The road will then be pulverized, graveled, with asphalt then being placed. The Authority has received positive comments about the work. Funding has yet to be received from the Federal Government and the WECl program.

6. Correspondence

a) Use of ATV's on Gleason Lake Road and Colpoy's Range Road in Georgian Bluffs

The Directors reviewed correspondence from residents living on Gleason Lake Road and Colpoy's Range Road in Georgian Bluffs concerning use of ATV's .

Authority staff received a complaint in June from land owners in this vicinity with regards to ATV use. If ATV's are used on conservation lands, it is a trespassing issue. Water quality issues should be given to the MOE and the NEC. Residents have been thanked for advising the Authority of their concerns.

Motion No.: **Moved by:** **Al Barfoot**
FA-16-087 **Seconded by:** **John McGee**

THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors receive the correspondence from the residents living on Gleason Lake Road and Colpoy's Range Road in Georgian Bluffs, with regards to ATV's.

Carried

7. Business Items

- a) Water Management
 - 1) Low Water Response

John Bittorf advised that data from the Ministry of Natural Resources for September shows we are no longer in a Level One Low Water Condition. Flows are still low for this time of year. A News Release will be sent out on Thursday, October 13th. Ground water levels have not come up much.

- b) Environmental Planning
 - 1) Section 28 Permits – September 2016

Motion No.: **Moved by:** **Al Barfoot**
FA-16-088 **Seconded by:** **Jaden Calvert**

THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors receive the list of permits under Ontario Regulation 151/06 – “Development, Interference, with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation”, for September 2016.

Carried

2) Niagara Escarpment Plan Review

Currently changes are being proposed to the Niagara Escarpment Plan. The government is proposing to update many NEP policies to reflect new legislation, to harmonize with the Greenbelt Plan and other land use planning policy documents where appropriate, and to address stakeholder and public comments from the first round of consultation. The existing NEP Land Use Designation mapping dates to the original NEP, approved in 1985. The government is proposing to update these maps to more accurately reflect the current conditions on the ground. The proposed update may result in changes to the extent of the current Escarpment Natural Area, Protection Area, and Rural Area Designations. Under the NEC Planning and Development Act, urban use and urban boundary amendments can only be considered during the review of the plan. Request for amendments include: proposals to remove land from the NEP area; requests for more intensive, urban or recreational development; change from one land use designation to another (e.g. Escarpment Rural Area to Urban Area); Additions of land to NEC Plan Area. No decision has been made on the merit of each request and each will be assessed against comments received and the purposes and objective of the NEPDA.

The Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors passed the following resolutions at their meeting held on October 12th, 2016, with regards to the co-ordinated land use planning review as it pertains to the Niagara Escarpment Plan Review.

Motion No.:	Moved by:	Al Barfoot
FA-16-089	Seconded by:	Marion Koepke

THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors do not support the expansion of the Niagara Escarpment Plan boundary areas at this time due to existing protection through the Provincial Policy Statement, County and Municipal Official Plans, Conservation Authority Planning Review Mandate, Natural Heritage Planning and Conservation Authority Regulations.

Carried

Motion No.: **Moved by:** **Marion Koepke**
FA-16-090 **Seconded by:** **Ryan Thompson**

THAT out of concern for the implications for property owners and municipal revenues, that Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors request that proposed designations by the Niagara Escarpment Plan Review be subject to full consultation with affected land owners and lower tier municipalities.

Carried

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

f) Administration

- 1) Receipts and Expenses – September 2016

Motion No.: **Moved by:** **Harley Greenfield**
FA-16-091 **Seconded by:** **Jaden Calvert**

THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors approve the receipts and expenses for September 2016.

Carried

8. Chairman's Report

Since our September meeting I've had the opportunity to meet with Minister McGarry of the MNRF and her Senior Policy Advisor to discuss our concerns and hopes for the Conservation Authorities Act Review.

Former CAO John C and I attended the Conservation Ontario meeting on the 26th of September, and Minister McGarry attended along with a number of her staff to address the full Council of Conservation Authorities. She introduced herself and provided an update on the progress of the review and her appreciation of the work CAs do across the province. Her staff stayed a bit longer to provide a more

detailed look at where they see the CA Act Review process going from this point.

Members of the Forestry Committee were toured around to a number of properties to get a better understanding of the conditions and health of our forestry resources programs on the 23rd of September.

I attended the Niagara Escarpment Commission's Plan Expansion proposal open house on the 28th that was held at the Owen Sound Legion. A wide variety of opinions expressed, but with many concerned landowners and municipal folks looking for answers.

September 30th of course marked the end of John Cottrill's service with us, and staff did a great job of sending him off with a light-hearted celebration.

And last week I was at the Great Lakes Forum in Toronto from Tuesday through Thursday. This Forum was hosted by the Federal Ministry of Environment and Climate Change in partnership with the US Environmental Agency to provide both an update to the multiple Annexes to the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement and an opportunity for the International Joint Commission (IJC) to hear from concerned stakeholders and citizens about their issues and concerns regarding the management of these trans-boundary waters. While at the Forum, the Great Lakes Guardians' Council also met at the request of Minister Glen Murray of the Provincial Ministry of Environment and Climate Change.

9. Other Business

a) Next Meetings

- 1) Wednesday, November 9th, 2016, at 1:15 p.m.
- 2) Wednesday, December 14th, at 12 Noon at Chatsworth Legion for Christmas Luncheon. Possibly meeting to follow.

b) Foundation Minutes – September 14th, 2016

Motion No.: **Moved by:** **John McGee**
FA-16-092 **Seconded by:** **Jaden Calvert**

THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors receive the Grey Sauble Conservation Foundation minutes of September 14th, 2016.

Carried

- 10. Closed Session – nothing at this time**

- 11. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.**

“Original Signed”

Dick Hibma, Chairman

Doreen Robinson
Administrative Assistant