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## Grey Sauble Conservation Authority

### Full Authority Minutes Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010 – 1:15 p.m. Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Administration Centre

#### 1. Call to Order

Chair Hibma called the meeting to order.

#### Directors Present

Dick Hibma, Chair  
David Clarke, Vice Chair  
Dwight Burley  
Judy Gay  
Harley Greenfield  
Deb Haswell  
Ross Herron  
Michael Martin  
Terry McKay  
Jim McPherson  
Mark Wunderlich

#### Staff Present

John Cottrill, Doreen Robinson, Krista McKee, Marg Johnston, and Peter Reesor

#### Media Present

Erika Engel - Meaford Express

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

<b>Motion No.:</b>	<b>Moved by:</b>	<b>Terry McKay</b>
<b>FA-10-096</b>	<b>Seconded by:</b>	<b>Dwight Burley</b>

**THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority approve the agenda of October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010, with the following additions: 1) Under Item 5 – Request from Township of Georgian Bluffs ; and 2) Under Item 6 d) Introduction of Peter Reesor – Foundation Coordinator.**

Carried

#### 3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest – nothing at this time

**4. Approval of Minutes**

- a) Full Authority – September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010 and
- b) Arboretum Alliance – September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010

<b>Motion No.:</b>	<b>Moved by:</b>	<b>Judy Gay</b>
<b>FA-10-097</b>	<b>Seconded by:</b>	<b>Mark Wunderlich</b>

**THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority approve the Full Authority minutes of September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010, and the Arboretum Alliance minutes of September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010.**

**Carried**

**5. Business Out of Minutes**

- a) Request from Township of Georgian Bluffs

Judy Gay, Finance Chair for the Township of Georgian Bluffs, advised the Directors that the Township of Georgian Bluffs has received three times, an invoice in the amount of \$3,120.40. The 2010 levy payment received from Georgian Bluffs was at the discounted payment, but payment was received three weeks after the discount levy payment date of April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010, which requires full payment. The invoice reflects the amount in the discounted payment paid and the full payment required. Georgian Bluffs Council feel that the Township should still receive the discounted payment. John Cottrill said that the Conservation Authority is dealing with the payment the same as any business would. Dwight Burley said he understands as he has his own business, but doesn't agree with the undiscounted charge. Georgian Bluffs is asking to have their 2010 levy payment considered as a discount payment rather than a full payment so 2011 budget discussions can start unaffected. In 2009, the Municipality of Meaford submitted their discounted levy payment dated December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009. They were not invoiced the difference between the discounted payment and the full payment. Deb Haswell felt we should look at the big picture of the frustration from municipalities being the prime funding source for the Conservation Authority, but that it is important to uphold our own policy, and that this is just business. Harley Greenfield advised that the Municipality of Meaford Council discussed concerns about the levy payment and is in favour of staggered payments. Ross Herron felt that as the Municipality of Meaford was not required to pay the difference between the discounted payment and the full payment in 2009 even though they paid the discounted figure on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009, the Township of Georgian Bluffs should be treated the same. Michael Martin said that as we are the Directors who passed the 2010 budget, we should be supporting the budget. Discussion on levy payments/budget has gotten us into a dialogue on a four payment system. Mark Wunderlich felt the same as Michael Martin and cannot support the Township of Georgian Bluffs being granted an exemption on paying the difference between the discount payment being received after the applicable discount date and a full payment. Judy Gay advised that the Township of Georgian Bluffs has always paid the full levy on time and this year was an

exception due to serious Conservation Budget talks held by the Township Council. Dave Clarke advised that the Municipality of Grey Highlands Council has discussed the four payment levy schedule and paying the discount levy payment upfront. Dick Hibma reminded the Directors that the 2010 budget was passed by the present Directors and every municipality was made aware, by registered letter dated March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010, of the levy payment if paid by April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010, and the levy payment if paid after April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

**Motion No.:**                      **Moved by:**                      **Judy Gay**  
**FA-10-098**                      **Seconded by:**                      **Dwight Burley**

**THAT the request from the Township of Georgian Bluffs to cancel the invoice in the amount of \$3,120.40 from Grey Sauble Conservation for paying the 2010 levy payment at a discount price when the levy payment should have been paid at the full levy payment as it was received after April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010, be granted.**

**Motion Defeated**

**Motion No.:**                      **Moved by:**                      **Deb Haswell**  
**FA-10-099**                      **Seconded by:**                      **Terry McKay**

**THAT the request from the Township of Georgian Bluffs to cancel the invoice in amount of \$3,120.40 from Grey Sauble Conservation for paying the 2010 levy payment at a discount price when the levy payment should have been paid at the full levy payment as it was received after April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010, be denied.**

**Recorded Vote**

**Michael Martin - yes**  
**Harley Greenfield – no**  
**Dwight Burley – no**  
**Mark Wunderlich – yes**  
**Deb Haswell – yes**  
**Dave Clarke – yes**  
**Dick Hibma – yes**  
**Ross Herron – no**  
**Terry McKay – yes**  
**Judy Gay – no**

**Carried**

Dwight Burley would appreciate a letter being sent from Grey Sauble Conservation Authority to the Township of Georgian Bluffs stating which municipalities paid the 2010 levy in full and which municipalities paid early and received a discount.

**6. Correspondence**

- a) Letter and resolution from Township of Chatsworth re: Water and Erosion Control Infrastructure Program Funding Cuts

The Township of Chatsworth Council passed a resolution supporting the Town of the Blue Mountains motion regarding urging the Minister of Natural Resources to reconsider a 10 percent reduction in the 2010 Water and Erosion Control Infrastructure Program funding.

- b) Letter from Monika Turner, Director of Policy, Association of Municipalities of Ontario re: Implementation of Drinking Water Source Protection Plans

A letter from Monika Turner, Director of Policy, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, advises that John Cottrill's letter regarding the implementation of drinking water source protection plans is an issue that the AMO is currently engaged in through their government relations and advocacy work. Any developments or updates on this matter will be included in the AMO Watch File which is circulated to all AMO members electronically each Thursday morning.

- c) Letter from Keith Willson, Ministry of Environment re: Proposed Assessment Report

Keith Willson, Manager, Drinking Water Management Division, Ministry of Environment, acknowledges by letter receipt of the Proposed Assessment Report documents for the Saugeen Valley, Grey Sauble, and Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Authorities.. Upon completion of the ministry's review of the Proposed Assessment Reports, Ian Smith, the Director of Source Protection Programs Branch, will provide us with a decision.

**Motion No.:**  
**FA-10-100**

**Moved by:**  
**Seconded by:**

**Terry McKay**  
**Mark Wunderlich**

**THAT the correspondence from Township of Chatsworth, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and Ministry of Environment, be received.**

**Carried**

- d) Introduction of Peter Reesor – Foundation Coordinator

Peter Reesor, Foundation Coordinator, introduced himself to the Directors and gave a brief description of his employment background. Peter is looking forward to a positive working relationship between the Foundation and the Authority. Chair Hibma welcomed Peter to Grey Sauble Conservation.

7. **Business Items**

- a) Water Management – nothing at this time
- b) Environmental Planning
  - 1) Section 28 Permits – September 1<sup>st</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010

<b>Motion No.:</b>	<b>Moved by:</b>	<b>Judy Gay</b>
<b>FA-10-101</b>	<b>Seconded by:</b>	<b>Harley Greenfield</b>

**THAT the list of permits under Ontario Regulation 151/06 – “Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation”, for the period September 1<sup>st</sup> – September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010, be approved.**

**Carried**

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

This was the Water Festival’s 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Approximately 2,000 Grade 4 children attend our 4 day event experiencing 43 hands on activities. Even though our first day at the water festival was soggy, it did not dampen the students’ spirits. Our committee salutes the 80 high school students and 30 adults that volunteer each day to teach the Grade 4’s about wise use of water. Without them we would not have this festival.

- 2) Forest Festival

The Mission of the Bruce Grey Forest Festival is “to cultivate in all Festival participants, an understanding of and appreciation for our forest resources and the natural environment in which we live”. At this Forest Festival, Grade 7 students will learn about the importance of trees and the value of conserving and protecting forests through a series of hands-on activities. If this Forest Festival is successful, these students will become stewards of our forests, both now and in the future.

The Bruce Grey Forest Festival is scheduled to take place at Allan Park, near Durham on October 19-21, 2010. More than 900 Grade 7 students from local schools have signed up to participate in this event. High school students will also be involved in this Festival, as leaders at the activity stations.

To date, 23 grants have been received for planning this Forest Festival. The five contribution levels are:

- Seed Level - up to \$499 / 10+ Volunteers
- Seedling Level - \$500+ / 20+ Volunteers
- Sapling - \$2,500+ / 40+ Volunteers
- Tree Level - \$5,000+
- Forest Levels - \$10,000+

Since Grey Sauble Conservation has always been involved in tree planting and sustainable forest management programs, it was logical that we participate as one of the collaborating organizations in planning this new event. However, financial support is also critical to the success of this Forest Festival. Therefore, it is recommended that Grey Sauble Conservation provide a financial contribution towards this worthwhile event.

<b>Motion No.:</b>	<b>Moved by:</b>	<b>Judy Gay</b>
<b>FA-10-102</b>	<b>Seconded by:</b>	<b>Deb Haswell</b>

**THAT Grey Sauble Conservation provide a donation of \$2,000.00 towards the Bruce Grey Forest Festival being held in Allan Park on October 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010.**

**Carried**

Mark Wunderlich was opposed.

The funds will be taken from the Forestry reserve or Forestry revenue. Deb Haswell felt that for future Forest Festivals, the Foundation's role should be as a sponsor for this festival.

f) Administration

1) Receipts and Expenses – September 2010

<b>Motion No.:</b>	<b>Moved by:</b>	<b>Terry McKay</b>
<b>FA-10-103</b>	<b>Seconded by:</b>	<b>Mark Wunderlich</b>

**THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority approve the receipts and expenses for September 2010.**

**Carried**

Terry McKay noted that a permit fee of \$960.00 was paid by Kuhl Machine Shop and wondered what the permit entailed. The permit was for a 7,200 square foot addition to an existing machine shop with 24,000 cubic feet of fill and a 144 square foot solar panel.

Dwight Burley and Mark Wunderlich left the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

2) **Budget Format and Levy Payments**

The Directors and watershed municipalities like the straight forward facts shown in dollars and cents on the proposed budget format, but would like comments explaining expenditures from year to year.

Staff will prepare a report for the November 10<sup>th</sup> meeting which sets out a schedule for payments to meet the needs of all member municipalities – by either paying in installments or in full.

3) **Budget to Expenses – August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010**

The budget up to August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010, was reviewed.

8. **In-Camera Items** – nothing at this time

Deb Haswell left at 2:30 p.m.

9. **Chairman's Report**

Since the last Director's meeting, Dick has attended a working group meeting focused on Adaptive Management in relation to the Upper Great Lakes Study. We are developing an approach to dealing with management of the water levels in the upper lakes based on the concept that the Great Lakes is a dynamic (ever changing) system so the management needs to be dynamic/adaptive as well.

On September 19<sup>th</sup>, John Cottrill and Dick travelled to Ottawa to attend the Biennial Tour hosted by Mississippi and Rideau Valley Conservation Authorities. It was a well paced, 2 day tour of the region. They returned on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Points of interest included the effect of the GreenBelt around Ottawa which leads to leapfrog development. There is tremendous cost implications to extend infrastructure through greenbelt to new development area. The Carp River is long, low, flat topography with low base flow. There are issues around sediment transport and sedimentation. The Carp landfill is becoming a dominant landform in an otherwise flat landscape region. West and north of Ottawa is dominated by limestone plain with alvars similar to Bruce Peninsula/Manitoulin Island – lots of pits and quarries. Almonte hydro electric

power plant is a \$19 million investment selling electricity at 11 cents per kilowatt and 13 cents per kilowatt for peak hours. The Haggart Dam in Perth has no flood or erosion control function, and therefore has no WECI funding. However, due to habitat and potential for Endangered Species impact, there may be other funding. Mississippi Lake is surrounded by 1,300 properties transitioning from seasonal to year round homes. It's a shallow lake and has become eutrophic (warm water) with lots of algae growth and significant phosphorous loading. Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority works with ratepayers cottagers association in partnership to provide educational conduit to waterfront landowners as well as building political support for the Conservation Authority. Rideau Valley Conservation Authority has a new 20,000 square foot headquarters building built at a cost of \$7.9 million with LEED Gold certification. LEED certification cost was \$330,000.00, but offset by corporate and supplier support. Baxter Conservation Area Outdoor Education Centre has corporate support with rental for a variety of functions. Has had solar array installed since the 1980's. The site is for Ontario Rural Wastewater Centre, and a demonstration site for several different septic treatment systems.

October 4<sup>th</sup> was the Conservation Ontario meeting with a comprehensive agenda covering a wide variety of issues, programs, and initiatives. From the Conservation Ontario meeting, Dick attended at Queen's Park for a meeting with the Ministry of Natural Resources Minister, Linda Jeffrey. Dick spoke to her about WECI funding (no more cuts). He also spoke to her on the need for her support in our dealings with the development industry as we fulfill our mandate of flood protection.

Jim McPherson joined the meeting.

#### 10. Other Business

- a) Foundation Minutes – August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010 – for information
- b) Staff Minutes – September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010. It was noted that Doug Hill has announced his retirement effective March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011.
- c) DWSP – nothing at this time
- d) Biennial Tour 2012 Funding

Grey Sauble Conservation will be partnering with Saugeen Valley Conservation in hosting the 2012 Biennial Tour.

**Motion No.:**                      **Moved by:**                      **Judy Gay**  
**FA-10-104**                      **Seconded by:**                      **Dave Clarke**

**THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority support in principle, partnering with Saugeen Valley Conservation to host the 2012 Biennial Tour, a proposed budget of \$10,000.00 seed money over a two year period to be included in the 2011 and 2012 budgets.**

**Carried**

Grey Sauble staff will contact other Conservation Authorities who have hosted the Biennial Tour to see what revenue would be associated with registration.

e) Meeting with Town of the Blue Mountains and Grey Sauble Conservation Staff

A meeting was held on September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010, at the Town of Blue Mountains municipal offices with staff from The Blue Mountains and Grey Sauble Conservation in attendance. Feedback indicates that the meeting was worthwhile and future meetings would be beneficial.

f) Next Meeting – Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010, at 1:15 p.m.

**11. Adjournment**

On motion by Terry McKay, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

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Dick Hibma  
Chair

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Doreen Robinson  
Administrative Assistant

