



## **Grey Sauble Conservation Authority**

### **Minutes**

#### **Full Authority Board of Directors**

**Wednesday, June 12th, 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, Dave Clarke, Paul Eagleson, Judy Gay, Harley Greenfield, Bob Lennox, Terry McKay, Paul McKenzie, , Michael Martin, and Mike Poetker

Directors Absent – Jan Chamberlain

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

#### **2. Approval of Agenda**

<b>Motion No.:</b>	<b>Moved by:</b>	<b>Mike Poetker</b>
FA-13-064	<b>Seconded by:</b>	<b>Judy Gay</b>

**THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors approve the agenda of June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013, with the following changes: Under Item #5 – Business Out Of Minutes - add BDO – Audit of Financial Statements of Grey Sauble Conservation Authority for the year ended December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012; Under Item #7 a) – Water Management – add Watershed Report Card; Under Item #10 – Add Item e) – Purchase of a Vertical Banner; and Item 7 b) 2) – SON/McClure Update – move to In-Camera Items.**

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 – May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013
- b) Inglis Falls Arboretum Alliance – April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013

<b>Motion No.:</b>	<b>Moved by:</b>	<b>Bob Lennox</b>
<b>FA-13-065</b>	<b>Seconded by:</b>	<b>Harley Greenfield</b>

**THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors approve the Full Authority minutes of May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013, and the Inglis Falls Aboretum Alliance minutes of April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013.**

**Carried**

**5. Business Out Of Minutes**

- a) Audit Report from BDO Canada LLP of the Financial Statements of Grey Sauble Conservation Authority for the year ended December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012

The Directors reviewed the letter from BDO Canada LLP for the audit for the year ended December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012. Mike Poetker questioned why the audit was called unaudited and also a question as to the surplus reported under the heading "Financial Reporting". Internal financial reports will be prepared by staff for the Board at least quarterly with detailed comparisons to budget and explanations for significant differences.

<b>Motion No.:</b>	<b>Moved by:</b>	<b>Dave Clarke</b>
<b>FA-13-066</b>	<b>Seconded by:</b>	<b>Paul McKenzie</b>

**THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors receive the Audit Report prepared by BDO Canada LLP for the year ended December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012.**

**Carried**

**6. Correspondence – nothing at this time**

**7. Business Items**

**a) Water Management**

**1) Watershed Report Card**

John Bittorf, Water Resources Coordinator, reviewed the Grey Sauble Conservation Watershed Report Card 2013. The report card measures surface water quality and forest conditions. Measuring helps us better understand our watershed. It helps us to focus our efforts where they are needed most and tracks progress. It also helps us identify healthy and ecologically important areas that require protection or enhancement. John's powerpoint presentation outlined the grading system on the watershed map for both surface water quality and forest conditions from an "A" Grading – Excellent to an "F" Grading – Very Poor. In general, our forest conditions are pretty good. Staff did a radio interview with the Dock radio station and a telephone interview with the Sun Times. The Meaford Express newspaper did not publish any of the information from a telephone interview with John. John Bittorf and Gloria Dangerfield made a presentation to a Grade 9 geography class on the Report Card and how GIS is used in reporting. Staff has contacted Conservation Ontario to get a number on how many people have been on our website to review the report card. Grey Sauble Conservation's watershed is in good shape. Chair Hibma thanked John Bittorf for his involvement in the Provincial committee. It is information that can be used consistently. Town of the Blue Mountains and the Authority are in a partnership for data sharing information. The Mill Creek site is being looked at. Judy Gay congratulated John on his excellent presentation made to Owen Sound CFUW Club (Canadian Federation of University Women).

**b) Environmental Planning**

**1) Section 28 Permits – May 1<sup>st</sup> to June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013**

<b>Motion No.:</b>	<b>Moved by:</b>	<b>Judy Gay</b>
<b>FA-13-067</b>	<b>Seconded by:</b>	<b>Terry McKay</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 May 1<sup>st</sup> to June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013, be received by the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors.**

**Carried**

**2) SON/McClure Update – Under In-Camera Minutes**

c) Lands Management

1) Fidler Property Update

**Shallow Lake Management Area – Fidler property donation**

In 2008, Dave and Barbara Fidler donated a 75 acre property to the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority. The property was transferred as a "Life Estate", providing access and enjoyment of the property in favor of the Fidler's during their lifetime. Also in 2008, a Life Estate agreement was signed by the Fidler's and GSCA, outlining how the property would be managed in the future. The Fidler's are still actively enjoying their Life Estate term on property and have requested an amendment to the life estate agreement. They have requested that hunting be noted as a "restricted activity" on the property. This request has been made to accommodate bird watching visitors hiking the trails in the spring and fall seasons.

<b>Motion No.:</b>	<b>Moved by:</b>	<b>Harley Greenfield</b>
<b>FA-13-068</b>	<b>Seconded by:</b>	<b>Michael Martin</b>

**THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority approves amending the Fidler Life Estate Agreement to include the statement that "hunting is restricted and permits to hunt shall not be issued as per Section 29 of the Conservation Area Regulations".**

**Carried**

2) Conservation Area Vandalism Update

Chris Hachey advised that there had been a story published in the Owen Sound Sun Times on the vandalism occurring at Authority, Georgian Bluffs, and City properties. The OPP has charged someone. The same person has also been caught tagging on Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority property. The Authority has the opportunity to go to court where the OPP is requesting restitution from the person charged.

d) Forestry, Fish, and Wildlife – nothing at this time

e) Communications/Public Relations

Judy Gay thanked Chair Hibma for his participation in the Memorial Forest Commemorative Tree Planting Ceremony.

f) Administration

1) Receipts and Expenses – May 2013

<b>Motion No.:</b>	<b>Moved by:</b>	<b>Terry McKay</b>
<b>FA-13-069</b>	<b>Seconded by:</b>	<b>Bob Lennox</b>

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

**Carried**

2) Introduction of Alision Armstrong – Acting Finance Coordinator

John Cottrill introduced Alison Armstrong, the Authority's Acting Finance Coordinator. Alison thanked John for his introduction and gave a brief background of her former employment.

**8. In-Camera Motions – appear at the end of the minutes**

**9. Chairman's Report**

Since our meeting in May Chair Hibma has been a guest speaker for the Owen Sound Field Naturalists on May 9th, speaking about Great Lakes water levels. In conjunction with his work in that regard one last conference call was held on May 28th prior to submission of the Adaptive Management Task Team's report to the IJC on May 30th.

On the provincial front meetings have been held with Minister Jeff Leal of Rural Affairs, and with the Senior Policy Advisor to Premier Kathleen Wynne to continue dialogue regarding Conservation Ontario's White Paper seeking clarification and revitalizing of the partnership between the province and Conservation Authorities.

Further to that effort the Board of Directors of Conservation Ontario met on May 16th to consider a variety of agenda items as we integrate new board members and a new CAO into our organization, and map out key issues and initiatives for the current year.

In addition, on May 31st, Chair Hibma accompanied CAO Cottrill and Chris Hachey to the official opening of the Watershed Stewardship Centre, headquarters of the Upper Thames Conservation Authority.

So far in June we've had a very successful participation in Doors Open Owen Sound with lots of interest in the water treatment sand filter structure at Inglis Falls on the first weekend, and a great turnout for a beautiful afternoon for the Memorial Forest ceremony this past Sunday.

Thanks to all the volunteers, both staff and directors of the Authority and the Foundation with these two events.

One last item is the meeting held on June 3rd with representatives of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation to discuss further the issues around our role in permitting in-water work in their traditional territory as area residents seek to deal with fluctuating water levels.

**10. Other Business**

- a) BRWI – WWW (Beaver River Watershed Initiative – What Water Wants) General Meeting Minutes – April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013
- b) Foundation Minutes – April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013
- c) Foundation Minutes – AGM – April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Chair Hibma congratulated Judy Gay on her election as Chair of the Foundation.

Judy handed out the Foundation's Newsletter.

- d) Next Meeting

<b>Motion No.:</b>	<b>Moved by:</b>	<b>Judy Gay</b>
<b>FA-13-070</b>	<b>Seconded by:</b>	<b>Mike Poetker</b>

**THAT the next Full Authority Board of Directors meeting be held on Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013, with a bbq to follow at 5:00 p.m.**

**Carried**

- e) Vertical Banner

Judy Gay feels that the Authority needs a banner that displays what Grey Sauble Conservation represents. It would be displayed at the September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013, Foundation Dinner. Staff will check to see if there is money in the Community/Public Relations budget for the purchase of a banner.

f) Request for Financial Support

Ms. McClure has asked if the GSCA would be able to assist financially to help offset the costs to implement the completion of her shorewell project.

In the past, we have had other applicants ask if the GSCA had any funding programs to assist with in water works, such as erosion control projects or beach stabilization work, or if there is financial support available to carry out work associated with conditions of a GSCA permit.

**Motion No.:**                      **Moved by:**                      **Terry McKay**  
**FA-13-071**                      **Seconded by:**                      **Bob Lennox**

**THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority has no financial obligation or funding program to assist any applicant or their contractor in the implementation of conditions of a permit issued by the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority.**

**Carried**

Alison Armstrong left the meeting.

**8.     In Camera Items**

- 1)     Property Items
- 2)     Personnel

**Motion No.:**                      **Moved by:**                      **Mike Poetker**  
**FA-13-072**                      **Seconded by:**                      **Paul McKenzie**

**THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority meeting now move “In Camera” to consider property items and personnel matters.**

**Carried**


**Motion No.:**                      **Moved by:**                      **Mike Poetker**  
**FA-13-073**                      **Seconded by:**                      **Terry McKay**

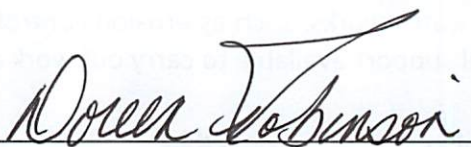
**THAT the meeting now move to the Regular Full Authority meeting to consider the matters listed on the June 12th, 2013, agenda, and any other business that may be lawfully conducted.**

**Carried**

**11. Adjournment**

On motion by Judy Gay, the meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

  
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Dick Hibma, Chairman

  
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Doreen Robinson, Administrative Assistant