• **Bruce Trail Conservancy (BTC)**
  A new 5-year license agreement with the Bruce Trail Conservancy (BTC) will be signed for the continued use of the Bruce Trail system on portions of GSCA’s properties. Substantial portions of the Bruce Trail occur within the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority (GSCA) Watershed area, with over six percent of the trails occurring on GSCA properties. Some of these properties were donated to GSCA by the BTC over the years. BTC has also contributed to the purchase of some properties by GSCA. Both parties have contributed to mutually beneficial capital investments over the years, such as boardwalks, bridges, and Spirit Rock’s iconic spiral staircase.

• **Planning Agreements**
  Planning service agreements are being discussed with member municipalities and are expected to be signed in the near future. The 2020 fee schedule was approved consistent with the fees in the signed Bruce County Agreement to take effect on January 1st, 2020. GSCA staff will consult with municipal staff and councils to implement updated planning agreements in accordance with the Bruce County agreement.

• **Forestry and Trails Agreements with County of Grey**
  The Board of Directors (BOD) has authorized staff to negotiate and execute new five-year agreements with the County of Grey for provision of Forest Management By-Law Enforcement and Property and Trail Management of Grey County Forest properties and the County Rail Trail. GSCA has experienced staff in-house that provide property management services to the County of Grey.

• **Friends of Hibou Event in 2020**
  The BOD has endorsed the general event concept of the Friends of Hibou to host a family-oriented community event at Hibou in 2020. The event would take place on a Saturday or Sunday in June, with GSCA agreeing to waive parking fees at Hibou during the event.

• **Season Passes for Volunteers**
  BOD’s endorsed the issuing of a season pass for the current or next calendar year to all GSCA volunteers that meet the criteria of volunteering for GSCA or a directly associated committee or group for a minimum of 7 hours in a single calendar year. Staff will implement a system for tracking volunteerism.

*Full minutes available at [www.greysauble.on.ca](http://www.greysauble.on.ca) after Board of Directors Approval*
• **GSCA Corporate Image Design Strategy RFP**  
BOD’s endorsed the staff recommendation to award the GSCA Corporate Image Design, Strategy and Training contract to E-Solutions. The creation of a corporate image design and brand strategy will help guide GSCA with a consistent image to become immediately recognizable by our watershed stakeholders and will provide key messaging that is easily understood and promoted by the general population.

• **GIS Day at East Ridge School in Owen Sound – November 5, 2019**  
GIS Day was held at East Ridge School on November 5th, 2019, for grades 6 – 8 students. GSCA hopes in future to expand this event.

![GIS Day](image)

• **2020 Draft Budget**  
2020 Budget was sent to watershed municipalities for 30-day review.

• **Administration Centre Renovation Plans**  
The BOD has previously approved the procurement of architectural designs and, in principle, the renovation of the Administration Centre. A federal infrastructure grant is currently available through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program that may cover up to 73 percent of the project costs. The BOD’s authorized staff to establish, encourage, and leverage unique partnership opportunities to apply for this grant funding, which will include incorporating a community recreational element into the Administration facility design.

![Pencil and ruler](image)

• **Resolution of Support for GSCA’s Programming and Services**  
A Board Resolution offering support for GSCA’s programming and services has been drafted into a letter prepared by Tim Lanthier to Honourable Jeff Yurek, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. The letter will be forwarded to Minister Yurek, MPP Bill Walker, the Association of Ontario Municipalities, all of Ontario’s municipalities, and Conservation Ontario.

Full minutes available at [www.greysauble.on.ca](http://www.greysauble.on.ca) after Board of Directors Approval