GREY SAUBLE CONSERVATION AUTHORITY (GSCA) Board Meeting Highlights 01/22/2020



• Election Highlights

Cathy Little was re-elected as the 2020 Chair for the GSCA Board of Directors (BOD). Scott Greig was elected as the 2020 Vice Chair for the BOD.

• Guests Attending AGM

The following guests attended the AGM: Don Sankey – Chair of Grey Sauble Conservation Foundation, Nancy Brown – Chair of Inglis Falls Arboretum Alliance, Wendi Hunter – Acting CAO/Clerk of Township of Georgian Bluffs, Paul McQueen – Warden of Grey County and Mayor of Grey Highlands, Doug Hevenor – CAO of Nottawasaga Valley CA, Dick Hibma – Interim General Manager/Secretary Treasurer of Saugeen Valley Conservation, Kim Wingrove – CAO of the County of Grey, Elwood Moore – Retired Board Director, and Dan Gieruszak – Chair of Saugeen Valley Conservation. Each guest brought greetings from their respective organizations and gave a brief overview of their mandate.

• Committee Appointments for 2020

The following Committee appointments were made for 2020: Conservation Foundation – Cathy Little and Sue Carleton; Forestry Committee – Andrea Matrosovs, Dwight Burley, Scott Mackey, Harley Greenfield, and Ryan Greig; Arboretum Alliance – Nancy Brown and Scott Greig; Conservation Ontario Council Voting Reps – Cathy Little, Scott Greig – 1st Alternate, and Tim Lanthier – 2nd Alternate; Indigenous and GSCA Relationships Committee – Cathy Little, Sue Carleton, Paul McKenzie, Dwight Burley, Tim Lanthier, Serenity Morton, and Vicki Rowsell; Source Protection Region Management Committee – Cathy Little, Scott Greig, and Tim Lanthier.

Province's Special Advisor on Flooding Report Summary
 A report released by the Province's Special Advisor on
 Flooding recognized the critical role that conservation
 authorities play in flood management in Ontario. Of the
 66 total recommendations in the report, approximately
 half of these recommendations relate either directly or
 indirectly to the work of conservation authorities. The



report uses terms such as collaborate with, partner with, and support, when discussing the relationship between the Province and conservation authorities. One such recommendation in this report states that the Province maintains, at a minimum, the current level of funding to support flood related programs. It should be noted that with the recent 50 per cent reduction to conservation authorities' provincial transfer payments for the natural hazards program, CAs are recommending that the Province should be looking to increase natural hazard management spending or to at least reinstate what has been lost.

• Terms of Reference Approvals for Two GSCA Committees

The Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors approved the Terms of Reference for the Forestry Committee and the Indigenous and GSCA Relationships Committee.

Full minutes available at www.greysauble.on.ca after Board of Directors Approval

• Friends of Hibou Delegation, Save the Date!

The Friends of Hibou presented a brief overview of how the Knapp Family was involved with fundraising to purchase the Hibou Property in the 1970's, and an overview was given of past fundraising efforts to date that have contributed to many upgrades. In 2020, the Friends of Hibou have planned an event for Saturday June 20, 2020 called "Hibou Free Family Fun Day" that will take place from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. This event will also showcase Grey Sauble Conservation, the Foundation, Arboretum Alliance and the Friends of Hibou, with displays in the pavilion. There will be more information available as the planning continues for the event with Grey Sauble Staff.



• Presentation by Grey County Tourism Staff

Bryan Plumstead and Heather Aljoe from Grey County Tourism made a presentation with regards to Grey County Tourism. In 2016, there were more than 2.7 million domestic visitors to Grey County, some for pleasure and some for visiting friends and relatives. 333.7 million dollars was spent by tourists for food and beverages encompassing all Grey County municipalities.



Bryan Plumstead, Grey County

• GSCA 2020 Priority Workplan

The Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors accepted and approved the 2020 Priority Workplan as presented.