



Grey Sauble Conservation Authority

Minutes

Full Authority Board of Directors

Wednesday, August 12th, 2015 – 2:00 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

Vice Chair Harley Greenfield called the meeting to order.

Directors Present

Jaden Calvert, Paul Eagleson, Ana Vukovic, Dick Hibma, Marion Koepke, Cathy Little, Al Barfoot, Harley Greenfield, and John McGee

Directors Absent – Ryan Thompson and Shawn Greig

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

Motion No.:	Moved by:	Marion Koepke
FA-15-070	Seconded by:	Al Barfoot

THAT the meeting be recessed until Chair Hibma returns.

Carried

Chair Hibma returned to the meeting.

8. In-Camera Items

**Motion No.: Moved by: Harley Greenfield
FA-15-071 Seconded by: Jaden Calvert**

THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Full Authority meeting now move "In Camera" to consider litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the Authority.

Carried

**Motion No.: Moved by: Al Barfoot
FA-15-072 Seconded by: Jaden Calvert**

THAT the meeting now move to the Regular Full Authority meeting to consider the matters listed on the August 12th, 2015, agenda and any other business that may be lawfully conducted.

Carried

2. Approval of Agenda

**Motion No.: Moved by: Cathy Little
FA-15-073 Seconded by: Al Barfoot**

THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors approve the agenda of August 12, 2015, with the following additions: Under Item 7 c) Lands Update - add West Rocks Conservation Area – Rock Climbing Proposal update; Under Item 7 d) Forestry, Fish and Wildlife - add Item 4) Interaction with Saugeen Ojibway Nation.

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 - June 10th, 2015

Motion No.:	Moved by:	Harley Greenfield
FA-15-071	Seconded by:	Jaden Calvert

THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors approve the Full Authority minutes of June 10th, 2015.

Carried

Due to the delay of the decommissioning of the Haines Dam, funding will not be available in 2015 from the Federal Government. Application will be made in 2016. The boards need taken out at the dam, but the water flow is too high, at present. Grey Sauble Conservation staff will consider continuing the work later this fall.

5. Business Out of Minutes

1) Biennial Tour

Dick Hibma, John Cottrill, and Cathy Little will be attending the Biennial Tour being hosted by Grand River and Long Point Region Conservation Authorities September 20th to 23rd, 2015.

6. Correspondence

- 1) Letter to Sun Times from Michael Edney re: Kudos to Grey Sauble Conservation staff for cleanup at West Rocks Conservation Area**

A letter from Michael Edney to the Sun Times expresses thanks and appreciation to Grey Sauble Conservation staff for the cleanup at the West Rocks Conservation Area.

- 2) Letter of support from Archie Indoe, President, Historic Saugeen Metis re: Haines Dam Removal**

Archie Indoe, President, Historic Saugeen Metis, has advised that the Historic Saugeen Metis is in support of the Haines Dam Removal.

- 3) Letter from Neil Rooney, Assistant Professor, Saugeen Ojibway, University of Guelph, re: Haines Dam Removal**

Neil Rooney, Assistant Professor, Saugeen Ojibway - University of Guelph Faculty Partnership, advised that he has reviewed the proposed plans for the decommissioning of the Haines Dam and agree in principle with both the removal of the dam and the proposed approach to doing so. SON want to maintain a presence during the decommissioning and to be involved in follow up monitoring plans for the stretch of the Beaver River affected by this work.

- 4) Letter from Municipality of Grey Highlands re: Boards and Committees of the Municipality**

A letter from Debbie Robertson, Clerk, Municipality of Grey Highlands, advises that Lynn Silverton has been appointed as an alternate Municipal Council representative for the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority. Cathy Little remains as the appointed Municipal Council representative.

Motion No.: **Moved by:** **Marion Koepke**
FA-15-075 **Seconded by:** **Jaden Calvert**

THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors receive the correspondence from Michael Edney, Archie Indoe, Neil Rooney, and Municipality of Grey Highlands.

Carried

7. Business Items

a) Water Management - nothing at this time

b) Environmental Planning

1) Section 28 Permits - June 1st to July 31st, 2015

Motion No.: **Moved by:** **John McGee**
FA-15-076 **Seconded by:** **Cathy Little**

THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors receive the list of permits under Ontario Regulation 151/06 - "Development, Interference, with Wetlands and Alteration to Shoreline and Watercourses Regulation", for the period June 1st to July 31st, 2015.

Carried

Appreciation was expressed to Authority staff for the quick turn-around time for issuing permits.

c) Lands Update

1) West Rocks Conservation Area – Rock Climbing Proposal update

Chris Hachey made a presentation on an update on the rock climbing proposal at West Rocks Conservation Area. Carlin Val of At Last Adventures made a presentation to the Board in May 2015 proposing that rock climbing be permitted in a section of West Rocks Conservation Area. Mr. Val outlined in his proposal that he operates an outdoor experience company and he would like to offer rock climbing instruction at West Rocks. Following the presentation by Mr. Val, the Board instructed staff to further investigate the outlined proposal and bring back any comments and concerns.

Since the presentation in May, staff have conducted a thorough review of the lands proposed for rock climbing and have noted some ownership issues. The former quarry site that was proposed for rock climbing is actually part of an unopened road allowance owned by the City of Owen Sound. GSCA staff have since met with City of Owen Sound staff to discuss the situation and to find ways to move forward. It appears the identified unopened road allowance is not something the City of Owen Sound will develop in the future as the land is zoned Escarpment Natural under the Niagara Escarpment Plan. It was also identified that the City of Owen Sound would be willing to consider a proposal from GSCA to take ownership of all or a portion of the identified road allowance lands as they currently border West Rocks Management Area.

Motion No.: **Moved by:** **Marion Koepke**
FA-15-077 **Seconded by:** **Al Barfoot**

THAT Grey Sauble Conservation Authority staff be authorized to carry out further discussions with the City of Owen Sound with regard to the unopened road allowances within West Rocks Management Area;
AND FURTHER, THAT staff will report back to the Board with a recommendation.

Carried

If the Authority has been maintaining this, the City likely has no interest in it. Staff will check to see if the unopened road allowance is part of native land claims.

d) Forestry, Fish, and Wildlife

Anne Lennox presented a summary of tenders received for three Forestry Tenders. Chair Hibma, John Cottrill, Anne Lennox, Cam Bennett, Keith Lehmann, and Rita McGee were in attendance for the opening of the tenders which closed on August 11th, 2015.

1) Rocklyn Creek Compartment 136-1, Sawlog and Fuelwood Tender

Rocklyn Creek Management Area – Compartment 136-1

Lot 30, Concession 9, Municipality of Grey Highlands (formerly Euphrasia Twp)
Grey County.

Marked Area: 50 acres

Volume Tendered: Sawlogs – 57,652 fbm Fuelwood – 159 Full Cords

Total Estimate: \$37,273.60

Tenders Received

Contractor	Fuelwood	Sawlogs	Total Bid
Complete Woodlot Mgmt	\$5,725.00	\$39,980.00	\$45,705.00
Timber Horse Logging	\$7,975.00	\$34,325.00	\$42,300.00
Hallman Lumber	\$4,900.00	\$20,500.00	\$25,400.00

2) Rocklyn Creek Compartment 136-2, Sawlog & Fuelwood Tender

Rocklyn Creek Management Area – Compartment 136-2

Lot 30, Concession 9, Municipality of Grey Highlands (formerly Euphrasia Twp)

Grey County. Marked Area: 3 acres

Volume Tendered: Sawlogs – 7,213 fbm Fuelwood – 11 Full Cords

Total Estimate: \$2,404.64

Tenders Received

Contractor	Fuelwood	Sawlogs	Total Bid
Hallman Lumber	\$200.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,200.00
Timber Horse Logging	\$550.00	\$1,800.00	\$2,350.00
Complete Woodlot Mgmt	\$165.00	\$2,163.00	\$2,328.00

3) Little Germany Compartments 82, 90, 91, Pine Thinning Tender

Pine Thinning Tender – August 11th, 2015

Little Germany Management Area – Compartments 82, 90 & 91

North Part Lot 7, Lots 38-40, Conc. 14, Lots 1, 2 & 3, Conc. 1, Municipality of Grey Highlands (formerly Euphrasia, Artemesia & Osprey Twp)

Grey County Marked Area: 63 acres; Total Estimate: \$20,125.00;

Volume Tendered: Pine – 575 Full Cords

Tenders Received

Contractor	Total Bid
Moggie Valley Timber Inc	\$26,000.00

Motion No.: **Moved by:** **Al Barfoot**
FA-15-078 **Seconded by:** **Ana Vukovic**

THAT Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors award the Forestry tenders as follows:

1) Tender for Rocklyn Creek Management Area-Compartment 136-2 to Complete Woodlot Management for their total bid of \$2,328.00, subject to signing the agreement.

2) Tender for Rocklyn Creek Management Area-Compartment 136-1 to Complete Woodlot Management for their total bid of \$45,705.00, subject to signing the agreement.

3) Tender for Little Germany Management Area-Compartments 82, 90 & 91 to Moggie Valley Timber Inc. for their total bid of \$26,000.00, subject to signing the agreement.

Carried

4) Interaction with First Nations

Dr. Ferri contacted Anne Lennox with regards to Grey Sauble Conservation supplying 120 ash saplings to the First Nations. First Nations were constructing wigwams and drying and stretching racks in honour of the 400th anniversary of Champlain's visit to Huronia. The ash saplings were used to construct the wigwams. The saplings were harvested on lands managed by Grey Sauble Conservation. First Nations presented Anne Lennox with a sign recognizing the Authority's contribution towards the anniversary.

e) Communications/Public Relations - nothing at this time

f) Administration

- 1) Receipts and Expenses - June 2015
- 2) Receipts and Expenses - July 2015

Motion No.: **Moved by:** **Cathy Little**
FA-15-079 **Seconded by:** **Marion Koepke**

THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors approve the receipts and expenses for June and July 2015.

Carried

- 3) Year to date actual comparison of budget as of June 30th, 2015

Motion No.: **Moved by:** **John McGee**
FA-15-080 **Seconded by:** **Harley Greenfield**

THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors receive the Year to date actual comparison of budget as of June 30th, 2015.

Carried

4) Conservation Authorities Act - Discussion Paper

John Cottrill presented the following summary of a Discussion Paper on the Conservation Authorities Act.

Background:

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) has released their discussion paper and is seeking feedback from any and all sources.

The review will look at the roles, responsibilities, funding and governance of conservation authorities under the Conservation Authorities Act.

The paper begins with a review of CAs role in resource management over the last 70 years, and notes how the role has changed, become more complex, and must respond to new challenges such as climate change.

In the introduction, it is noted that the Discussion Paper is only the first step in the Ministry's review.

If changes to existing legislative, regulatory or policy framework are to be considered in the future, further public consultation will occur.

The paper provides an overview of the CA Act, summarizes the governance, the funding mechanisms, roles and responsibilities, regulatory authority, and roles under other Provincial Legislation such as the Clean Water Act and the Planning Act.

Process:

The Discussion Paper lists a series of questions under the general topics of Governance, Funding, Roles and Responsibilities and Other Areas of Interest.

It is noted that the review of individual conservation authorities, the specific programs and services they deliver, and site-specific permit applications and permitting decisions are **not** within the scope of the Ministry's review.

Next Steps:

MNRF will also be hosting regional listening sessions with CA's through August and September.

Conservation Ontario has established a working group to develop a coordinated response to the Discussion Paper and has provided a toolkit to individual CA's to help with the messaging on this topic.

It is hoped that this review will lead to a new relationship with the Province that recognizes the work of CA's in implementing various provincial policies and initiatives.

The following points were made:

- As an individual Authority, should we prepare our own response or take information from Conservation Ontario with consolidation from all Authorities?
- Do staff see anything alarming in the Act that Conservation Ontario won't touch?
- Appointments of Board of Directors from municipalities and the Province
- Summaries will be taken to Conservation Ontario from different Authorities.
- Funding mechanisms towards Authorities needs adjustments
- Sustainable funding to all conservation authorities is a goal.
- There should be a more permanent funding formula with C.A.'s from the Province.
- This allows each Authority to have their say individually and as a group
- The Act is 70 years old
- It was the mid 90's when the funding for Authorities was reduced from 55 million dollars to 7.4 million dollars
- The NEC is commenting on this Paper
- The amount each conservation authority receives from MNRF is a fixed amount based on an average of 1990's operation costs.
- Grey Sauble receives \$71,000. Provincial funding
- Equity of transfer payment can be suspect on how fundings were presented in the 1990's.

- Municipal levies are based on modified current value assessment within each municipality
- Our lands are maintained by us, but for everyone to enjoy
- The Chair will circulate his comments to the Board Members

Motion No.: **Moved by:** **Marion Koepke**
FA-15-081 **Seconded by:** **Jaden Calvert**

THAT the Board of Directors receive this staff report on a Discussion Paper on the Conservation Authorities Act, and direct staff to work with Conservation Ontario in developing a coordinated response to Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry;

AND FURTHER, THAT a report be presented to the Board of Directors at the September meeting to determine if a separate GSCA response is warranted.

Carried

9. Chairman's Report

Since our June meeting the Chair has attended the following events and meetings.

On a provincial level a Conservation Ontario (CO) Board of Directors meeting was held by teleconference on June 12th to work through progress on the CO Strategic Planning exercise in preparation for presentation to the CO Council meeting which took place in Toronto on the 22nd. In addition I accompanied the CO General Manager in a visit to the Nickel District Conservation Authority in Sudbury on June 18th. On July 10th the CO GM and I also met with the Vice-Chair of Nottawasaga Conservation and 2 of their Board members to discuss AMO relations and the Conservation Authority Act Review.

On a local GSCA level, I attended and participated in the Memorial Forest Ceremony held in partnership between the Grey Sauble Conservation Foundation, and Downs and Son Funeral Home in Hepworth. The ceremony held on June 14th was well attended and appreciated by approximately 500 people. Authority staff and many volunteers deserve a lot of credit for their support of this event over and above

their normal work duties. On the 25th of June, our CAO and I attended a meeting of the Bruce Peninsula Biosphere Association of which John is a member, in the Northern Bruce Peninsula. I was invited to speak to them about the work of the Cornerstone Standards Council in developing a set of standards for the siting and operation of aggregate sites that exceed provincially legislated requirements. These are voluntary standards which have been developed over a number of years in cooperation with the environmental and social communities, the aggregate industry, and market representatives for aggregate users. The standards are being piloted through 2015 and 2016 with involvement of the industry. Also invited and speaking to the aggregate industry was the local MNR staff member responsible for provincial oversight of aggregate siting and operation in our region, so a good and balanced overview was provided. John C. and Krista M. and I also attended two municipal council meetings to continue our efforts to make new council members in our member municipalities aware of who we are and what we do. To that end we attended Owen Sound Council on June 29th and Municipality of Meaford Council on July 27th, and were favourably received in both instances. In regards to our Forestry program, a Forestry Committee meeting was held on July 29th which will be reported on at a later date, and as chair I attended at the office to open Forestry tenders on August 11th in preparation for today's meeting and agenda item.

10. Other Business

a) Foundation Minutes - June 10th, 2015

Motion No.:	Moved by:	Marion Koepke
FA-15-082	Seconded by:	Cathy Little

THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors receive the Grey Sauble Conservation Foundation minutes of June 10th, 2015.

Carried

b) Change in Meeting days

Starting in October (21st) of 2015, the Board of Directors meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of the month, starting at 9:30 a.m.

Motion No.: **Moved by:** **Ana Vukovic**
FA-15-083 **Seconded by:** **John McGee**

THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors meeting schedule be changed to the 3rd Wednesday of the month starting at 9:30 a.m., with the date change starting in October 2015.

Carried

c) Next Meeting - Wednesday, September 9th, 2015, at 1:15 p.m.

d) Bus Tour - Wednesday, September 16th, 2015 - leaving the Grey Sauble Conservation Administration Centre at 9:00 a.m. and returning to the Administration Centre at 4:00 p.m.

John McGee asked when 2016 budget process discussions would begin. Discussion will begin in October with a more narrative form of budget.

11. Adjournment

On motion by Ana Vukovic, the meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.



Dick Hibma, Chairman



Doreen Robinson
Administrative Assistant