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GREY SAUBLE CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
MINUTES
Full Authority Board of Directors
Wednesday, September 23, 2026, at 1:15 p.m.

The Grey Sauble Conservation Authority (GSCA) Board of Directors' meeting was held in a hybrid format of in-person at the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Administrative Office and virtually via the meeting application, WebEx.

1. Call to Order

Chair Scott Greig called the meeting to order at 1:16 p.m., welcomed all those present in person and virtually and provided a land acknowledgment.

Directors Present In-Person: Chair Scott Greig, Vice Chair Jennifer Shaw, Robert Uhrig, Tobin Day, Rick Winters, Scott Mackey, Nadia Dubyk, Jon Farmer, Caleb Hull, Nadia Dubyk

Directors Present Virtually: NA

Regrets: Tony Bell, Alex Maxwell

Staff Present: CAO, Tim Lanthier; Administrative Assistant, Valerie Coleman; Manager of Information Services, Gloria Dangerfield

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

The Directors were reminded to disclose any pecuniary interest that may arise during the course of the meeting.

3. Call for Additional Agenda Items

Nothing at this time.

4. Adoption of Agenda

Motion No.:	**Moved By:** **Jon Farmer**
FA-26-082	**Seconded By:** **Rick Winters**

THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors approve the agenda of September 23, 2026.

Carried

5. Approval of Minutes

Motion No.:	**Moved By:**	**Scott Mackey**
FA-26-083	**Seconded By:**	**Rob Uhrig**

THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors approve the Full Authority minutes of August 26, 2026.

Carried

6. Business Out of Minutes

None at this time.

7. Consent Agenda

Motion No.:	**Moved By:**	**Nadia Dubyk**
FA-26-084	**Seconded By:**	**Jon Farmer**

THAT in consideration of the Consent Agenda Items listed on the September 23, 2026, agenda, the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors receives the following items: (i) Environmental Planning – Section 28 Permits – August 2026; (ii) Administration – Receipts & Expenses – August 2026; (iii) Correspondence – ABCA - ERO Posting Submission; (iv) Recent Media Articles.

Carried

8. Business Items

i. Administration

a. CAA Updates

CAO Tim Lanthier spoke to recent communications and information related to the CA consolidation.

GSCA, along with the other CAs, have received the Ernst and Young RCA Snapshot report. While this report was prepared with limited data and context, GSCA presented very well and the other CAs in the new LHRCA are all in good shape moving into the transition.

GSCA submitted comments on the province's ERO posting in September related to OPCA governance and Board representation.

Mr. Lanthier and Vice Chair Shaw attended the September Transition Committee meeting on September 9th. The committee is establishing several sub-committees to take on the leg work and make recommendations to the Transition Committee.

Project Executive, Don Goodyear visited GSCA on September 11th.

Member Farmer highlighted the comment in the report that recognized over-centralization as a risk factor. Member Farmer asked if there will be a way for the public to be kept apprised of developments and decisions. Mr. Lanthier responded that the minutes of the meeting will be provided and flow through the CAs; however, the meetings will not be open to the public to attend. It was noted that the Transition Committees will not follow the same rules as the Board of Directors or Municipal Councils.

Member Uhrig asked with regard to time commitment for staff. Mr. Lanthier replied that he did not know for sure but noted that it may be substantial at times.

Member Day asked with regard to 2027 Membership Passes and if they are being addressed at the transition level in a timely manner. Mr. Lanthier responded that it was a little early in the process; however, noted that there is unlikely to be any changes for 2027. Though discussions will be had moving forward.

Member Uhrig asked with regard to the loss of institutional knowledge with the loss of current CAOs and if there has been discussion to retain or capture this resource. Mr. Lanthier noted that there have not been discussions around this as of yet.

Motion No.:	**Moved By:**	**Jon Farmer**
FA-26-085	**Seconded By:**	**Tobin Day**

WHEREAS the Government of the Province of Ontario (the Province) has announced its proposal to proceed with the consolidation of Ontario's 36 conservation authorities into nine regional conservation authorities,

AND WHEREAS GSCA is working through this process with our future Lake Huron Regional Conservation Authority (LHRCA) partners,

THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors receive Staff Report 031-2026 as information.

Carried

b. 2027 Budget

CAO Lanthier spoke to GSCA's 2027 Budget. The draft budget had been approved for circulation at the July meeting of the Board. After circulation to member municipalities, CAO Lanthier visited all Member municipal councils and noted that he did not receive any feedback or requests to change the budget as presented.

Mr. Lanthier noted that the levy dollar increase from 2026 to 2027 is $69,772 which represents a 3.36% increase in levy.

Mr. Lanthier reviewed the voting procedures.

Member Dubyk thanked Mr. Lanthier for presenting at the Grey Highlands Council.

Chair Greig thanked the staff for a reasonable and responsible budget for 2027.

Motion No.:	**Moved By:**	**Jon Farmer**
FA-26-086	**Seconded By:**	**Nadia Dubyk**

That all participating municipalities be designated as benefiting for all projects included in the 2027 Operating Budget and the 2027 Capital Budget unless otherwise specified in the budget.

Carried

Motion No.: FA-26-087 **Moved By:** Scott Mackey **Seconded By:** Robert Uhrig

THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority approves the municipal apportionment for the year 2027 for operating expenses and capital costs of $2,144,120 as required by Ontario Regulation 402/22.

Carried

Member	Yea	Nay	Absent
Bell, Tony			X
Day, Tobin	X		
Dubyk, Nadia	X		
Greig, Scott	X		
Hull, Caleb	X		
Farmer, Jon	X		
Mackey, Scott	X		
Maxwell, Alex			X
Shaw, Jennifer	X		
Uhrig, Robert	X		
Winters, Rick	X		
Total	**9**	**0**	**2**

Motion No.: FA-26-088 **Moved By:** Nadia Dubyk **Seconded By:** Jennifer Shaw

THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority adopt the budget as presented for the year 2027 in the amount of $4,846,485.

Carried

Member	Yea	Nay	Absent
Bell, Tony			X
Day, Tobin	X		
Dubyk, Nadia	X		
Greig, Scott	X		
Hull, Caleb	X		
Farmer, Jon	X		
Mackey, Scott	X		
Maxwell, Alex			X
Shaw, Jennifer	X		
Uhrig, Robert	X		
Winters, Rick	X		
Total	**9**	**0**	**2**

ii. Forestry

a. Robson Lakes (Compartment 132) Forestry Tender

Senior Forestry Technician, Cam Bennet spoke to the Robson Lakes Forestry Tender results.

Mr. Bennet gave an overview of the specifics of the property to be harvested. 36 acres marked results in 34,826 board feet and 72 cords of fuelwood. Bids ranged from $25,250 to $32,000 with the high bid from page logging and landscape.

Staff recommended awarding the tender to Page Logging and Landscape with their bid of $32,000.

Chair Greig asked with regard to forecasted revenue. Mr. Bennet responded that the tenders came in over staff's estimates.

Motion No.:	**Moved By:**	**Scott Mackey**
FA-26-089	**Seconded By:**	**Rick Winters**

WHEREAS Grey Sauble Conservation Authority (GSCA) owns and manages over 11,300 hectares (28,000 acres) of land comprised of 207 individual properties organized into 79 groupings;

AND WHEREAS, GSCA manages nearly 5,260 hectares (13,000 acres) of forested area to offset the operating expenses of the Forestry department;

THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors award the following forestry tender:

Sawlog and Fuelwood tender (GSC-26-01) for Robson Lakes Management Area – Compartment 132 – to Page Logging and Landscape for their total bid of $32,000, subject to signing the agreement.

Carried

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iii. Conservation Lands

a. Land Acquisition – The Glen Quarry

CAO Lanthier spoke to GSCA's acquisition of a parcel of land bordering GSCA's Glen property from Walker Aggregates.

Mr. Lanthier gave a brief overview of the details behind the purchase of the property. It was noted that this property provides the opportunity to choose what the property will be used for and that staff will be seeking comments from the public on future use. In the meantime, the property will be closed to the public and posted "no trespassing" under the Trespass to Properties Act.

Member Farmer asked what the timeline might look like. Mr. Lanthier responded that it is too early to determine; however, noted that the property use could be phased in over time

Member Uhrig asked what the property might be called. Mr. Lanthier noted that nothing has been decided as of yet.

Member Hull asked with regard to the provinces directive and how that worked with this property. GSCA staff reached out to OPCA and provided mapping, previous motions, and the original agreement with Sutherland Construction. With that in hand, OPCA approved finalizing the acquisition.

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Motion No.:	**Moved By:** **Scott Mackey**
FA-26-090	**Seconded By:** **Rick Winters**

WHEREAS Section 21(1)(c) of the Conservation Authorities Act provides GSCA with the power to purchase or otherwise acquire land,

AND WHEREAS the GSCA has the irrevocable option to purchase a new parcel of land for one dollar ($1.00),

AND WHEREAS the GSCA Board of Directors provided direction to Staff to acquire this property through Board Resolution FA-24-083 (September 2024),

AND WHEREAS GSCA Staff have cleared this acquisition with the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency (OPCA),

THAT the GSCA Board of Directors direct the CAO to execute the Agreement of Purchase and Sale with Walker Aggregates Inc for the acquisition of this property.

Carried

9. New Business

Nothing at this time.

10. CAO's Report

CAO Lanthier reviewed past and upcoming events for GSCA.

- August 27th Walkers Aggregates held a ribbon cutting at The Glen property.
- September 18th Echoes of the Marsh sign unveiling event and Turtle Stewardship volunteer appreciation.
- September 18th GSCA's Planning and the Source Water Protection departments co-presented to attendees of the Ontario Professional Planners Institute conference on karst topography, leading a hike at GSCA's Wodehouse property.
- September 21st was the CO Council meeting.
- October 1st GSCA hosting a ribbon cutting for the Administrative Centre.
- October 8th is the Bruce Grey Forest Festival.
- October 21st will be the GSCA Board of Directors meeting.
- October 22nd GSCA will be hosting their Volunteer Appreciation Event at the Administration Centre.

Member Farmer asked if there are any update on how Conservation Ontario's role will look like moving forward. Mr. Lanthier noted that CO is its own independent entity, however; should OPCA direct RCAs to cease paying levy to CO, this would impact CO's ability to continue. It was noted that CO does fill roles that OPCA does not, such as federal lobbying, conservation programs and education and training.

Member Uhrig noted that CO may still have a role in lobbying the province and OPCA.

11. Chair's Report

Chair Greig had nothing to report at the time.

12. Other Business

Nothing at this time.

13. Resolution to Move into Closed Session

Motion No.:	**Moved By:**	**Robert Uhrig**
FA-26-091	**Seconded By:**	**Scott Mackey**

THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors proceed into closed session at 2:08 pm to discuss matters related to the following:

i. **Minutes of the Closed Session of the Regular Board of Directors Meeting held on August 26, 2026; and,**

ii. **CAO Performance Review – closed as it relates to personal matters about an identifiable individual including Authority directors or Authority employees (GSCA Administrative By-Law, Section 4 (xvi)(b)); and,**

iii. **An item related to a property in the City of Owen Sound - closed as it relates to items of commercial significance, such as but not limited to a proposed or pending acquisition of real property for Authority purposes, internal reserve bid amounts, leases and property sales and a position, plan procedure, criteria, or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the Authority. (GSCA Administrative By-Law, Section 4 (xvi)(g)(h)); and,**

iv. **An item related to LHRCA Transition Committee activities – closed as it relates to position, plan procedure, criteria, or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the Authority. (GSCA Administrative By-Law, Section 4 (xvi)(h).**

AND FURTHER THAT CAO, Tim Lanthier and Administrative Assistant, Valerie Coleman will be present.

Carried

14. Declaration that the Board of Directors Has Resumed Open Session

Board resumed open session at 4:15 pm.

15. Resolution Approving the Closed Session Minutes – August 26, 2026

Motion No.:	**Moved By:** **Rick Winters**
FA-26-092	**Seconded By:** **Tobin Day**

THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors approve the August 26, 2026, Closed Session minutes as presented in the closed session agenda.

Carried

16. Reporting Out of Closed

Members discussed the closed session minutes of August 26, 2026, and gave direction to staff on items that were identified and nothing else.

17. Next Full Authority Meeting

Wednesday October 21, 2026

18. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

Scott Greig, Chair

Valerie Coleman
Administrative Assistant