
Administration

a. GSCA Draft 2024 Budget

Staff presented 3 budget options to the Board, with 6.21%, 5.09%, and 4.19% levy increases. There was significant discussion from Members.

The Board approved the 2024 Draft Budget for circulation to member municipalities with a 5.09% levy increase. Staff will circulate the budget for the required minimum 30 days and will present the budget to the Board for final approval at the December 19th Board of Directors meeting.

b. Cultural Mindfulness Training

Representatives from the GSCA Indigenous Relationships Committee presented a report seeking support from the Board to provide baseline and on-going training for staff and Board members.

The Board approved the motion to support this training.

Environmental Planning

a. Provincial Offences Officer Appointment

Staff presented Chris Scholz for appointment as a GSCA Provincial Offences Officer.

The Board approved the appointment.

Conservation Lands

a. Agricultural Lease Tenders

Staff presented the results of the agricultural lease tenders. Bids submitted were, on average, \$76 per acre more than the last round.

The Board approved the tendering of each of the properties as recommended by staff. All bidders will be informed of the results.

b. Conservation Lands Operational Reviews

Staff have conducted assessments on all GSCA properties between 2018 and 2023. Staff found that many of GSCA's properties have seen misuse and abuse by the public. ATV and vehicle trespassing, unauthorized trails, garbage dumping, hunting/fishing issues, and campfires were among the most prevalent concerns.

Staff are looking at several avenues to combat the misuse, including education, signage, access control gates, and, if necessary, enforcement.

Education

a. Education Framework

Staff presented a multi-year education framework for GSCA and asked for approval to circulate the strategy for feedback, comment, and support.

The Board commended staff for their work and approved the framework for circulation.