

February 6, 2026

Mr. Adam Smith, Chief Administrative Officer  
Town of the Blue Mountains  
32 Mill Street  
Thornbury, ON  
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**RE: 2026 Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Levy Apportionment Notification**

Mr. Smith,

At its meeting on January 28, 2026, the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority (GSCA) Board of Directors unanimously approved the Authority's 2026 budget, including the Category 1 and Category 3 municipal levy apportionments in accordance with Ontario Regulation 402/22 under the *Conservation Authorities Act*.

Levy apportionment for participating municipalities is determined using modified current value assessment data provided by the Province of Ontario. Each municipality's contribution reflects its proportionate share of the total assessment within GSCA's jurisdiction, ensuring a consistent and equitable approach across the watershed.

For 2026, GSCA's total municipal levy is **\$2,074,348.74**. The Town of the Blue Mountains' portion is **\$606,025.18**, representing an increase of **\$33,415.99** over the 2025 levy. GSCA will invoice the Town on a quarterly basis at **\$151,506.30**, and the first two invoices are enclosed for your records.

We understand that Council raised several questions during its January 12, 2026 meeting regarding the budget and levy. GSCA values the Town's diligence and engagement in these matters, and we are pleased to provide the following clarifications in support of transparent financial planning and our continued collaborative relationship.

**Administration Centre Renovations**

The capital costs associated with the GSCA Administration Centre renovations are included in both the 2025 and 2026 budgets, as outlined in the attached levy breakdown. In 2025, GSCA secured financing of \$2.1 million through the City of Owen Sound, repayable over 15 years at an interest rate of 4.2%, resulting in an annual cost of \$190,118.04 that is apportioned among the eight member municipalities using the standard assessment-based formula.

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**Member Municipalities**

Municipality of Arran-Elderslie, Town of the Blue Mountains, Township of Chatsworth, Township of Georgian Bluffs, Municipality of Grey Highlands, Municipality of Meaford, City of Owen Sound, Town of South Bruce Peninsula

Conservation authorities are not eligible for Ontario Trillium Capital Grants and cannot borrow from Infrastructure Ontario. Borrowing through the City of Owen Sound therefore represented the most responsible and cost-effective solution for our municipal partners. GSCA is also contributing \$1 million from reserves toward the project, reflecting our commitment to balancing infrastructure renewal with levy impacts.

### **Staff Vacancy Management**

GSCA incorporates known staffing transitions into its financial planning and actively seeks opportunities to maintain service levels while managing costs.

Examples for 2026 include restructuring a senior leadership position following a retirement, with the Manager of Engineering assuming broader departmental oversight while a technician supports field and technical responsibilities. Additionally, a management-level parental leave is being backfilled by a technician on a one-year contract, with reserves used to offset the one-time cost difference.

Following the retirement of GSCA's Network Administrator in 2025, the Authority transitioned to a third-party IT service provider, resulting in approximately \$30,000 in annual savings that are helping to offset departmental pressures, including reduced planning and permitting fee revenues.

GSCA does not apply a general vacancy factor for unknown staffing changes. Given the Authority's small and stable workforce of 28 employees and historically low turnover, such a contingency would create a heightened risk of a year-end deficit.

### **Use of Surplus**

Any annual surplus is reviewed by the Board of Directors in the first quarter of the subsequent year. Where surpluses arise from specific revenue streams with defined purposes, such as parking revenue, funds are directed to the appropriate reserve. General surpluses are evaluated across departments to address budget pressures and, when appropriate, may be transferred to reserves or applied to offset future levy requirements, subject to Board approval.

### **Reserve Strategy and Financial Sustainability**

GSCA's reserves are largely dedicated to specific long-term purposes, including fleet replacement, land management, education programming, and capital infrastructure. A recent review of projected capital needs confirmed that, even with strong parking program performance, the Lands Reserve is oversubscribed over the 10-year planning horizon.

While questions have been raised regarding the potential consolidation of conservation authorities, there remains considerable uncertainty regarding timing, structure, and financial treatment of reserves. Utilizing reserves to offset operating costs at this stage would expose GSCA, and by extension our municipal partners, to unnecessary financial risk and likely result in higher levy pressures in future years. Maintaining reserve capacity is essential to supporting long-term asset management and minimizing financial impacts over time.

### **Levy Methodology**

GSCA's levy is applied uniformly at **\$0.12797 per \$1,000 of assessment**, similar in principle to a municipal mill rate. This rate has increased \$0.00207 or 1.62% over 2025's rate. Since 2020, this rate has increased by approximately 13.5%, or an average of 2.25% annually, which is generally in line with or slightly below municipal trends over the same period.

Differences in total municipal contributions reflect variations in assessed property values rather than differences in the rate itself. Assessment data is provided directly by the Province, and GSCA applies the formula consistently across all member municipalities.

### **Municipal Value and Service Delivery**

GSCA's programs and services are designed to deliver watershed-wide benefits so that all municipal partners receive meaningful value from their contributions. At the same time, the Town of the Blue Mountains receives a comparatively higher proportion of certain services.

For example, the Environmental Planning Department dedicates significant time within the Town due to the volume and complexity of development activity. GSCA also works closely with Town staff on flood forecasting and response, including monitoring frazil ice conditions and supporting timely community communications when risks arise.

The Authority operates and maintains the Clendenan Dam, the only flood control dam within the watershed, and has invested in recent upgrades to improve its effectiveness in reducing sheet ice-related flooding in the Village of Clarksburg.

In addition, GSCA proudly partners with the Town in the stewardship and management of several important public spaces, including Fireman's Park, the Beaver River Trail in Clarksburg, Peasemars Nature Preserve, and the Clendenan property. These shared efforts contribute to environmental protection, community wellbeing, and the region's overall quality of life.

GSCA greatly values its strong and cooperative relationship with the Town of the Blue Mountains. Our organizations share a commitment to responsible governance, environmental stewardship, and resilient communities, and we appreciate the Town's ongoing partnership in achieving these objectives.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should Council require additional information or wish to discuss any aspect of the 2026 budget or levy. We remain committed to open communication and continued collaboration.

Regards,

A black rectangular redaction box covers the signature of Tim Lanthier.

Tim Lanthier  
Chief Administrative Officer  
Grey Sauble Conservation Authority

Cc via email: Mr. Alex Maxwell, Town Councillor  
Town of the Blue Mountains Mayor and Council, via the Municipal Clerk  
Ms. Monica Quinlan, Director of Corporate and Financial Services

Attachments:

1. GSCA 2026 Operating Budget
2. GSCA 2026 Capital Budget
3. GSCA 2026 Levy Apportionment
4. Invoice for Q1 Levy Apportionment
5. Invoice for Q2 Levy Apportionment

GREY SAUBLE CONSERVATION AUTHORITY 2026 DRAFT BUDGET

<b>DEPARTMENT &amp; BUDGET EXPENSES</b>	<b>Approved 2025 Budget</b>	<b>Proposed 2026 Budget</b>	<b>Proposed 2027 Budget</b>	<b>Proposed 2028 Budget</b>
<b>Water and Engineering Services</b>				
<b>Flood Forecasting &amp; Warning</b>				
Salary, wages & benefits	127,324	156,894	135,848	144,152
Contracts & Services	5,900	4,444	4,375	4,375
Vehicles & Equipment	5,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
Materials & Supplies	3,800	2,250	1,800	1,800
Training & Workshops	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
To Deferred Revenue/Surplus				
<b>Total Flood Forecasting &amp; Warning</b>	<b>143,024</b>	<b>170,588</b>	<b>149,023</b>	<b>157,327</b>
<b>Flood Control Structures</b>				
Salary, wages & benefits	5,984	4,010	4,076	4,139
Contracts & Services	2,500	2,904	2,916	2,916
Vehicles & Equipment	400	400	400	400
Materials & Supplies	1,300	100	100	100
Other	700	700	700	700
To Reserves or Surplus				
<b>Total Flood Control Structures</b>	<b>10,884</b>	<b>8,114</b>	<b>8,192</b>	<b>8,255</b>
<b>Erosion Control Structures</b>				
Salary, wages & benefits	800	800	800	800
Contracts & Services				
Vehicles & Equipment	300	300	300	300
Materials & Supplies	750	750	750	750
<b>Total Erosion Control Structures</b>	<b>1,850</b>	<b>1,850</b>	<b>1,850</b>	<b>1,850</b>
<b>Other Dams</b>				
Salary, wages & benefits	16,999	16,568	17,331	17,814
Vehicles & Equipment	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Materials & Supplies	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
<b>Total Other Dams</b>	<b>20,499</b>	<b>20,068</b>	<b>20,831</b>	<b>21,314</b>
<b>TOTAL WATER MANAGEMENT</b>	<b>176,257</b>	<b>200,620</b>	<b>179,896</b>	<b>188,746</b>

<b>DEPARTMENT &amp; BUDGET REVENUES</b>	<b>Approved 2025 Budget</b>	<b>Proposed 2026 Budget</b>	<b>Proposed 2027 Budget</b>	<b>Proposed 2028 Budget</b>
<b>Water and Engineering Services</b>				
<b>Flood Forecasting &amp; Warning</b>				
Municipal Levy - Category 1 and General	112,174	140,738	119,173	127,477
CAA S39	29,550	29,550	29,550	29,550
MECP (DWSP)				
Agreements, MOUs and Grants	300	300	300	300
Services & Sales				
From Deferred Revenue/Surplus	1,000			
<b>Total Flood Forecasting &amp; Warning</b>	<b>143,024</b>	<b>170,588</b>	<b>149,023</b>	<b>157,327</b>
<b>Flood Control Structures</b>				
Municipal Levy - Category 1 and General	6,741	6,471	6,549	6,612
CAA S39	1,643	1,643	1,643	1,643
MECP (DWSP)				
Agreements, MOUs and Grants				
Interest & Gains				
From Reserves or Surplus	2,500			
<b>Total Flood Control Structures</b>	<b>10,884</b>	<b>8,114</b>	<b>8,192</b>	<b>8,255</b>
<b>Erosion Control Structures</b>				
Municipal Levy - Category 1 and General	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
CAA S39	850	850	850	850
MECP (DWSP)				
Agreements, MOUs and Grants				
<b>Total Erosion Control Structures</b>	<b>1,850</b>	<b>1,850</b>	<b>1,850</b>	<b>1,850</b>
<b>Other Dams</b>				
Municipal Levy - Category 1 and General	20,499	20,068	20,831	21,314
MECP (DWSP)				
Agreements, MOUs and Grants				
<b>Total Other Dams</b>	<b>20,499</b>	<b>20,068</b>	<b>20,831</b>	<b>21,314</b>
<b>TOTAL WATER MANAGEMENT</b>	<b>176,257</b>	<b>200,620</b>	<b>179,896</b>	<b>188,746</b>

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<b>Watershed Monitoring &amp; Management</b>				
Salary, wages & benefits	22,668	23,999	21,116	22,446
Contracts & Services	17,000	20,840	20,840	20,840
Vehicles & Equipment	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Materials & Supplies	400	400	400	400
<b>Total Watershed Monitoring &amp; Management</b>	<b>45,068</b>	<b>50,239</b>	<b>47,356</b>	<b>48,686</b>
<b>Engineering Services</b>				
Salary, wages & benefits	134,188	-	-	-
Contracts & Services	550	-	-	-
Vehicles & Equipment	1,360	-	-	-
Materials & Supplies	-	-	-	-
Training & Workshops	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Engineering Services</b>	<b>136,098</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Environmental Planning &amp; Regulations</b>				
Salary, wages & benefits	516,113	604,491	602,515	628,697
Contracts & Services	7,500	12,500	12,500	12,500
Vehicles & Equipment	7,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
Materials & Supplies	7,600	1,600	1,600	1,600
Training & Workshops	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Environmental Planning &amp; Regulations</b>	<b>538,213</b>	<b>624,591</b>	<b>622,615</b>	<b>648,797</b>

<b>DEPARTMENT &amp; BUDGET REVENUES</b>	<b>Approved 2025 Budget</b>	<b>Proposed 2026 Budget</b>	<b>Proposed 2027 Budget</b>	<b>Proposed 2028 Budget</b>
<b>Watershed Monitoring &amp; Management</b>				
Municipal Levy - Category 1 and General	10,658	11,839	11,138	11,461
Municipal Levy - Category 3	33,131	36,880	34,698	35,705
CAA S39	-	-	-	-
MECP (DWSP)	-	-	-	-
Agreements, MOUs and Grants	1,280	1,520	1,520	1,520
<b>Total Watershed Monitoring &amp; Management</b>	<b>45,068</b>	<b>50,239</b>	<b>47,356</b>	<b>48,686</b>
<b>Engineering Services</b>				
Municipal Levy - Category 1 and General	20,000	-	-	-
CAA S39	-	-	-	-
MECP	-	-	-	-
Agreements, MOUs and Grants	-	-	-	-
Services & Sales	116,098	-	-	-
<b>Total Engineering Services</b>	<b>136,098</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Environmental Planning &amp; Regulations</b>				
Municipal Levy - Category 1 and General	101,168	123,285	123,490	125,804
CAA S39	2,993	2,993	2,993	2,993
MECP	-	-	-	-
Agreements, MOUs and Grants	-	-	-	-
Services & Sales	434,051	498,313	496,132	520,000
<b>Total Environmental Planning &amp; Regulations</b>	<b>538,212</b>	<b>624,591</b>	<b>622,615</b>	<b>648,797</b>

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<b>Stewardship</b>				
Salary, wages & benefits	74,451	79,544	84,787	90,057
Contracts & Services	1,000	1,500	1,000	1,000
Vehicles & Equipment	1,500	1,500	1,700	1,900
Materials & Supplies		53,000	19,000	19,000
Training & Workshops				
To Reserves/Deferred				
To Deferred Revenue				
<b>Total Stewardship</b>	<b>76,951</b>	<b>135,544</b>	<b>106,487</b>	<b>111,957</b>
<b>Forestry, Species &amp; Forestry Services</b>				
Salary, wages & benefits	138,206	144,314	147,577	150,640
Contracts & Services	8,730	10,802	805	805
Vehicles & Equipment	6,500	7,000	7,000	7,000
Materials & Supplies	4,300	9,350	6,700	6,700
Training & Workshops				
Donations	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
To Reserves	2,000			
<b>Total Forestry, Species &amp; Forestry Services</b>	<b>162,236</b>	<b>173,965</b>	<b>164,582</b>	<b>167,645</b>
<b>Grey Sauble Forestry Service</b>				
Salary, wages & benefits	103,500	107,994	110,536	112,945
Contracts & Services	500	2,800	3,350	3,350
Vehicles & Equipment	8,000	7,000	7,000	7,500
Materials & Supplies	77,000	144,500	152,600	159,700
Training & Workshops				
<b>Total Grey Sauble Forestry Service</b>	<b>189,000</b>	<b>262,294</b>	<b>273,486</b>	<b>283,495</b>
<b>TOTAL FORESTRY &amp; SPECIES</b>	<b>351,236</b>	<b>436,260</b>	<b>438,068</b>	<b>451,139</b>

<b>DEPARTMENT &amp; BUDGET REVENUES</b>	<b>Approved 2025 Budget</b>	<b>Proposed 2026 Budget</b>	<b>Proposed 2027 Budget</b>	<b>Proposed 2028 Budget</b>
<b>Stewardship</b>				
Municipal Levy - Category 3	39,951	41,549	42,380	43,228
CAA S39				
MECP (DWSP)				
Agreements, MOUs and Grants	8,000	66,000	48,000	48,000
Services & Sales				
From Reserves	3,000	27,995	16,107	20,729
From Deferred Revenue	26,000			
<b>Total Stewardship</b>	<b>76,951</b>	<b>135,544</b>	<b>106,487</b>	<b>111,957</b>
<b>Forestry, Species &amp; Forestry Services</b>				
Municipal Levy - Category 1 and General	94,000	104,000	106,080	108,202
CAA S39				
MECP (DWSP)				
Agreements, MOUs and Grants				
Services & Sales	60,000	54,917	50,020	50,075
Donations	2,500	10,000		
From Reserves/ Deferred Revenue	5,736	66,743	64,217	63,112
<b>Total Forestry, Species &amp; Forestry Services</b>	<b>162,236</b>	<b>235,660</b>	<b>220,318</b>	<b>221,389</b>
<b>Grey Sauble Forestry Service</b>				
Municipal Levy				
CAA S39				
MECP (DWSP)				
Agreements, MOUs and Grants	100,000	85,100	99,750	105,750
Services & Sales	89,000	115,500	118,000	124,000
<b>Total Grey Sauble Forestry Service</b>	<b>189,000</b>	<b>200,600</b>	<b>217,750</b>	<b>229,750</b>
<b>TOTAL FORESTRY &amp; SPECIES</b>	<b>351,236</b>	<b>436,260</b>	<b>438,068</b>	<b>451,139</b>

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<b>CONSERVATION LANDS</b>				
<b>Conservation Lands Policy &amp; Strategy</b>				
Salary, wages & benefits	144,856	169,290	180,312	187,329
Contracts & Services	6,200	5,000	5,000	5,000
Vehicles & Equipment	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200
Materials & Supplies	780	484	784	784
Training & Workshops				
Donations				
Other	73,500	70,000	72,800	74,984
To Reserves/Surplus				
To Deferred Revenue				
<b>Total Conservation Lands Policy &amp; Strategy</b>	<b>226,536</b>	<b>245,974</b>	<b>260,096</b>	<b>269,297</b>
<b>Grey County Management Contract</b>				
Salary, wages & benefits	235,635	304,198	298,655	305,999
Contracts & Services				
Vehicles & Equipment	23,800	21,760	21,760	21,760
Materials & Supplies		6,224		
Training & Workshops				
<b>Total Grey County Management Contract</b>	<b>259,435</b>	<b>332,182</b>	<b>320,415</b>	<b>327,759</b>
<b>Conservation Lands Operations</b>				
Salary, wages & benefits	335,941	358,226	370,032	380,801
Contracts & Services	35,450	36,750	36,864	37,483
Vehicles & Equipment	36,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
Materials & Supplies	17,500	17,970	18,329	18,692
Training & Workshops				
To Reserves	35,000	48,137	48,755	43,949
<b>Total Conservation Lands Operations</b>	<b>459,891</b>	<b>491,083</b>	<b>503,980</b>	<b>510,926</b>

<b>DEPARTMENT &amp; BUDGET REVENUES</b>	<b>Approved 2025 Budget</b>	<b>Proposed 2026 Budget</b>	<b>Proposed 2027 Budget</b>	<b>Proposed 2028 Budget</b>
<b>CONSERVATION LANDS</b>				
<b>Conservation Lands Policy &amp; Strategy</b>				
Municipal Levy - Category 1 and General CAA S39	132,036	136,045	161,508	167,114
MECP (DWSP)				
Agreements, MOUs and Grants	500			
Services & Sales	94,000	95,749	98,588	102,183
Donations				
Interest & Gains				
From Reserves	-	14,180		
From Surplus				
<b>Total Conservation Lands Policy &amp; Strategy</b>	<b>226,536</b>	<b>245,974</b>	<b>260,096</b>	<b>269,297</b>
<b>Grey County Management Contract</b>				
Municipal Levy				
CAA S39				
MECP (DWSP)				
Agreements, MOUs and Grants				
Services & Sales	259,435	332,182	320,415	327,759
<b>Total Grey County Management Contract</b>	<b>259,435</b>	<b>332,182</b>	<b>320,415</b>	<b>327,759</b>
<b>Conservation Lands Operations</b>				
Municipal Levy - Category 1 and General CAA S39	173,330	175,000	179,000	183,000
MECP (DWSP)				
Agreements, MOUs and Grants				
Services & Sales	286,561	316,083	324,980	327,925
From Reserves				
<b>Total Conservation Lands Operations</b>	<b>459,891</b>	<b>491,083</b>	<b>503,980</b>	<b>510,925</b>

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<b>Communications</b>				
Salary, wages & benefits	102,936	109,606	112,524	114,864
Contracts & Services	16,350	8,650	8,850	8,350
Vehicles & Equipment	600	600	600	600
Materials & Supplies	3,800	3,200	3,200	3,200
Training & Workshops				
Donations	700	700	700	700
<b>Total Communications</b>	<b>124,386</b>	<b>122,756</b>	<b>125,874</b>	<b>127,714</b>

<b>Education</b>				
Salary, wages & benefits	70,757	120,475	129,049	134,817
Contracts & Services	2,000	15,500	15,500	15,500
Vehicles & Equipment	2,000	1,500	1,500	1,500
Materials & Supplies	1,500	14,207	14,207	14,207
Training & Workshops				
Donations				
To Reserves				
<b>Total Education</b>	<b>76,257</b>	<b>151,682</b>	<b>160,256</b>	<b>166,024</b>

<b>DEPARTMENT &amp; BUDGET REVENUES</b>	<b>Approved 2025 Budget</b>	<b>Proposed 2026 Budget</b>	<b>Proposed 2027 Budget</b>	<b>Proposed 2028 Budget</b>
<b>Communications</b>				
Municipal Levy - Category 1 and General	88,112	100,119	105,849	110,473
Municipal Levy - Category 3	13,752	15,626	16,520	17,241
CAA S39				
MECP (DWSP)				
Agreements, MOUs and Grants	8,500			
Services & Sales	14,022	7,011	3,506	
Donations				
<b>Total Communications</b>	<b>124,386</b>	<b>122,756</b>	<b>125,874</b>	<b>127,714</b>

<b>Education</b>				
Municipal Levy - Category 1 and General	6,000	8,000	9,000	10,000
Municipal Levy - Category 3			20,000	25,000
CAA S39				
MECP (DWSP)				
Agreements, MOUs and Grants, Sponsors	20,000	63,582	61,582	61,582
Services & Sales	13,400	55,180	56,996	58,832
Donations	20,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
From Reserves	16,857	19,920	7,678	5,610
<b>Total Education</b>	<b>76,257</b>	<b>151,682</b>	<b>160,256</b>	<b>166,024</b>

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**Administration, Finance & Human Resources**

Salary, wages & benefits	481,820	496,592	507,901	518,702
Contracts & Services	66,000	62,165	67,598	68,698
Vehicles & Equipment	3,000	2,500	2,500	2,500
Materials & Supplies	13,120	16,680	14,580	15,360
Training & Workshops	23,900	22,350	25,150	26,650
Other	168,200	121,154	126,250	129,493
To Deferred Revenue				

<b>Total Administration, Finance &amp; Human Resources</b>	<b>756,040</b>	<b>721,441</b>	<b>743,979</b>	<b>761,402</b>
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**GIS, Information Management & Information Technology**

Salary, wages & benefits	309,427	205,847	213,538	220,954
Contracts & Services	21,905	89,325	94,415	94,415
Vehicles & Equipment	800	800	800	800
Materials & Supplies	6,300	6,350	6,350	6,350
Training & Workshops				
To Deferred Revenue				

<b>Total GIS &amp; Information Management</b>	<b>338,432</b>	<b>302,322</b>	<b>315,103</b>	<b>322,519</b>
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<b>DEPARTMENT &amp; BUDGET REVENUES</b>	<b>Approved 2025 Budget</b>	<b>Proposed 2026 Budget</b>	<b>Proposed 2027 Budget</b>	<b>Proposed 2028 Budget</b>
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**Administration, Finance & Human Resources**

Municipal Levy - Category 1 and General	604,095	616,011	652,671	682,282
CAA S39	2,020	2,020	2,020	2,020
MECP (DWSP)				
Agreements, MOUs and Grants				
Services & Sales	103,925	84,210	70,088	57,900
Interest & Gains	26,000	19,200	19,200	19,200
From Surplus	20,000			

<b>Total Administration, Finance &amp; Human Resources</b>	<b>756,040</b>	<b>721,441</b>	<b>743,979</b>	<b>761,402</b>
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**GIS, Information Management & Information Technology**

Municipal Levy - Category 1 and General	306,026	287,977	307,830	322,319
CAA S39				
MECP (DWSP)				
Agreements, MOUs and Grants				
Services & Sales	28,490	14,345	7,273	200
From Surplus	3,916			

<b>Total GIS &amp; Information Management</b>	<b>338,432</b>	<b>302,322</b>	<b>315,103</b>	<b>322,519</b>
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GREY SAUBLE CONSERVATION AUTHORITY 2026 DRAFT BUDGET

<b>DEPARTMENT &amp; BUDGET EXPENSES</b>	<b>Approved 2025 Budget</b>	<b>Proposed 2026 Budget</b>	<b>Proposed 2027 Budget</b>	<b>Proposed 2028 Budget</b>
<b>Source Water Protection</b>				
Salary, wages & benefits	183,732	193,530	178,175	193,413
Contracts & Services	38,000	50,720	33,000	33,000
Vehicles & Equipment	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
Materials & Supplies	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
<b>Total Source Water Protection</b>	<b>228,732</b>	<b>251,250</b>	<b>218,175</b>	<b>233,413</b>
<b>Source Water Risk Management Service</b>				
Salary, wages & benefits	65,864	68,810	94,677	85,160
Contracts & Services	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000
Vehicles & Equipment	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Materials & Supplies	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Training & Workshops	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
To Reserves				
<b>Total Source Water Risk Management Service</b>	<b>78,864</b>	<b>81,810</b>	<b>107,677</b>	<b>98,160</b>
<b>Fleet &amp; Equipment Management</b>				
Salary, wages & benefits	8,171	8,998	9,166	9,327
Contracts & Services	32,000	30,000	31,000	31,000
Materials & Supplies	34,000	30,000	32,000	32,000
Training & Workshops				
To Reserves	35,289	29,562	26,594	27,133
<b>Total Fleet &amp; Equipment Management</b>	<b>109,460</b>	<b>98,560</b>	<b>98,760</b>	<b>99,460</b>
<b>Total Operating Budget</b>	<b>3,981,856</b>	<b>4,246,315</b>	<b>4,248,736</b>	<b>4,365,997</b>

<b>DEPARTMENT &amp; BUDGET REVENUES</b>	<b>Approved 2025 Budget</b>	<b>Proposed 2026 Budget</b>	<b>Proposed 2027 Budget</b>	<b>Proposed 2028 Budget</b>
<b>Source Water Protection</b>				
Municipal Levy - Category 1 and General CAA S39				
MECP (DWSP)	228,732	251,250	218,175	233,413
Agreements, MOUs and Grants				
<b>Total Source Water Protection</b>	<b>228,732</b>	<b>251,250</b>	<b>218,175</b>	<b>233,413</b>
<b>Source Water Risk Management Service</b>				
Municipal Levy - Category 1 and General CAA S39				
MECP (DWSP)				
Agreements, MOUs and Grants				
Services & Sales	50,200	79,500	83,250	87,000
From Reserves	28,664	2,310	24,427	11,160
<b>Total Source Water Risk Management Service</b>	<b>78,864</b>	<b>81,810</b>	<b>107,677</b>	<b>98,160</b>
<b>Fleet &amp; Equipment Management</b>				
Municipal Levy - Category 1 and General CAA S39				
Agreements, MOUs and Grants				
Services & Sales	109,460	98,560	98,760	99,460
From Reserves				
<b>Total Fleet &amp; Equipment Management</b>	<b>109,460</b>	<b>98,560</b>	<b>98,760</b>	<b>99,460</b>
<b>Total Operating Budget</b>	<b>3,981,856</b>	<b>4,246,315</b>	<b>4,248,736</b>	<b>4,365,997</b>

GREY SAUBLE CONSERVATION AUTHORITY 2026 DRAFT BUDGET

<b>DEPARTMENT &amp; BUDGET EXPENSES</b>	<b>Approved 2025 Budget</b>	<b>Proposed 2026 Budget</b>	<b>Proposed 2027 Budget</b>	<b>Proposed 2028 Budget</b>
<b>Total Operations Budget Expenses</b>				
Salary, wages & benefits	3,079,373	3,174,188	3,218,615	3,323,054
Contracts & Services	270,585	362,900	347,013	348,232
Vehicles & Equipment	109,460	98,560	98,760	99,460
Materials & Supplies	178,650	313,565	278,900	287,143
Training & Workshops	25,900	24,350	27,150	28,650
Donations	3,200	3,200	3,200	3,200
Other	242,400	191,854	199,750	205,177
To Reserves	72,289	77,699	75,349	71,082
To Deferred Revenue/Surplus	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Operating Budget</b>	<b>3,981,856</b>	<b>4,246,315</b>	<b>4,248,736</b>	<b>4,365,997</b>

<b>DEPARTMENT &amp; BUDGET REVENUES</b>	<b>Approved 2025 Budget</b>	<b>Proposed 2026 Budget</b>	<b>Proposed 2027 Budget</b>	<b>Proposed 2028 Budget</b>
<b>Total Operations Budget Funding</b>				
Municipal Levy - Category 1 and General	1,675,839	1,730,554	1,804,119	1,877,057
Municipal Levy - Category 3	86,833	94,055	113,598	121,174
CAA S39	37,056	37,056	37,056	37,056
MECP (DWSP)	228,732	251,250	218,175	233,413
Agreements, MOUs and Grants	138,580	216,502	211,152	217,152
Services & Sales	1,658,642	1,751,550	1,728,007	1,755,334
Donations	22,500	15,000	5,000	5,000
Interest & Gains	26,000	19,200	19,200	19,200
From Reserves	51,022	131,147	112,429	100,611
From Surplus	24,916	-	-	-
From Deferred Revenue	31,736	-	-	-
<b>Total Operating Budget</b>	<b>3,981,856</b>	<b>4,246,315</b>	<b>4,248,736</b>	<b>4,365,997</b>

**GREY SAUBLE CONSERVATION AUTHORITY 2026 PROPOSED CAPITAL BUDGET**

**EXPENSES**

**FUNDING**

	2026	2027	2028		2026	2027	2028
<b>WATER AND ENGINEERING SERVICES</b>				<b>WATER AND ENGINEERING SERVICES</b>			
<b>Flood Forecasting &amp; Warning</b>				<b>Flood Forecasting &amp; Warning</b>			
Reserves - Dam	25,000	25,000	25,000	Municipal Levy	25,000	25,000	25,000
Log Replacement				Log Replacement			
Materials and Supplies	2,600	2,600	2,600	Reserve - Dam	2,600	2,600	2,600
<b>Levelsender replacement</b>				<b>Levelsender replacement</b>			
Reserves - Dam	2,550			Municipal Levy	2,550		
<b>Water Temp Gauge</b>				<b>Water Temp Gauge</b>			
Materials and Supplies	750		3,500	Reserves - Dam	750		3,500
<b>WATER MANAGEMENT Subtotal</b>	<b>30,900</b>	<b>27,600</b>	<b>31,100</b>	<b>WATER MANAGEMENT Subtotal</b>	<b>30,900</b>	<b>27,600</b>	<b>31,100</b>
<b>CONSERVATION LANDS Policy/Operations</b>				<b>CONSERVATION LANDS Policy/Operations</b>			
<b>Hibou - washrooms</b>				<b>Hibou - washrooms</b>			
Contracts & Services		175,000		Grants, Agreements		50,000	
				Reserves - Lands		125,000	
<b>Inglis - Engineered review of mill storage building</b>				<b>Inglis - Engineered review of mill storage building</b>			
Contracts & Services			5,000	Municipal Levy			
				Donation - funding partner			
				Reserves - Lands			5,000
<b>Inglis - Outdoor Classroom</b>				<b>Inglis - Outdoor Classroom</b>			
Contracts & Services			15,000	Donations			5,000
				Grants, Agreements			10,000
<b>Inglis - parking improvements</b>				<b>Inglis - parking improvements</b>			
Contracts & Services		15,000	126,000	Reserves - Lands		15,000	126,000
<b>Inglis -viewing platform</b>				<b>Inglis -viewing platform</b>			
Materials	2,500		5,000	Municipal Levy			5,000
				Reserves - Lands	2,500		

**GREY SAUBLE CONSERVATION AUTHORITY 2026 PROPOSED CAPITAL BUDGET**

<b>EXPENSES</b>				<b>FUNDING</b>			
<b>Inglis -Filtration Plant boardwalk</b>				<b>Inglis -Filtration Plant boardwalk</b>			
Materials	2,000			Municipal Levy	2,000		
<b>Inglis -Filtration Plant conditions report</b>				<b>Inglis -Filtration Plant conditions report</b>			
Contracts & Services		10,000		Reserves - Lands			10,000
<b>Inglis - self guided hike tour</b>				<b>Inglis - self guided hike tour</b>			
Material		5,000		Reserves - Lands			5,000
<b>Inglis - structural review bailey bridge</b>				<b>Inglis - structural review bailey bridge</b>			
Contracts & Services		10,000		Reserves - Lands		10,000	
<b>Kubota Mower</b>				<b>Kubota Mower</b>			
Materials and Supplies		55,027		Reserve - Lands		55,027	
<b>Arboretum Trail</b>				<b>Arboretum Trail</b>			
Materials		50,000		Donation - funding partner		10,000	
				Reserves - Lands		40,000	
<b>Shoreline restoration</b>				<b>Shoreline restoration</b>			
Materials			5,000	Municipal Levy			5,000
<b>Eugenia Falls - Replace Stone Fencing</b>				<b>Eugenia Falls - Replace Stone Fencing</b>			
Contracts & Services		20,000		Reserves - Lands		20,000	
<b>Eugenia Falls - Trail Improvement</b>				<b>Eugenia Falls - Trail Improvement</b>			
Contracts & Services			20,000	Reserves - Lands			20,000
<b>Eugenia Falls - Entrance expansion</b>				<b>Eugenia Falls - Entrance expansion</b>			
Contracts & Services			10,000	Reserves - Lands			10,000
<b>Lands Signage</b>				<b>Lands Signage</b>			
Contracts & Services	3,730	1,500	600	Reserves - Lands	3,730	1,500	600
				Municipal Levy			600
<b>Bognor Marsh - Boardwalk</b>				<b>Bognor Marsh - Boardwalk</b>			
Contracts & Services			42,000	Reserves - Lands			42,000
<b>Arran Lake - Pavilion decommission</b>				<b>Pavilion</b>			
Contracts & Services	10,000			Municipal Levy	5,000		
				Reserves - Lands	5,000		

**GREY SAUBLE CONSERVATION AUTHORITY 2026 PROPOSED CAPITAL BUDGET**

<b>EXPENSES</b>				<b>FUNDING</b>			
<b>Arran Lake - Dock</b>				<b>Arran Lake - Dock</b>			
Materials	5,000			Reserves - Lands	5,000		-
<b>Eugenia Falls - ruins</b>				<b>Eugenia Falls - ruins</b>			
Contracts & Services		20,000		Reserves - Lands		20,000	
<b>Woodsplitter - Replacement</b>				<b>Woodsplitter - Replacement</b>			
Materials & Supplies			2,900	Sales & Services			2,900
<b>Install gates at properties</b>				<b>Install gates at properties</b>			
Materials & Supplies		12,500		Reserve - Lands		12,500	
<b>Install trail cameras</b>				<b>Install trail cameras</b>			
Materials & Supplies		500		Reserves - Lands		500	
<b>Stihl Cutters</b>				<b>Stihl Cutters</b>			
Materials & Supplies	1,750			Reserves - Lands	1,750		
<b>Indian Falls washroom removal</b>				<b>Indian Falls washroom removal</b>			
Contracts & Services			10,000	Agreements, Grants			5,000
				Reserves			5,000
<b>CONSERVATION LANDS Subtotal</b>	<b>24,980</b>	<b>359,527</b>	<b>256,500</b>	<b>CONSERVATION LANDS Subtotal</b>	<b>24,980</b>	<b>359,527</b>	<b>256,500</b>
<b>Forestry Sprayer</b>				<b>Sprayer</b>			
Materials & Supplies	2,000			Reserves -Forestry	2,000		
<b>Forestry - Subtotal</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>Forestry - Subtotal</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**GREY SAUBLE CONSERVATION AUTHORITY 2026 PROPOSED CAPITAL BUDGET**

**EXPENSES**

**FUNDING**

<b>Administration, Finance &amp; Human Resources</b>			
<b>Admin Centre Renovation</b>			
Contracts & Services (incl furniture & fixtures)			
Contracts & Services (loan repayment)	190,118	190,118	190,118
Reserves - Admin			
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>190,118</b>	<b>190,118</b>	<b>190,118</b>

<b>Administration, Finance &amp; Human Resources</b>			
<b>Admin Centre renovation reserve</b>			
Municipal Levy	190,118	190,118	190,118
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>190,118</b>	<b>190,118</b>	<b>190,118</b>

<b>GIS, Information Management &amp; Information Technology - Socet Machine</b>			
Materials		10,000	
<b>GIS, Information Management &amp; Information Technology - Workstations</b>			
Materials & Supplies	25,072	19,100	8,500
<b>Technology - Subtotal</b>	<b>25,072</b>	<b>29,100</b>	<b>8,500</b>

<b>GIS, Information Management &amp; Information Technology - Socet Machine</b>			
Municipal Levy		10,000	
Reserves - IT/IM/GIS			
<b>GIS, Information Management &amp; Information Technology - Workstations</b>			
Municipal Levy	25,072	19,100	8,500
Reserves - IT/IM/GIS			
<b>Technology - Subtotal</b>	<b>25,072</b>	<b>29,100</b>	<b>8,500</b>

<b>Fleet &amp; Equipment Management</b>			
Vehicles & Equipment - replace Ford F150		45,000	
Vehicles & Equipment - replace Dodge truck		57,231	
<b>Fleet &amp; Equipment Management Subtotal</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>102,231</b>	<b>-</b>

<b>Fleet &amp; Equipment Management</b>			
Reserves - V&E		102,231	
<b>Fleet &amp; Equipment Management Subtotal</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>102,231</b>	<b>-</b>

<b>Total Proposed Capital Budget</b>	<b>273,070</b>	<b>708,576</b>	<b>486,218</b>
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<b>Total Proposed Capital Budget</b>	<b>273,070</b>	<b>708,576</b>	<b>486,218</b>
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**GREY SAUBLE CONSERVATION AUTHORITY 2026 PROPOSED CAPITAL BUDGET**

**EXPENSES**

**FUNDING**

<b>Total Capital Budget</b>				<b>Total Capital Budget</b>			
Salary, wages & benefits				Municipal Levy	249,740	244,218	234,218
Contracts & Services	203,848	431,618	428,718	CAA S39			
Vehicles & Equipment	-	102,231	-	MECP (WECI)			
Materials & Supplies	41,672	149,727	32,500	Agreements, MOUs and Grants	-	50,000	15,000
Training & Workshops				Services & Sales	-	-	2,900
Donations				Donations	-	10,000	5,000
Other				Interest & Gains			
To Reserves	27,550	25,000	25,000	From Reserves	23,330	404,358	229,100
To Deferred Revenue				From Deferred Revenue			
<b>Total Capital Budget</b>	<b>273,070</b>	<b>708,576</b>	<b>486,218</b>	<b>Total Capital Budget</b>	<b>273,070</b>	<b>708,576</b>	<b>486,218</b>

**COMBINED OPERATING, BUILDING AND CAPITAL LEVY APPORTIONMENT**

	2024 Modified C.V.A. in Watershed	2024 Portion of Watershed	2025 Modified C.V.A. in Watershed	2025 Portion of Watershed	2025 Levy /\$1000 of Mod.CVA	2025 Levy	Proposed 2026 Levy /\$1000 of Mod.CVA	Proposed 2026 Levy	Proposed Levy Increase	Percent Increase	Proposed Levy Installment
Arran-Elderslie	426,368,867	0.02689	430,076,430	0.02653	0.12590	53,681.66	0.12797	55,038.35	1,356.70	2.527%	13,759.59
Blue Mountains	4,547,972,908	0.28679	4,735,554,850	0.29215	0.12590	572,609.19	0.12797	606,025.18	33,415.99	5.836%	151,506.30
Chatsworth	484,215,660	0.03053	485,619,828	0.02996	0.12590	60,964.82	0.12797	62,146.43	1,181.62	1.938%	15,536.61
Georgian Bluffs	2,002,295,902	0.12626	2,033,882,321	0.12548	0.12590	252,097.59	0.12797	260,282.89	8,185.30	3.247%	65,070.72
Grey Highlands	1,318,887,178	0.08317	1,349,744,678	0.08327	0.12590	166,053.52	0.12797	172,731.45	6,677.93	4.022%	43,182.86
Meaford	2,148,384,565	0.13547	2,185,001,490	0.13480	0.12590	270,490.78	0.12797	279,622.13	9,131.35	3.376%	69,905.53
Owen Sound	2,812,725,848	0.17737	2,870,720,518	0.17710	0.12590	354,134.18	0.12797	367,375.94	13,241.76	3.739%	91,843.99
South Bruce Peninsula	2,117,328,826	0.13352	2,118,614,531	0.13070	0.12590	266,580.73	0.12797	271,126.36	4,545.63	1.705%	67,781.59
	15,858,179,754		16,209,214,646			1,996,612.47		2,074,348.74	77,736.27		518,587.19

inc in modified CVA 2.214%  
C.V.A. = Current Value Assessment

3.89% Overall percentage levy increase

3.89% 0.12797 2,074,348.74

	2026 Category 1 & General Levy	2026 Category 3 Levy	2026 Capital Levy	2026 Building Levy	2026 Proposed Levy Total
Arran-Elderslie	45,916.50	2,495.54	1,581.94	5,044.37	55,038.35
Blue Mountains	505,584.78	27,478.34	17,418.69	55,543.37	606,025.18
Chatsworth	51,846.51	2,817.84	1,786.24	5,695.84	62,146.43
Georgian Bluffs	217,144.55	11,801.72	7,481.18	23,855.43	260,282.89
Grey Highlands	144,103.57	7,831.97	4,964.74	15,831.17	172,731.45
Meaford	233,278.58	12,678.60	8,037.04	25,627.90	279,622.13
Owen Sound	306,488.40	16,657.53	10,559.31	33,670.71	367,375.94
South Bruce Peninsula	226,190.87	12,293.39	7,792.85	24,849.25	271,126.36
	1,730,553.76	94,054.94	59,622.00	190,118.04	2,074,348.74
	1,730,553.76	94,054.94	59,622.00	190,118.04	

# INVOICE **12792** - GREY SAUBLE CONSERVATION



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Billing Department:  Customer:   
 Billing Program:  Organization:   
 Invoice Date:

## Invoice Details

QTY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	EXT. PRICE	HST	HST
1	2026 Levy Apportionment  1st Installment Due: February 28, 2026	\$151,506.30	\$151,506.30	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$0.00

Subtotal:	\$151,506.30
HST:	\$0.00
<b>PLEASE PAY THIS AMOUNT --&gt; Invoice Total:</b>	<b>\$151,506.30</b>
HST #	107452641

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- Interac / Debit        In Person @ Admin Office
- e-Transfer              Email to: [payments@greysauble.on.ca](mailto:payments@greysauble.on.ca)
- Cheque                  In Person, via mail/courier
- Payable to: Grey Sauble Conservation Authority
- Cash                      In person, Admin Building
- Please do NOT mail/courier CASH*

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Billing Department: Administration  
Billing Program: Administration - Levy Collecti...

Customer:   
Organization: Town of The Blue Mountains  
Invoice Date: 2026-02-05

## Invoice Details

QTY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	EXT. PRICE	HST	HST
1	2026 Levy Apportionment 2nd Installment Due: May 31, 2026	\$151,506.30	\$151,506.30	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$0.00

Subtotal: \$151,506.30

HST: \$0.00

**PLEASE PAY THIS AMOUNT --> Invoice Total: \$151,506.30**

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