



## Grey Sauble Conservation Authority

2022 Draft Budget



### Purpose and Overview

- Purpose:
- To provide an overview of the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority and the Draft 2022 budget
- Overview:
  - Overview of GSCA and Funding Sources
  - 2022 Budget Challenges
  - Strategic Goals and Priorities
  - 2021 Budget Changes and Levy by Municipality
  - Next Steps and Questions or Comments



# WHY DO WE DO WHAT WE DO?

#### **VISION:**

- Our vision is a healthy watershed environment in balance with the needs of society.
  - We want to keep our community safe
  - We want to shape a healthy environment
  - We want to create, protect and provide greenspace

### **HOW DO WE DO THIS?**

#### **MISSION:**

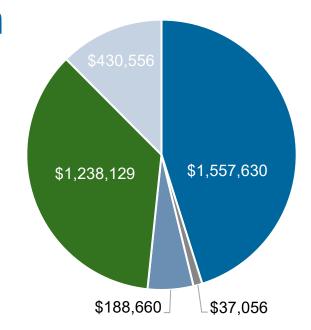
- GSCA's mission, in partnership with the stakeholders of the watershed, is to promote and undertake sustainable management of renewable natural resources and to provide responsible leadership to enhance biodiversity and environmental awareness
  - We protect people from loss of life and property damage
  - We create and manage natural areas
  - We connect people with information



### 2022 Funding Breakdown

#### Overview - \$3.45M

- GSCA employs a team of over 30 full-time, part-time, contract and seasonal staff.
- We deliver vital conservation work across the region to enhance our watershed
- Our jurisdiction covers five major rivers, numerous smaller tributaries and 155km of shoreline
- We serve eight member municipalities



- Municipal Levy
- MECP (DWSP)
- From Reserves and Surplus
- Provincial Transfer
- Self-Generated

### **Challenges for 2022**

The total proposed levy increase for 2022 is \$83,194. This increase is largely driven by increasing operating costs as shown below.

Levy Increase Driver	Associated Increase (\$)	Relative Increase (%)
Insurance Premium Increase	\$28,805	1.95%
COLA (1.62%)	\$21,134	1.43%
Salary Review (Partial)	\$16,938	1.15%
Other Approved Expenses	\$16,317	1.11%
Total Impact	\$83,194	5.64%

#### Strategic Plan Goals





Better Monitor and Manage Flood Risks



Enhance GSCA Land Management and Natural Heritage Preservation



Support the Development of Watershed Plans with Municipalities



Improve Water Quality



Strengthen Environmental Education and Communication











- Maintain flood forecasting and warning system
- Expand flood risk assessments to additional areas across the watershed
- Continue to develop real-time flow and snow melt models
- Install additional water level gauges in flood prone areas













- Continue to revitalize capital assets and amenities
- Continue Park Ambassador Program
- Continue to develop effective methods to control invasive species
- Carry out GSCA's Ash Management Strategy for hazard trees along GSCA trails
- Begin on new regulatory requirements for GSCA lands













- Undertake two sub-watershed report cards
- Undertake agricultural land-use mapping
- Update internal regulation mapping and policies
- Assist interested member municipalities in undertaking watershed or subwatershed planning











#### **Improve Water Quality**

- Plant over 50,000 trees across the watershed
- Continue to collect watershed data to support sub-watershed and watershed report cards
- Work with watershed partners to undertake water quality improvement projects
- Work with the agricultural community to implement solutions for soil health and water quality
- Continue work on the Source (Water)Protection Plan













- Formally launch and promote the new GSCA Explore Guide
- Re-invest in our Day Camp programming post-COVID and Engage Municipal Partners
- Develop GSCA's 2023-2027 Strategic Plan
- Further develop GSCA's Environmental Education programming









### **Draft 2022 Budget Summary**

The Draft 2022 Budget includes a total budget increase of \$108,421 and a levy increase of \$83,194.

Budget Section	2021	2022	
Operating Budget – Total	\$3,111,510	\$3,245,231	
Operating Budget – Levy	\$1,432,136	\$1,515,330	
Capital Budget – Total	\$232,100	\$206,800	
Capital Budget – Levy	\$42,300	\$42,300	
Total Budget	\$3,343,610	\$3,452,031	
Total Levy Funding	\$1,474,436	\$1,557,630	

### **Draft 2022 Levy Apportionment\***

Municipality	Proposed 2022 Levy	Increase from 2021 (\$)
Arran-Elderslie	\$42,226	\$1,828
Blue Mountains	\$429,992	\$30,837
Chatsworth	\$48,341	\$2,204
Georgian Bluffs	\$200,475	\$9,946
Grey Highlands	\$131,116	\$6,605
Meaford	\$211,965	\$9,963
Owen Sound	\$280,919	\$12,714
South Bruce Peninsula	\$212,596	\$9096
Total	\$1,557,630	\$83,194

<sup>\*</sup>The levy formula uses the past year's Modified Current Value Assessment, based on MPAC values as provided to GSCA by the Province

#### **Next Steps:**

- Municipalities were circulated this budget on October 28<sup>th</sup> and have been provided approximately 55 days to review the draft budget and provide any input.
- GSCA Board of Directors will meet on December 22<sup>nd</sup> to consider municipalities' input and confirm budget
  - Budget vote weights are based on each municipality's land values using a modified Current Value Assessment (CVA) formula





# THANK YOU

**Questions or Comments?** 

### GREY SAUBLE CONSERVATION AUTHORITY 2022 PROPOSED CAPITAL BUDGET EXPENSES FUNDING

	Draft 2022 Budget		Draft 2022 Budget
WATER MANAGEMENT	Buuget	WATER MANAGEMENT	buuget
Flood Forecasting & Warning		Flood Forecasting & Warning	
To Reserves	25,000	Municipal Levy	25,000
TO Reserves	23,000	Municipal Levy	23,000
Clendenan Log replacement Phase 1		Clendenan Log replacement Phase 1	
Materials and Supplies	5,000	Reserves	5,000
Jet Winches for Clendenan		Jet Winches for Clendenan	
Materials and Supplies	9,000	Reserves	9,000
WATER MANAGEMENT Subtotal	39,000	WATER MANAGEMENT Subtotal	39,000
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CONSERVATION LANDS Policy/Operations		CONSERVATION LANDS Policy/Operations	
Entrance Signs		Entrance Signs	
Contracts & Services	4,800	Municipal Levy	4,800
		Reserves	-
Lake Charles - Washroom Removal		Lake Charles - Washroom Removal	
Contracts & Services	2,000	Municipal Levy	_
		Sales and Services	
		Reserves	2,000
Feversham Washroom		Feversham Washroom	
Contracts and Services	5,000	Municipal Levy	5,000
Various - Stone Repointing Projects		Various - Stone Repointing Projects	

EXPENSES FUNDING

	Draft 2022 Budget		Draft 2022 Budget
Contracts & Services	6,000	Reserves	6,000
CONSERVATION LANDS Subtotal	17,800	CONSERVATION LANDS Subtotal	17,800
Administration, Finance & Human Resources		Administration, Finance & Human Resources	
Admin Centre refurbish - Phase 1 & 2		Admin Centre refurbish Phase 1 & 2	
Contracts & Services	100,000	Reserves	100,000
Admin Centre - Office Furniture		Admin Centre - Office Furniture	
Materials and Supplies	5,000	Municipal Levy	2,000
		Reserves	3,000
Administration, Finance & Human Resources		Administration, Finance & Human Resources	
Subtotal	105,000	Subtotal	105,000
GIS, Information Management & Information		GIS, Information Management & Information	
Technology - GPS Units/Tablets		Technology - GPS Units	
Materials & Supplies	1,000	From Reserves	
•		Municipal Levy	1,000
GIS, Information Management & Information		GIS, Information Management & Information	
Technology - Workstations		Technology - Workstations	
Materials & Supplies	9,000	Municipal Levy	4,500
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GIS, Information Management & Information		GIS, Information Management & Information	
Technology - Subtotal	10,000	Technology - Subtotal	10,000

EXPENSES FUNDING

		Draft 2022 Budget			Draft 2022 Budget
Fleet & Equipment Management			Fleet & Equipment Management		
Vehicles & Equipment		35,000	Services & Sales	_	
To Lands Operations			From Reserves		35,000
Fleet & Equipment Management Subtotal		35,000	Fleet & Equipment Management Subtotal		35,000
Total Proposed Capital Budget		206,800	<b>Total Proposed Capital Budget</b>		206,800
	Approved Budget 2021	Draft 2022 Budget		Approved Budget 2021	Draft 2022 Budget
Total Capital Budget	Dudget 2021	Duaget	Total Capital Budget	Duaget 2021	baaget
Salary, wages & benefits			Municipal Levy	42,300	42,300
Contracts & Services	128,600	117,800	CAA S39		
Vehicles & Equipment	60,000	35,000	MECP (DWSP)		
Materials & Supplies	18,500	29,000	Agreements, MOUs and Grants	7,500	-
Training & Workshops			Services & Sales	-	-
Donations			Donations	-	-
Other	-	-	Interest & Gains		
To Reserves	25,000	25,000	From Reserves	182,300	164,500
To Deferred Revenue			From Deferred Revenue		
Total Capital Budget	232,100	206,800	Total Capital Budget	232,100	206,800