

Administration

a. 2021 Year End Budget Report Back and Reserve Transfers

Staff presented the 2021-year end budget report. It was noted that many departments experienced a surplus, driven mainly by staffing changes and increased revenues. The Administration department realized a deficit due to increases in insurance premiums, however; this was balanced through the budget and GSCA experienced an overall surplus for 2021. Staff outlined the proposed transfers to and from reserves and use of surplus. The Board approved all transfers.

b. CAA Regulatory and Policy Proposal Consultation Guide

Staff reviewed the Province's CAA Phase 2 Regulatory and Policy Guide and Conservation Ontario's summary. The guide is broken into 4 parts:

- Proposed Municipal Levies Regulation
- Proposed Minister's Regulation for Determining Amounts Owed by Specified Municipalities
- Proposal for Minister's Published List of Classes of Programs and Services for Which a Conservation Authority May Charge a Fee
- Complementary Proposals to Increase Transparency of Authority Operations

The GSCA is generally satisfied with the proposed regulations and will be submitting comments on the Guide.

c. GSCA Agricultural Committee Terms of Reference and Committee Appointments

Staff reviewed the GSCA Agricultural Advisory committee terms of reference with the Board. The Board was satisfied with continuing with two members sitting on the committee.

Member Scott Greig and Member Scott Mackey were appointed to the committee.

Forestry

a. Skinners Marsh/McNab Lake Forestry Harvest Update

Staff updated the Board on the progress of forestry harvest at Skinners Marsh. Harvesting had been completed. An additional 40 ash trees were included in the harvest on top of those trees already marked. This was in line with GSCA's forest management policies and Ash Management Strategy.

Conservation Lands

a. Ad Hoc Committee for Administrative Building RFP

Staff spoke with the Board around the need to strike an ad hoc advisory committee to review the RFP for concept design schematics for the Administration Centre. Staff asked for two additional Board Members with experience and/or knowledge in the building/construction field to lend their expertise to the review committee.

Member Dwight Burley and Member Harley Greenfield were appointed to this committee.