

- **Fee Schedule Update**

Due to the staff costs involved in taking reservations, preparing license agreements, and processing payments, as well as the potential for lost revenue associated with a held reservation, GSCA staff recommend the following additions to the fee schedule: 1. Administrative fees associated with license agreement negotiation and preparation is non-refundable. 2. The daily and/or hourly fee rate for facility and premises rental licenses is partially refundable if that cancellation occurs more than 14-days prior to the reservation date. A 50% cancellation fee will be retained by GSCA. 3. Any cancellation that



occurs less than 14-days prior to the reservation date is not eligible for a refund. The retained cancellation and administrative fees are intended to offset staff time requirements. The fee schedule will be updated on Grey Sauble Conservation Authority's website. The Authority's Conservation Lands Fee Schedule for Facilities Rentals will include a cancellation fee for these facility rentals. The GSCA Board of Directors supported the revised Conservation Lands Fee Schedule update as presented. (photo top right is of pavilion at Epping - John Muir Lookout)

- **Shared CAO/GM**

Media Release was sent to the Media, Watershed Municipalities, Bruce & Grey Counties re: examination of the concept of a shared CAO/GM by GSCA & SVCA Board of Directors and staff. After the recent resignation of the Grey Sauble Conservation Chief Administrative Officer and the impending retirement of the Saugeen Valley Conservation General Manager, the respective Conservation Authority (CA) boards, exercising due diligence, gave direction to their executive committees to examine the concept of a shared CAO/GM.

- **Memorandum of Agreement**

Memorandum of Agreement with Bruce County and Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula - The Chair and Interim General Manager will finalize and sign this agreement with Bruce County. The Chair and Interim General Manager are to finalize and sign a separate agreement with the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula (if required) for full cost recovery for planning services in that municipality. The proposed agreements represent professional skills that GSCA has to offer and that are required by Bruce County and its municipalities including the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula.

- **Reconstruction of Inglis Falls Road**

The Township of Georgian Bluffs is planning to reconstruct a substantial portion of Inglis Falls Road in 2020. Widening of the road allowance is required to facilitate the ongoing maintenance of the reconstructed road. Staff have reviewed the plans in consultation with the Township and the Township's consulting engineer. The Board of Directors authorized staff to negotiate the divestment,

to the Township of Georgian Bluffs, of an approximately 3-metre wide strip of land adjacent to Inglis Falls Road.

- **Tara Legion agreement for Tara Conservation Area property**

The Tara Legion has a 5-year lease agreement to utilize a portion of the Tara Conservation Area for the purposes of a parking lot and yard area. The Tara Legion has approached GSCA with an interest to construct a pavilion structure on this portion of the Tara Conservation Area. The Board of Directors authorize staff to negotiate an amendment to the lease with the Royal Canadian Legion – Tara Branch, to facilitate the construction of a pavilion on GSCA’s Tara Conservation Area property

- **Bruce Grey Forest Festival**

The Forest Festival will take place at Allan Park from October 1st to 3rd, 2019, at Allan Park. The event is hosted by GSCA, SVCA, and Hydro One. 400 grade 7 students and 200 high school students attend. Education includes forest ecosystems, interactions, forest resource management and sustainability and there are 35 educational stations. **If you would be available to volunteer please contact Mike Fry at m.fry@greysauble.on.ca or call him at 519-376-3076 ext.280**



- **Audit Services**

By means of an RFP, The External Audit Services was awarded to Baker Tilly. The period of service is to commence with the 2019 fiscal year and run for a period of five years. Two bids were received.



- **Letter from Minister Jeff Yurek**

Grey Sauble Conservation Authority received a letter from Minister Jeff Yurek, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, asking conservation authorities to begin preparations and plan to wind down those activities that fall outside of our core mandate and to refrain from developing new policies that are not aligned with our mandate or with provincial policies. The subject letter also asked conservation authorities to refrain from proceeding with any increases to our fees or levies. The Board of Directors endorsed the *attached* response letter to Minister Yurek and instructed the Interim General Manager and the Chair of the Board to sign and issue this letter. The Board of Directors directed staff to forward a copy of this letter to MPP Bill Walker, the mayors of GSCA’s member municipalities, and Conservation Ontario.