• **Correspondence**
  A letter from Conservation Ontario to the federal government asserting that conservation authorities are ideally situated to be implementation agents for a more resilient, sustainable and green Canadian economy was forwarded to local MP Alex Ruff.

• **Business and Operations**
  The Grey-Bruce region has entered into Stage 3 of the Provincial reopening guidelines and all Authority operations are now functional. Plans are being formulated to safely return staff to the office.

• **Eugenia Falls and Inglis Falls**
  Staff are now in place at both of these natural attractions assisting with parking payments, compliance, and general information. Refuse containers and portable toilet facilities have been installed for use by the public.

• **Financial Update**
  Revenues and costs are being closely monitored. It appears that the loss of revenue is being offset by lower costs due to COVID-19, including staff vacancies and operations expenses. Projects and expenditures approved in the 2020 Budget that were postponed by COVID-19 are now moving forward.

• **Bothwell’s Creek Subwatershed Report Card**
  Stream health, forest and wetland conditions, groundwater and surface water quality and actions for improvement are all included in the detailed report in this localized part of the larger watershed. The full report is available on the website at: [https://www.greysauble.on.ca/3d-flip-book/bothwell-subwatershed-report-card/](https://www.greysauble.on.ca/3d-flip-book/bothwell-subwatershed-report-card/)
• **Eugenia Falls Management Plan**

GSCA has commenced the Management Planning process for the Eugenia Falls Conservation Area and Cenotaph to determine long term strategies and opportunities for management of the property. This plan will include consultation with interested and relevant partners, stakeholders and the general public by way of public consultation, open house meetings, website information, mail-outs and discussions.

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**Management Plan for the Eugenia Falls Conservation Area**

The Grey Sauble Conservation Authority is in the process of developing a Management Plan for the Eugenia Falls Conservation Area. This Plan will guide the management of this property over the next 10 to 20 years.

**About the Eugenia Falls Conservation Area**

The Eugenia Falls Conservation Area (CA) is located along the Bower’s River in the Municipality of Grey Highlands (formerly Ardisson Township). The property is approximately 23 hectares in size and contains the picturesque Eugenia Falls cascading 30 meters into the Cusidac Valley, remains of early industry – stone ruins of an 18th century智慧uest and turnip press operation, a memorial cenotaph and interpretive plaques, hiking and walking trails on the property link to the Bruce Trail system. This property contains many examples of rare bedformers and habitats of the Niagara Escarpment such as the waterfall, improved dolostone edges, waterfalls, broken rock at the base of a cliff, and ancient red trees on remote cliff faces.

The falls were named for Empress Eugenie, wife of Napoleon III, the name was suggested by Fr. Richard of the French Army during the War. There was also a part of Charles Re≪t’s magazine, a service area in Ardisson Township. This property has historical documentation in 1852 when the falls were discovered as part of a “Falls Grid” study by local farmer Mr. Brown who discovered gold covered quartz near the base of the falls. Later it became a location of the mills and a small private electric plant and in 1955, was the chosen spot of the second hydroelectric plant in Ontario. In 1905, Ontario Hydro moved the plant to the north and created Lake Eugenia, allowing more control over the water levels. The property was purchased by the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority in 1998 from the Hydro Electric Power Company. The uppermost hydroelectric development has reduced the flow of water over the falls from its original when the rushing water sound attracted the “gold miners” and there are reports it was reminiscent of a smaller Niagara Falls.

The Eugenia Falls Conservation Area is part of the Niagara Escarpment Parks and Open Space System (NERSYS). As the name suggests, this is a system of parks and open

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**Hibou Playground Equipment**

The Sydenham Optimists Club is hoping to raise approximately $50,000 towards purchasing and installing new playground equipment for the Hibou Conservation Area.

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**Good News**

Grey County Warden Paul McQueen was interviewed on the CBC radio program Ontario Morning and discussed tourism in Grey County including Eugenia Falls.