

Grand River Conservation Authority

Report number: GM-02-23-19

Date: February 24, 2023

To: Members of the Grand River Conservation Authority

Subject: Report of the Audit Committee

Recommendation:

THAT the Report of the Audit Committee of the Grand River Conservation Authority be received and approved.

Summary:

Not applicable

Report:

The Audit Committee met on February 15, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. to review the 2022 Financial Statements prepared by Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA) staff and reported on by KPMG LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, the external auditors appointed by the GRCA.

Sonja Radoja highlighted three amendments to be made in the draft Statements to be presented to the Board. The amended Audited Financial Statements and Schedules are attached to agenda item 14b.

The Audit Committee reviewed the Terms of Reference, dated February 25, 2022 and no changes were suggested. The Audit Committee Terms of Reference will be implemented with the approval date of February 24, 2023 following Board approval of this report.

Staff had the opportunity to discuss the performance of the auditors without them being present. The auditors were given the same opportunity with respect to management, and both parties confirmed a good working relationship.

The Audit Committee is satisfied that the Financial Statements, Notes and Schedules fairly present the financial position of the GRCA.

The Audit Committee made the following recommendations:

Motion: AUD-23-03

THAT the Audit Committee Recommends to the General Membership:

THAT the Terms of Reference for the Audit Committee dated February 25, 2022 be approved and implemented with the approval date of February 24, 2023.

Motion: AUD-23-04:

THAT the Audit Committee recommends to the General Membership:

THAT the Gauge Reserve be increased by \$45,000;

AND THAT the Forestry Reserve be increased by \$70,000;

AND THAT the Master Plans Reserve be increased by \$90,000

AND THAT the Nature Centre Reserves be increased by \$35,000 to be distributed equally between the App's, Guelph, Laurel, Taquanyah, and Shade's Mills reserves.

Motion: AUD-23-05

THAT the Audit Committee Recommends to the General Membership:

THAT the Financial Statements of Grand River Conservation Authority as at December 31, 2022 be approved as amended;

AND THAT the Report of the Auditors thereon be received and approved.

Motion: AUD-23-06:

THAT the Audit Committee recommends to the General Membership:

THAT KPMG Chartered Professional Accountants be appointed as Auditors for the year ending December 31, 2023 at a fee not to exceed \$41,837.

Submitted by:

Guy Gardhouse
Chair, Audit Committee