

Grand River Conservation Authority

Report number: GM-12-23-95

Date: December 15, 2023

To: Members of the Grand River Conservation Authority

Subject: Chair's Report of the Audit Committee

Recommendation:

THAT the Report of the Audit Committee be received as information;

AND THAT the Asset Retirement Obligations (ARO) Policy dated December 15, 2023 be approved and implemented;

AND THAT the Reserve Funds Policy dated December 15, 2023 be approved and implemented.

Summary:

Not applicable.

Report:

The Audit Committee met on November 24, 2023. John Challinor was appointed as Chair for a term commencing November 24, 2023 until the next Annual General Meeting.

The Audit Committee reviewed a new Asset Retirement Obligation Policy, as well as updates to the Reserves Policy and had no suggestions for changes for either. Both are policies and respective reports are attached.

The Grand River Conservation Authority's auditors, KPMG, presented the 2023 Audit Plan. The audit fee for 2023 was approved at the 2023 Annual General Meeting at \$41,837 which is a fee of \$39,100 plus a 7% technology fee. There is also an additional cost for this year's audit related to auditing the new financial reporting requirements for Asset Retirement Obligations that become effective with the audited financial statements ending December 31, 2023.

The following Resolutions were passed by the Audit Committee:

AUD-23-10

Moved By Shawn Watters

Seconded By Pam Wolf

THAT the Audit Committee Recommends to the General Membership that the Asset Retirement Obligations (ARO) Policy be approved and implemented.

Carried

AUD-23-11

Moved By Susan Foxtton

Seconded By Brian Coleman

THAT the Audit Committee Recommends to the General Membership that the Reserve Funds Policy be approved and implemented.

Carried

AUD-23-12

Moved By Susan Foxton

Seconded By Shawn Watters

THAT the Audit Plan for 2023 proposed by KPMG Chartered Professional Accountants be approved.

Carried

Financial Implications:

Not applicable.

Other Department Considerations:

Not applicable.

Submitted by:

John Challinor II, Chair
GRCA Audit Committee