

Grand River Conservation Authority

Report number: GM-10-25-99

Date: October 25, 2024

To: Members of the Grand River Conservation Authority

Subject: Financial Summary for the Period Ending September 30, 2024

Recommendation:

THAT the Financial Summary for the period ending September 30, 2024 be approved.

Summary:

The Financial Statements include the 2024 *actual* year-to-date income and expenditures. The budget approved at the February 23, 2024 General Meeting is included in the *Budget* column. The *Current Forecast* column indicates an estimate of income and expenditures to the end of the current fiscal year. Currently, a net surplus of \$352,500 at year-end is anticipated.

Report:

Forecast Adjustments for the period ending September 30, 2024 include the following:

- A. Provincial Funding increased by \$25,000
 - Conservation Services provincial funding increased to fund a Metrolinx compensation planting project.
- B. Self-Generated Revenue increased by \$1,191,000
 - Grand River Conservation Foundation funding related to the Outdoor Education Program increased by \$416,000; \$400,000 will fund the Guelph Lake Nature Centre building, utilizing the remainder of donations available from the Foundation to fund this project and \$16,000 will fund maintenance work required at Apps' Mill Nature Centre.
 - Grand River Foundation funding related to Conservations Lands Management decreased by \$25,000 as provincial funding has been approved to offset the costs of an Ecological Restoration special project.
 - Conservation Area revenue increased by \$800,000 due to revised projection of annual fee revenue.
- C. Operating Expenses increased by \$102,000
 - Water Control Structure operating expenses increased by \$145,000 for expenses related to the Water Control Structures Asset Management Plan (AMP). The AMP costs will be funded by the Land Sale Proceeds Reserve.
 - Conservation Lands Management compensation and benefits expenses decreased by \$25,000 due to vacancy.
 - General Operating compensation and benefits expenses decreased by \$25,000 due to the elimination of a position.
 - Watershed Services compensation and benefits expenses decreased by \$74,000 due to vacancies.
 - Environmental Education major repairs expense increased by \$16,000 for repairs at Apps' Mill Nature Centre.
 - Property Rentals operating expenses increased by \$80,000 for road repairs, hazard tree management, and waste management costs in support of the cottage lot program.
 - Administrative Support – Category 3 compensation and benefits expenses decreased by \$15,000 due to a vacancy.

- D. Major Maintenance Expenses decreased by \$33,000
- Information Systems and Technology expenditures increased by \$40,000 for additional IT hardware and storage purchases and compensation and benefits expenses decreased by \$73,000 due to a vacancy and rate savings.
- E. Special Project Expenses increased by \$1,000,000
- Environmental Education special project expenditures increased by \$1,000,000 for costs related to building the new Guelph Lake Nature Centre. The total project cost is approximately \$2 million and is expected to be completed before the end of 2024.
- F. Net Funding to Reserves increased by \$8,000
- Funding from the Land Sale Reserve increased by \$145,000 to fund the Water Control Structure Asset Management Plan.
 - Funding from the General Capital Reserve increased by \$600,000 to fund the remaining expenses related to the Guelph Lake Nature Centre building. A letter has been issued to the Ministry requesting approval for use of the Land Sale Proceeds Reserve to fund the donation shortfall to complete this project. In the absence of a response, the General Capital Reserve will be used, and the GRCA will seek to repay the reserve with additional donations raised by the Grand River Conservation Foundation. Updates will be provided to the board if new information becomes available regarding approval to utilize the Land Sale Proceeds Reserve for this project.
 - Funding from the Cottage Lot Reserve increased by \$80,000 to fund the increase in operational expenditures forecast.
 - Funding from the Conservation Area Reserve decreased by \$17,000 and funding to the Conservation Area Reserve increased by \$783,000 as a result of the increased revenue projection.
 - Funding from Information Systems and Technology reserve decreased by \$33,000.

Financial Implications:

The forecast adjustments reported to date will result in a forecast surplus of \$352,500 as at December 31, 2024.

Other Department Considerations:

Management and appropriate supervisory staff receive monthly financial reports and advise the finance department of applicable forecast adjustments.

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