• **New Management Plan for Inglis Falls**
  Prepare your ideas for Inglis Falls Conservation Area! In consultation with the community GSCA is kicking off an update of the Management Plan to address future public use demands and enhance environmental protection. An Advisory Committee of agency and community representatives was endorsed and there will be two public meetings and opportunities to input through GSCA’s website and social media.

• **Environmental Registry of Ontario #013-5018**
  The Board of Directors resolved to seek and encourage input from the public and local councils on the province’s 50% funding cut for flood risk reduction work, and the provincial proposal on the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) to Modernize conservation authority operations (#013-5018). If the province confirms this decision as proposed, it would require four core mandatory programs and services and limit municipal levy funding to core services, with separate Memorandums of Understanding being required to fund the delivery of everything else (such as educational programs, stewardship and water quality monitoring). People are encouraged to visit the GSCA website for more information, and to provide input to the province via their local MPP and the ERO website on the Conservation Authority services that they value.

• **2019 Grey Bruce Children’s Water Festival**
  1500 Grades 4 and 5 children from across Grey and Bruce counties will be attending the fabulous 19th Annual Grey Bruce Children’s Water Festival in Chesley from May 14th – May 16th, 2019. GSCA sponsors the event and provides staff support.

*Photo: Students learning about how the Augmented Reality Sandbox works at the GSCA Feel the Flow activity*

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• **New Bridge at the Tara Conservation Area**
  The Tara Rotary Club, with support from the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie, is sponsoring a walking bridge over the Sauble River at the Tara Conservation Area. GSCA Board approved in principle a five-year rolling agreement with the Municipality for the installation and maintenance of the subject bridge.

• **Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Committee-related appointments**
  The Board Directors endorsed the 2019 Staff Priorities (CAO Performance Plan), including
  o Enhancements to the near real-time water level monitoring network,
  o Working with municipalities to enhance flood-related expertise and capacity, including developing a business case for a Water Management scientist/engineer,
  o Increasing land use revenue,
  o Delivering renewed washrooms at Arran Lake and Ainslie Wood, grading and trail upgrades at Spirit Rock, a new septic at Inglis Falls, and a replacement of a staircase on the Indian Falls trail,
  o More awareness and understanding of who the GSCA is and what it is we do,
  o Delivery of stewardship initiatives, including a new agricultural program,
  o Investigation of a tree canopy bylaw coordination with municipalities and
  o Gauging municipalities interests in developing a watershed plan.

• **2018 Audit Report**
  The 2018 Audit Report from Baker Tilly was accepted.

• **Drinking Water Source Protection Update**
  Drinking Water Source Protection Plan implementation is on track. Sitting as a drinking water Source Protection Authority, the Board endorsed submitting the first-ever Saugeen, Grey Sauble Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Region annual progress report to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. New and renewed Source Protection Committee Members include Dennis Kefalas, Mitch Twolan, John Fruin, Jim Uram Les Nichols and Dick Hibma.

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