• **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.

![Management Plan for the Eugenia Falls Conservation Area](image)

**About the Eugenia Falls Conservation Area**

The Eugenia Falls Conservation Area (CA) is located along the Besser River in the Municipality of Grey Highlands (formerly Artesona Township). The property is approximately 23 hectares in size and contains the picturesque Eugenia Falls cascading 30 metres into the Cuculine Valley, remnants of early industry – stone ruins of an 18th century grist mill and saw mill, a memorial cemetary and interpretive plaques. Hiking and walking trails on this property link to the Bruce Trail system. This property contains many examples of rare bedforms and habitats of the Niagara Escarpment such as the waterfall, improved cliffs, talus slopes, basalt rock outcrops and ancient red oak trees on remote cliff faces.

The falls were named for Empress Eugenia, wife of Napoleon III, the name was suggested by a, soldier of the French Army (D’Irmin Wul) who were part of Charles Rennet’s surveying team in Artesona Township. This property has historical documentation in 1852, when the falls were discovered as part of a “Scout Grid” by local farmer W.B. Brownie who discovered gold covered pumice at the base of the falls. Later it became the location of the mill and a small private electric plant and by 1905, was the chosen site of the second hydroelectric plant in Ontario. In 1915, Ontario Hydro moved the plant to the north and created Lake Eugenia, allowing more control over the water levels. The property was purchased by Grey Suckle Conservation Authority in 1999 from the Hydro Electric Power Company. The upland/lowland ecotones development has reduced the flow of water over the falls from its origin when the rushing water sound attacted the “gold miners” and there are reports it was reminiscent of a murderer trying to stop the sound of the falls.

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

**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.

**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.