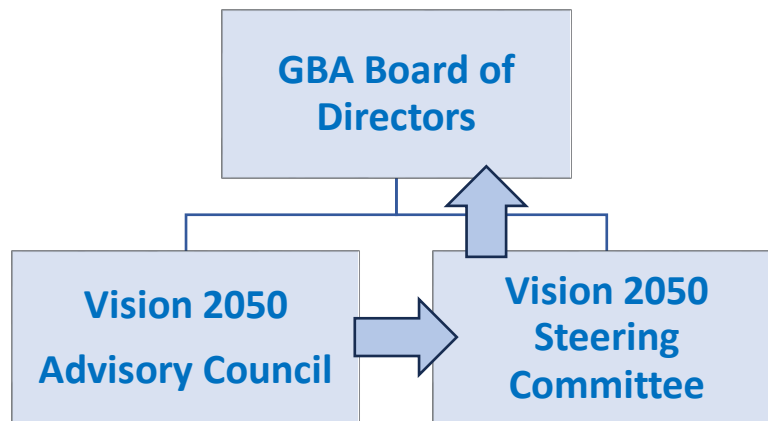




Vision 2050 Project Governance Structure

Vision 2050 is a project organized by the Georgian Bay Association (GBA) for the purpose of developing proposals to better conserve and protect the region covering the eastern and northern coasts of the Bay into the future.

The project is overseen by the GBA Board of Directors, which appointed a Vision 2050 Steering Committee to organize and carry out the project's activities. The Steering Committee appointed an Advisory Council comprised of experts who represent key stakeholders or provide independent expertise to the project.



Mission

Our mission is to conserve and protect the unique natural environment, ecosystems and biodiversity of the eastern and northern coasts of Georgian Bay in perpetuity, while supporting sustainable communities. In response to development pressures and other threats, the project will set out the rationale, policies and actions to achieve this objective.

GBA Board of Directors

GBA's Board of Directors is a volunteer board that consists of one representative from each local community Member Association, with the six largest associations providing two representatives. The Board is supported by the Executive Director and the Communications & Executive Services Coordinator.

The Vision 2050 Steering Committee reports to the GBA Board, which approves the Committee's members and established its mandate. The Board is responsible for the project's finances, which are reflected in GBA's annual budget and financial statements. The Board is responsible for all contracting decisions and oversees the overall direction of the Vision 2050 project.

Vision 2050 Steering Committee

The Steering Committee consists of a committed group of volunteers, mostly comprised of current or former members of the GBA Board. The committee is responsible for making decisions on the project's activities and operations and meets regularly for that purpose. Committee members have each volunteered hundreds of hours of time to the project.

The committee includes the current President of GBA, three former GBA Presidents, other members with a long history of volunteerism on the Bay, and GBA's Executive Director. The individual members are:

- John Carson (Chair), former President, GBA, Co-Chair GBA Coastal Protection Committee -- Wah Wah Taysee Association
- Rolfe Jones (Fundraising Chair), former GBA President -- Cognashene Cottagers' Association
- Allison Needham, former GBA Interim Executive Director, GBA Update newsletter editor – West Carling Association
- Liz Phillips, GBA Past President – Bay of Islands Community Association
- Tom Scoon, former Chair, Georgian Bay Land Trust, former President, Pointe au Baril Islanders Association – Pointe au Baril
- Stephen Sprague, former GBA Vice-President, Co-Chair, GBA Coastal Protection Committee, Chair of Floating Cottages Committee – South Channel Association
- Meredith Denning, GBA Executive Director
- Kate Bentley-Taylor, Vision 2050 Coordinator – Sans Souci & Copperhead Association

Vision 2050 Fund in Memory of Wally King

GBA launched the Vision 2050 Fund in Memory of Wally King to fund the development of a discussion paper to be written by conservation and regional planning experts for the purpose of setting out a proposed vision and roadmap to strengthen conservation and protection of the Vision 2050 study area. Contributions to the fund and expenses paid from the Fund are part of the annual audit of GBA's financials and are separately accounted for in GBA's financial statements.

Vision 2050 Advisory Council

The mandate of the Advisory Council is to provide expert advice to the Steering Committee on the objectives, process and work program of the project. The Council is comprised of experts

who represent key stakeholders such as Georgian Bay NGOs and regional municipalities, as well as independent experts. The current members of the Council are:

- Neil Davis (Chair)- Planning and Development Lawyer, former Chair, Georgian Bay Land Trust
- Bill Lougheed- Advisor to and former Executive Director Georgian Bay Land Trust
- Greg Mason- Director of Operations, Georgian Bay Biosphere Mnidoo Gamii
- David Sweetnam, Executive Director, Georgian Bay Forever
- Peter Cooper, Area and District Councillor, Township of Georgian Bay and Muskoka District
Alternate: Kristian Graziano, Councillor
- Peter Frost, Councillor and Planning Director, Township of The Archipelago
Alternate: Scott Sheard, Deputy Reeve and Councillor
- Michael Rieder, Mayor, Municipality of Killarney

We plan to name more Council members soon.