

SAUGEEN VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Conservation through Cooperation

MINUTES

MEETING: Authority – Special
DATE: Tuesday, August 23, 2016
TIME: 1:00 pm
LOCATION: Administration Office, Formosa

CHAIR: Luke Charbonneau

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Bell, Robert Buckle, Maureen Couture, Barbara Dobreen, Kevin Eccles, Brian Gamble, Wilf Gamble, Stewart Halliday, Dan Kerr, Steve McCabe, Sue Paterson, Mike Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT WITH REGRET: Dan Gieruszak, Andrew White

OTHERS PRESENT: Wayne Brohman, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer
Karen Wiancki, Director of Practice, Planning Solutions Inc.
Erik Downing, Manager, Environmental Planning & Regulations
Candace Hamm, Environmental Planning Coordinator
Janice Hagan, Recording Secretary
Guests, Member of the Press

Chair Luke Charbonneau called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION #G16-69

Moved by Maureen Couture
Seconded by Barbara Dobreen
THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

No persons declared a pecuniary interest relative to any item on the agenda.

3. Minutes of the Authority Meeting – July 21, 2016

MOTION #G16-70

Moved by Robert Buckle

Seconded by Dan Kerr

THAT the minutes of the Authority meeting, held on July 21, 2016 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

4. New Business

a. Draft Environmental Planning & Regulations Policies Manual

Wayne Brohman introduced Karen Wianecki, Director of Practice from Planning Solutions Inc. Karen thanked the Authority for the invitation and the opportunity to review the draft Environmental Planning & Regulation Policies Manual. Historically, SVCA has not had a written policy manual and staff have been applying provincial policies as outlined in the Planning Act and the Conservation Authorities Act. This manual is intended to ensure that SVCA staff, municipal partners and the public have an understanding of planning and regulatory decisions made by SVCA. The Authority members discussed whether this manual could be presented to the public as it was written. Karen told the members that the purpose of the manual was for SVCA staff reference and that a manual for public use would need to be written as another simplified layer in the process.

A coffee break was called at 2:50pm.

The meeting was called back to order at 3:12pm.

After discussion on the purpose of the manual and its content, the following motion was proposed:

MOTION #G16-71

Moved by Maureen Couture

Seconded by Steve McCabe

THAT the draft Planning & Regulations Policies Manual be used as a reference guide; and further

That it be reviewed by the Authority with the intent to eventually developing an approved policy document, and further;

That necessary consultation take place as part of this review.

Carried

The Authority members would like Motion #G16-71 to be circulated by email.

The Chair told the Members that it would be the responsibility of the Authority as a whole to review the document with Erik Downing and the Environmental Planning & Regulations Department, and to finalize all policies therein, especially those contained in chapters 3 & 4. Karen Wianecki will be completing the appendices with respect to the EIS and Terra Probe components as this is part of her contract with SVCA.

Karen Wianecki and Candace Hamm left the meeting at 3:36pm.

b. Saugeen Bluffs: No hunting designation

The GM/S-T presented a map of the Saugeen Bluffs Conservation Area to the Authority and explained that currently part of the property has been designated “no hunting” but that hunting has been allowed in the northern region. Since the horse trails have been created, SVCA staff were concerned about hunting in areas where people could potentially be riding. After discussion the following motion was passed:

MOTION #G16-72

Moved by John Bell

Seconded by Maureen Couture

THAT the entire Saugeen Bluffs property be designated as a no hunting area; and further

THAT SVCA staff place appropriate signage on the property.

Carried

5. Other Business

a. Low Water Advisory Committee

The GM/S-T informed the Authority members that the Low Water Advisory committee had two vacant positions:

- 1) A Member of the Authority
- 2) A Member of a rural municipality.

MOTION #G16-73

Moved by Kevin Eccles

Seconded by Stewart Halliday

THAT the Chair of the Authority takes a seat on the Low Water Advisory Team; and further

THAT Barbara Dobrean be appointed as the Rural Municipality Representative.

Carried

6. Closed Session: Violation Matter

MOTION #G16-74

Moved by Steve McCabe

Seconded by Barbara Dobreen

THAT the Authority Members move to Closed Session, In Camera, to discuss a legal matter; and further

THAT Wayne Brohman, Erik Downing, Michelle Gallant and Janice Hagan remain in the meeting.

Carried

MOTION #G16-76

Moved by Steve McCabe

Seconded by Barbara Dobreen

THAT the Authority adjourn from closed Session, In camera, and rise and report.

Carried

Only those items identified on the agenda were discussed in Closed Session. There were no actions to report from the Closed Session, In Camera.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:23 pm on motion of Barbara Dobreen.

Luke Charbonneau
Chair

Janice Hagan
Recording Secretary