

# SAUGEEN VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Conservation through Cooperation

# MINUTES

**MEETING:** ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
**DATE:** FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2012  
**TIME:** 1:00pm  
**LOCATION:** ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE, FORMOSA

**CHAIR:** William Scriven

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Roland Anstett, Luke Charbonneau, Ron Cristine, John Eccles, Brian Gamble, Doug Gowanlock, Peter Hambly, Jim Hanna, Glen Irwin, David Kell, Dan Kerr, Mark MacKenzie, Carl Zettel

**DIRECTORS ABSENT, WITH REGRET:** Mike Leggett

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jim Coffey, Chief Administrative Officer  
Dave Pybus, Senior Manager, Flood Warning & Land Mgt.  
Gary Senior, Senior Manager, Environmental Planning & Regulations  
Jo-Anne Harbinson, Manager, Water Programs & Stewardship  
Al Leach, Manager, Lands  
Shannon Wood, Manager, Communications  
Jim Penner, Manager, Forestry  
Laura Molson, Manager, Accounting  
Don Smith, Project Manager, Drinking Water Source Protection  
Candace Hamm, Regulations Officer  
Catherine Bould, Graphics & Communications Assistant  
Bonnie Sherman, Executive Secretary  
Ed Moric, Chair, SVC Foundation  
Guests and Members of the Press

1. CALL TO ORDER & CHAIR'S WELCOME

The Chair called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the Authority's 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting and the first Annual Meeting in its new Administrative Office facilities.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

**MOTION #G12-01**

Moved by Dan Kerr

Seconded by Peter Hambly

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

**Carried**

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### 3. INTRODUCTION OF DIRECTORS

No new Directors were appointed for 2012, however, the Chair requested all the Directors present to introduce themselves, for the benefit of the guests.

### 4. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The Chair introduced Ben Lobb, MP, Huron-Bruce Riding, who thanked the Directors for the invitation to attend the meeting and wished the Authority much success in the coming year.

Bill Walker, MPP, Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound Riding, was introduced. Mr. Walker thanked the directorship for the invitation to attend the meeting and wished the Authority success in 2012. He thanked the volunteers and staff for their dedicated work and offered his assistance in any way whenever needed.

John Bell, representing the Grey County Warden, was introduced and brought greetings from the County of Grey and Warden Duncan McKinlay. David Inglis, Warden of Bruce County and Mayor of Brockton, brought greetings from the County of Bruce and thanked the directorship for their invitation.

The Chair introduced Dick Hibma, Chair of Conservation Ontario, as well as the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority. Mr. Hibma addressed the Directors and thanked them for the invitation. He brought greetings from the Grey Sauble Authority as well as Conservation Ontario. He noted the two authorities have enjoyed a positive working relationship, working together for the betterment of the watershed residents and visitors alike. He looks forward to another good year ahead.

Mr. Hibma explained the role of Conservation Ontario is to promote watershed conservation in Ontario, work to develop partnerships, leverage dollars from, and do advocacy work to, the Provincial government and other organizations. He wished the Authority well in 2012 and continued success.

Bill Goetz, Mayor of the Municipality of South Bruce, welcomed everyone to his municipality and wished the Authority well in the coming year.

Paul Gowing, Mayor of the Township of Morris-Turnberry, brought greetings from his municipality and was pleased to receive the invitation and to witness another successful year for the Authority.

Kevin Eccles, Mayor of the Municipality of West Grey, brought greetings from his municipality and thanked the Board for the invitation to attend. He also thanked the Board of Directors for continuing to maintain the green space at the former headquarters in his municipality, now called the Sulphur Spring Conservation Area and wished the Authority well in its new headquarters in South Bruce.

Wayne Fitzgerald, Mayor of the Municipality of Grey Highlands, as well as Paul Eagleson, Mayor of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie, both thanked the Authority for the invitation and brought greetings from their respective municipalities.

Art Versteeg, Reeve of Howick Township, brought greetings from his municipality as well as the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority.

Foundation Chair Ed Moric, SVCF Vice Chair Dennis McCracken and SVCF Director Jack MacLeod were introduced.

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A number of individuals sent their regrets at not being able to attend but expressed their best wishes for a successful meeting, including Larry Miller, MP, Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound Riding, Gary Schellenberger, MP, Perth-Wellington Riding, Dr. Kellie Leitch, MP, Simcoe-Grey Riding, Lisa Thompson, MPP, Huron-Bruce Riding, Randy Pettapiece, MPP, Perth-Wellington Riding, Sylvia Jones, MPP, Dufferin-Caledon Riding, Bernie MacLellan, Warden of Huron County, and Don Pearson, General Manager, Conservation Ontario.

### 5. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

No person declared a conflict of interest relative to any item on the agenda.

### 6. CHAIR'S ADDRESS

Chair Bill Scriven welcomed everyone to the Saugeen's 62<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting. He highlighted some of the Authority's accomplishments over the past year, including the negotiation of operational agreements with the Municipality of West Grey for part of the Durham Conservation Area, the establishment of a tall grass prairie community at the Allan Park Conservation Area, the creation of a new committee, the Saugeen Parks Committee, to examine the future of the Authority campgrounds and day use areas in an effort to ensure their viability as sources of revenue and to continue to provide green space to the watershed residents, and, of course, the formal move to the new Administration Office in January 2011.

As suggested in the Authority's Strategic Plan, and in an effort to increase communication with our partners, Authority representatives met with the Bluewater Chapter of the Ontario Building Official Association to discuss issues of mutual concern. The Authority has also recently become the proud owner of a unique environmentally sensitive property in the Municipality of Kincardine, close to the shore of Lake Huron, through the generous donation of a local businessman and family.

A number of issues need to be addressed in the near future, including the maintenance and upgrading of the Authority's green spaces. These lands are made available to the public for a wide variety of uses such as hiking, skiing, fishing, snowmobiling, etc. It has been the objective of this Authority to maintain these spaces for wetland protection, forest management as well as the public's enjoyment and the betterment of the watershed. These properties, however, come with a cost to maintain them in a safe manner. It is the Chair's hope, as well as the Board of Directors, that the Authority's municipal partners invest in the conservation of these lands.

Over the next few years, the Saugeen Authority will undergo a huge change in personnel, as many of the current staff will be retiring. It is the Chair's hope that everyone will work together to make this transition as painless as possible.

Of major concern for the future is the outcome of the implementation of the Drinking Water Source Protection Program and the recommendations of the Drummond Report, which will assess program delivery by the Province. It is the Chair's hope that with whatever changes may be forthcoming, we can move forward on any issues in a true partnership.

### 7. PRESENTATIONS TO RETIRING DIRECTORS

There were no presentations to retiring Directors.

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8. **SERVICE AWARDS – PRESENTATIONS**

A number of staff was presented with service awards. Dave Pybus, Senior Manager, Flood Forecasting and Land Management, received an engraved framed print, in honour of his 35 years of continuous service. Catherine Bould, Graphics & Communications Assistant, received an award for 10 years service, and both Al Leach, Manager of Lands and Candace Hamm, Regulations Officer, received their 5 year service award.

9. **SPONSOR & VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION**

Chair Bill Scriven presented a number of volunteers and sponsors with plaques, in appreciation of their contributions and dedication to the Authority. Those honored were Valard Construction, represented by Herb Holmes, the Formosa Homecoming Committee, represented by Nick Voisin, the Kincardine Cross Country Ski Club, represented by Glen Norcliffe, Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre, represented by Cathy McGirr, the Bruce County Campers, represented by Jim & Pat Armstrong, Gary Senior and Marian Wersch. Not present at the day's meeting, but also mentioned as significant contributors or volunteers, were Bruce Power, the Ontario Steelheaders Association and Stuart Byers.

Foundation Chair Ed Moric, in turn, presented a number of volunteers and sponsors of the Foundation with plaques, in appreciation of their contributions and support of the Foundation and its events. Those honored were Johanna Hardy, Jack MacLeod, Jo-Anne Harbinson, Dennis & Ruby McCracken, Sharon Yorke, Ann Voisin and their Teeswater friends.

**COFFEE BREAK**

10. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**Election of Chair**

The Chair vacated the chair in favour of John Cottrill, who conducted the elections.

Mr. Cottrill declared all offices vacant and called for a motion to appoint two scrutineers, in the event of an election count.

**MOTION #G12-02**

Moved by Doug Gowanlock

Seconded by Carl Zettel

THAT Bill Goetz and David Inglis be appointed as scrutineers for the election of officers.

**Carried**

Mr. Cottrill then called for nominations for the position of Chair for 2012. Dan Kerr nominated Bill Scriven for the position of Chair. No further nominations were received. Mr. Scriven agreed to let his name stand for nomination.

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**MOTION #G12-03**

Moved by Mark MacKenzie

Seconded by Luke Charbonneau

THAT the nominations for the position of Chair of the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority be closed.

**Carried**

**MOTION #G12-04**

Moved by Dan Kerr

Seconded by Ron Cristine

THAT Bill Scriven be appointed Chair of the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority for the year 2012, by acclamation.

**Carried**

Election of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair

Mr. Cottrill called for nominations for the position of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair for 2011. Doug Gowanlock nominated Luke Charbonneau for the position of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair. Mark MacKenzie nominated Carl Zettel for the position of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair. No further nominations were received. Messrs. Charbonneau and Zettel indicated they would let their names stand for the position of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair.

**MOTION #G12-05**

Moved by Peter Hambly

Seconded by John Eccles

THAT the nominations for the position of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair of the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority be closed.

**Carried**

Mr. Charbonneau thanked his nominator and indicated it would be a pleasure to serve on the Executive Committee. He is proud of the actions the Executive Committee took in 2011 with the change in circulation of Closed Session minutes to the Board of Directors as well as the changes made in determining salaries and benefits of staff. He believes these changes put more power in the hands of the full Board of Directors.

Mr. Charbonneau also believes there are a few big issues to be dealt with in 2012, including improving the working relationships with the Authority's member municipalities and improving the overall operations of the conservation areas. He believes that, following the cuts in 1995, the Authority still has not dealt with how these cuts have impacted its operations. Costs need to be controlled and the Board needs to recognize this and begin to reconcile with how much the Authority is doing.

Mr. Zettel thanked his nominator. This is his fifth year on the Board of Directors and 2011 was his first year on the Executive Committee. He hopes to keep communication open with member municipalities. The Authority does good work, in large part to its leadership and staff. As Chair of the Parks Committee, he would like to continue the work started in 2011 to keep green spaces open to the public.

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Following the first round of voting by secret ballot, a tie was declared. A second round of voting by secret ballot took place and Luke Charbonneau was declared the successful nominee.

**MOTION #G12-06**

Moved by Dan Kerr

Seconded by Doug Gowanlock

THAT Luke Charbonneau be appointed 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair of the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority for the year 2012.

**Carried**

Election of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair

Mr. Cottrill called for nominations for the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair for 2012. Peter Hambly nominated Carl Zettel for the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair. No further nominations were received for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair. Mr. Zettel agreed to let his name stand for the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair.

**MOTION #G12-07**

Moved by John Eccles

Seconded by Ron Coristine

THAT the nominations for the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair of the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority be closed.

**Carried**

**MOTION #G12-08**

Moved by Luke Charbonneau

Seconded by Dan Kerr

THAT Carl Zettel be appointed 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair of the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority for the year 2012, by acclamation.

**Carried**

Election to the Position of Past Chair

Mr. Cottrill called for nominations to fill the position of Past Chair for 2012. Peter Hambly nominated Roland Anstett to fill the position of Past Chair. Bill Scriven nominated Ron Coristine to fill the position of Past Chair. No further nominations were received. Messrs. Anstett and Coristine indicated they would let their names stand for the position of Past Chair.

**MOTION #G12-09**

Moved by Luke Charbonneau

Seconded by Dan Kerr

THAT the nominations to fill the position of Past Chair of the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority be closed.

**Carried**

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Mr. Anstett thanked his nominator and indicated he would be pleased to sit in the position of Past Chair.

Mr. Coristine thanked his nominator and indicated he would serve in the position to the best of his abilities, would work hard and show up for meetings.

A vote by secret ballot was held with Ron Coristine being declared the successful nominee.

**MOTION #G12-10**

Moved by Roland Anstett

Seconded by Doug Gowanlock

THAT Ron Coristine be appointed to the position of Past Chair of the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority for the year 2012.

**Carried**

**MOTION #G12-11**

Moved by Dan Kerr

Seconded by Brian Gamble

THAT the ballots be destroyed.

**Carried**

The newly appointed Chair, Bill Scriven, assumed the chair. Mr. Scriven thanked the Board of Directors for their confidence in appointing him Chair for a second term.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

Bruce Grey Forest Festival – thanking SVCA for their sponsorship in 2011 – noted & filed

News Release – announcing \$700,000 grant through Showcasing Water Innovation program, to protect water and to provide safe, reliable clean drinking water to five high priority watersheds along the southeast shore of Lake Huron – noted & filed

Municipality of Morris-Turnberry – confirming the appointment of Carl Zettel as their representative on the Authority’s Board of Directors for 2012 – noted & filed

12. NEW BUSINESS

Appointment to Forestry Committee for 2012

**MOTION #G12-12**

Moved by Doug Gowanlock

Seconded by Ron Coristine

THAT Carl Zettel, John Eccles, Brian Gamble, Doug Gowanlock and Bill Scriven be appointed to the Forestry Committee for 2012.

**Carried**

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Appointment to Property & Building Committee for 2012

**MOTION #G12-13**

Moved by John Eccles

Seconded by Dan Kerr

THAT Luke Charbonneau, Glen Irwin, Roland Anstett, Dan Kerr, Jim Hanna and Bill Scriven be appointed to the Property & Building Committee for 2012.

**Carried**

Appointment to Saugeen Parks Committee for 2012

**MOTION #G12-14**

Moved by Roland Anstett

Seconded by Brian Gamble

THAT Carl Zettel, Dan Kerr, Mark MacKenzie, Ron Coristine and Bill Scriven be appointed to the Saugeen Parks Committee for 2012.

**Carried**

Appointment to Biennial Tour Committee for 2012

**MOTION #G12-15**

Moved by Dan Kerr

Seconded by Glen Irwin

THAT Roland Anstett, David Kell and Bill Scriven be appointed to the Biennial Tour Committee for 2012.

**Carried**

13. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

**MOTION #G12-16**

Moved by Roland Anstett

Seconded by Mark MacKenzie

THAT the SVCA Board of Directors give their permission for printing of their names, addresses, email addresses and telephone numbers in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

**Carried**

14. OTHER BUSINESS

Drinking Water Source Protection – Preliminary Policies

A report, entitled Source Protection Plan – Preliminary Policies, is appended to the office copy of these minutes. This report was presented for the Directors' information at this time.



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2012 Meeting Schedule – Amendment

With the aim to increase attendance at future Board of Directors meetings, the Chair inquired if there were any conflicts with the current meeting schedule. After discussions, it was agreed to change the time of the May meeting to 7:00pm in the evening and to move the December meeting to December 13<sup>th</sup>, instead of the 6<sup>th</sup>.

**MOTION #G12-17**

Moved by Luke Charbonneau  
Seconded by Mark MacKenzie  
THAT the 2012 meeting schedule be amended as suggested.

**Carried**

A revised meeting schedule will be forwarded to all Directors in the near future.

Voting Procedures – Amendment

**MOTION #G12-18**

Moved by Peter Hambly  
Seconded by Luke Charbonneau  
THAT the voting procedures for election of officers be amended to eliminate the need to pass a motion to appoint elected officials if they have been acclaimed.

**Carried**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:25pm on motion of Peter Hambly.

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Bill Scriven  
Chair

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Bonnie Sherman  
Executive Secretary