

SAUGEEN VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Conservation through Cooperation

MINUTES

MEETING: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
DATE: FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2014
TIME: 1:00pm
LOCATION: ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE, FORMOSA

CHAIR: William Scriven

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Roland Anstett, Ron Coristine, Brian Gamble, Wilf Gamble, Doug Gowanlock, Diane Huber, David Kell, Dan Kerr, Mike Leggett, Carl Zettel

DIRECTORS ABSENT, WITH REGRET: John Eccles, Peter Hambly, Glen Irwin, Terry Fisk

OTHERS PRESENT: Wayne Brohman, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer
Laura Molson, Manager, Accounting
Erik Downing, Manager, Environmental Planning & Regulations
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 64th Annual General Meeting.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION #G14-01

Moved by Doug Gowanlock
Seconded by Ron Coristine
THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried

3. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The Chair read a letter of regret from Ben Lobb, MP, Huron-Bruce, congratulating the Authority on a successful 2013, thanking the Authority for the work done in protecting the environment, and wishing the Authority all the best for 2014.

Shawn Carey, Area Supervisor, Owen Sound, representing the Ministry of Natural Resources, was introduced and brought greetings from the MNR, and expressed his pleasure of working with staff in the past, and

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the continued relationship with the Authority for 2014.

Kathi Maskell, Mayor of the Town of Hanover, brought greetings from the Town, and also on behalf Brian Milne, Warden of Grey County, and Mayor of Southgate. Ms. Maskell thanked the Authority for their work in protecting wetlands, and for the public green spaces provided. Ms. Maskell also congratulated staff and the board of directors on their work preparing a good budget for 2014, and for their successful special events such as Christmas in the Country. She noted that the volunteers of the Foundation should be commended for their hard work and dedication to put on such a wonderful event. She indicated that both she and Mr. Milne wished the Authority all the best during 2014.

Kevin Eccles, Mayor of the Municipality of West Grey, brought greetings from West Grey. He thanked the Authority for their hard work in 2013, and wished the Authority all the best for 2014. He also expressed West Grey's concern over the downloading of services by the Province to rural Ontario.

Wayne Fitzgerald, Mayor of the Municipality of Grey Highlands, brought greetings on behalf of council, and wished to echo the comments of Mayor Maskell.

Mark Davis, Deputy Mayor of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie, expressed regrets on behalf of the Mayor, Paul Eagleson, and also brought well wishes from council. He relayed the Municipality's situation of having two conservation authorities within the municipal boundary, and thanked the board of directors for the preparation of the 2014 budget. He also wished the Authority all the best in the New Year.

Sharon Chambers, CAO/Clerk, Municipality of South Bruce, brought greetings from South Bruce council, and also regrets from Mayor, Bill Goetz. She explained that their council is aware of funding restrictions between the Province and Conservation Authorities, and noted that they are willing to lobby the Province on behalf of CA's. She thanked Wayne Brohman, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer for his presentation to council, and wished the Authority success in 2014.

Phil Beard, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer, Maitland Valley Conservation Authority, brought greetings from Deb Shewfelt, Chair, MVCA, Mayor of Goderich. He thanked Mr. Brohman for his sharing of ideas over this past year, and looks forward to an excellent 2014.

John Cottrill, CAO, Grey Sauble Conservation Authority, brought greetings from Grey Sauble CA, and explained the long working relationship between the two Conservation Authorities, and wished Saugeen all the best in 2014.

Dick Hibma, Chair of Conservation Ontario, Chair Grey Sauble Conservation Authority, brought greetings from Conservation Ontario, and Grey Sauble CA. Mr. Hibma addressed the Directors and thanked them for the invitation. Mr. Hibma briefly commented on a meeting held in late 2013 with the Minister of Natural Resources, David Oraziotti concerning the reinvesting in flood protection and management, and the revitalizing of floodplain mapping in Ontario. This was of particular interest due to the magnitude of flood events in Ontario over the past year. He also spoke of the annual Laternel Symposium in November, and the session concerning the impacts of flooding and how it relates to the insurance industry. He wished the Authority well in 2014 and continued success.

Ed Moric, Chair, Saugeen Valley Conservation Foundation, brought greetings from the Foundation and expressed his interest in working with the Authority in the new year on the Greenock Swamp trail system project, and the three major fundraising events the Foundation has planned for 2014.

Catherine Dickison, Director, Saugeen Valley Conservation Foundation, conveyed the amount of volunteer effort and hours required to deliver fundraising events, and encouraged the Directors to support the Foundation in

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respect to these events.

The Chair thanked the volunteers, and specifically noted the hard work and dedication of Shannon Wood and Catherine Bould to organize such events.

A number of individuals sent their regrets at not being able to attend but expressed their best wishes for a successful meeting, including David Tilson, MP, Dufferin-Caledon Riding, Bill Walker, MPP, Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound Riding, Lisa Thompson, MPP, Huron-Bruce Riding, Sylvia Jones, MPP, Dufferin-Caledon Riding, Randy Pettapiece, MPP, Perth-Wellington Riding, Brian Milne, Warden, Grey County, John Close, Warden, Bruce County, Joe Steffler, Warden, Huron County, David Inglis, Mayor, Municipality of Brockton, Larry Kraemer, Mayor, Municipality of Kincardine, Paul Gowing, Mayor, Municipality of Morris-Turnberry, Nancy Michie, Administrator, Clerk-Treasurer, Municipality of Morris-Turnberry.

4. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

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

5. CHAIR'S ADDRESS

Chair Bill Scriven thanked the Board of Directors for an outstanding 2013. He noted highlights of the previous year being the implementation of the emerald ash borer treatment program, the increasing relationships between the Authority and local watershed groups, and the continued success of providing recreational green spaces for families to enjoy. Mr. Scriven thanked the dedicated, loyal, and enthusiastic staff, and congratulated them on their pleasant attitude in the face of recent changes. He noted the Authority has had four retirees during 2013, two of whom have been replaced through hiring, or through promotions from within. Mr. Scriven explained that the Province has declining participation with Conservation Authorities, and explained how now more than ever municipal stakeholders, officials and partners are so important. He explained during 2014 he is looking forward to the improvement of the Greenock Swamp trail system, and to the possible donation of two pieces of important land to the Authority.

6. PRESENTATIONS TO RETIRING DIRECTORS

Although not present at the meeting, retiring Directors Luke Charbonneau and Jim Hanna, via email, thanked the Board of Directors for the invitation and expressed their regrets at not being able to attend. They wished the Authority the best in its future endeavours. These Directors will receive a certificate of appreciation from Saugeen Conservation.

COFFEE BREAK

At this time, the Chair asked for permission to deviate from the agenda, and asked Erik Downing, Manager, Environment Planning & Regulations to give his presentation to the Board on the changes to the Fisheries Act and Drainage Act.

Changes to Fisheries Act and Drainage Act – Presentation

Mr. Downing provided a Power Point Presentation on the changes to the Acts, and the implication these changes will have on how staff reviews files and issues permits.

Following the presentation, Mr. Downing responded to questions from Board members concerning the changes.

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The Chair thanked Mr. Downing for his presentation.

At 2:05 pm Carl Zettel arrived at the meeting.

Correspondence

Megan Martin & Gabrielle Phillips – two young students who raised donations for the Authority through their own fundraising initiative – staff to forward a thank you letter to the girls

Municipality of Morris-Turnberry – appointing Carl Zettel as their municipal representative to the Authority’s Board of Directors for 2014 – noted & filed

Amendment to 2014 Fee Schedule

MOTION #G14-02

Moved by Doug Gowanlock

Seconded by Ron Coristine

THAT the Saugeen Conservation 2014 User Fee Schedule be amended to include a section entitled “SVCA Professional Services Fee” at Rate per hour = Payroll costs x 2, plus disbursements.

Carried

Executive Committee Meeting Conference Call Closed Session Minutes – January 6, 2014

MOTION #G14-03

Moved by Wilf Gamble

Seconded by Dan Kerr

THAT the minutes of the Executive Committee Conference Call Closed Session meeting, held on January 6, 2014, be received.

Carried

7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Election of Chair

The Chair vacated the chair in favour of Phil Beard, who conducted the elections.

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

MOTION #G14-04

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Moved by Roland Anstett

Seconded by Carl Zettel

THAT John Cottrill and Ed Moric be appointed as scrutineers for the election of officers.

Carried

Mr. Beard then called for nominations for the position of Chair for 2014. Brian Gamble nominated Bill Scriven for the position of Chair. No further nominations were received.

MOTION #G14-05

Moved by Ron Cristine

Seconded by Mike Leggett

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

Carried

Mr. Scriven thanked his nominator and agreed to let his name stand for nomination. He was then declared Chair for 2014 by acclamation.

Election of 1st Vice-Chair

Mr. Beard called for nominations for the position of 1st Vice-Chair for 2014. Brian Gamble nominated Carl Zettel for the position of 1st Vice-Chair. No further nominations were received.

MOTION #G14-06

Moved by David Kell

Seconded by Dan Kerr

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

Carried

Mr. Zettel thanked his nominator and indicated he would be willing to serve on the Executive Committee again in 2014. Mr. Zettel was declared 1st Vice-Chair by acclamation.

Election of 2nd Vice Chair

Mr. Beard called for nominations for the position of 2nd Vice-Chair for 2014. Bill Scriven nominated Brian Gamble for the position of 2nd Vice-Chair. No further nominations were received for 2nd Vice-Chair.

MOTION #G14-07

Moved by Wilf Gamble

Seconded by Ron Cristine

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

Carried

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Mr. Gamble agreed to let his name stand for the position of 2nd Vice-Chair. Mr. Brian Gamble was declared 2nd Vice-Chair by acclamation.

Election to the Position of Past Chair

Mr. Beard called for nominations to fill the position of Past Chair for 2014. Ron Coristine nominated Dan Kerr to fill the position of Past Chair. No further nominations were received.

MOTION #G14-08

Moved by Ron Coristine

Seconded by Mike Leggett

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

Carried

Mr. Kerr thanked his nominator and indicated he would be willing to let his name stand for the position of Past Chair. Mr. Kerr was declared Past Chair on the Executive Committee by acclamation.

The newly appointed Chair, Mr. Scriven, assumed the chair. Mr. Scriven thanked the Board of Directors for their confidence in appointing him Chair for 2014.

Appointment to Forestry Committee for 2014

MOTION #G14-09

Moved by David Kell

Seconded by Ron Coristine

THAT Carl Zettel, Brian Gamble, Doug Gowanlock and Bill Scriven be appointed to the Forestry Committee for 2014.

Carried

Appointment to Property & Building Committee for 2014

MOTION #G14-10

Moved by Dan Kerr

Seconded by Brian Gamble

THAT Roland Anstett, Dan Kerr, David Kell and Bill Scriven be appointed to the Property & Building Committee for 2014.

Carried

Appointment to Saugeen Parks Committee for 2014

MOTION #G14-11

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Moved by Wilf Gamble

Seconded by Mike Leggett

THAT Carl Zettel, Dan Kerr, Diane Huber, Ron Coristine and Bill Scriven be appointed to the Saugeen Parks Committee for 2014.

Carried

10. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

MOTION #G14-12

Moved by Dan Kerr

Seconded by Roland Anstett

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

11. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Brohman informed directors that the rental agreement with Valard, for a small piece of property at the back of the maintenance shop, has been extended for an additional six months. He also noted information on an upcoming flood preparedness workshop, and also that a communication is being sent to member municipalities regarding the emerald ash borer.

Mr. Gowanlock expressed his concern with the ash trees that the Authority has on its own properties, and wishes to discuss this item at a future Forestry Committee meeting. As a result, the following motion was made:

MOTION #G14-13

Moved by Doug Gowanlock

Seconded by Mike Leggett

THAT staff and board members consider our exposure with regard to emerald ash borer on Authority properties.

Carried

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:55 pm on motion of Doug Gowanlock.

Bill Scriven
Chair

Laura Molson
Recording Secretary