

SAUGEEN VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Conservation through Cooperation

MINUTES

MEETING: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
DATE: FRIDAY, JANUARY 18, 2013
TIME: 1:00pm
LOCATION: ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE, FORMOSA

CHAIR: William Scriven

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Roland Anstett, Luke Charbonneau, John Eccles, Terry Fisk, Brian Gamble, Doug Gowanlock, Peter Hambly, Glen Irwin, David Kell, Carl Zettel

DIRECTORS ABSENT, WITH REGRET: Ron Coristine, Jim Hanna, Dan Kerr, Mike Leggett

OTHERS PRESENT: Gary Senior, Interim Chief Administrative Officer
Dave Pybus, Senior Manager, Flood Warning & Land Mgt.
Don Smith, Senior Manager, Water Programs
Jo-Anne Harbinson, Manager, Water Programs & Stewardship
Al Leach, Manager, Lands
Shannon Wood, Manager, Communications
Jim Penner, Manager, Forestry
Laura Molson, Manager, Accounting
Erik Downing, Environment Planning Technician
Catherine Bould, Graphics & Communications Assistant
Bonnie Sherman, Executive Secretary
Ron McManus, Park Superintendent, Durham CA
Ron McGhee, Vice Chair, SVC Foundation
Russ Powell, CAO, Central Lake Ontario CA
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 63rd Annual General Meeting.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION #G13-01

Moved by John Eccles

Seconded by Luke Charbonneau

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried

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3. INTRODUCTION OF DIRECTORS

Terry Fisk was introduced as the new municipal representative for the Township of Wellington North and the Town of Minto. Mr. Fisk replaces Mark MacKenzie who resigned from the Board of Directors in mid 2012.

4. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Kevin Eccles, representing the Grey County Warden, was introduced and brought greetings from the County of Grey and Warden Duncan McKinlay. Mr. Eccles passed along the Warden's congratulations for two successful functions in 2012, being the Maple Syrup Festival and Christmas in the Country. He also thanked the Authority for continuing to deal with environmental concerns on behalf of Grey County and wished the Authority good luck in 2013.

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.

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. Conservation Ontario is currently trying to obtain an audience with the Minister of Natural Resources to ascertain what the Province's planned restructuring will mean to Conservation Authorities. He wished the Authority well in 2013 and continued success.

Kathi Maskell, Mayor of the Town of Hanover, brought greetings from the Town. She acknowledged that with the effects of global warming, the work of the Authority is never more important than right now. She thanked the Authority Board of Directors, staff and volunteers for their work and wished the Authority all the best in 2013.

Mike Smith, Mayor of the Town of Saugeen Shore, congratulated the Authority on another successful year. He acknowledged that he had been a member on the Authority's Board of Directors some 18 years ago and some of the staff who worked at that time are still here on staff. He also thanked the Authority for the work they do for his municipality.

Kevin Eccles, Mayor of the Municipality of West Grey, thanked the Board of Directors, staff and volunteers who make the Saugeen Authority the best in Grey and Bruce Counties.

Ray Tout, Mayor of the Township of Wellington North, noted the Authority's excellent staff who go above and beyond the call of duty. He also applauded the many volunteers as well, noting they make any organization successful.

Don Schnurr, Deputy Mayor of the Municipality of South Bruce, brought greetings from his Mayor and Council and wished the Authority all the best in 2013.

Paul Eagleson, Mayor of the Municipality of Arran Elderslie, thanked the Authority for all their good work and wished all the best in 2013.

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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 David Tilson, MP, Dufferin-Caledon Riding, Ben Lobb, MP, Huron-Bruce Riding, Bill Walker, MPP, Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound Riding, Randy Pettapiece, MPP, Perth-Wellington Riding, Sylvia Jones, MPP, Dufferin-Caledon Riding, Duncan McKinlay, Warden, Grey County, Peter Hulsman, Manager, Lands & Water Services, MNR, Peterborough, Shawn Carey, Area Supervisor, MNR, Owen Sound, Charley Worte, Interim General Manager, Conservation Ontario, George Bridge, Mayor, Town of Minto.

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 presented a slideshow highlighting some of the Authority's numerous accomplishments during 2012. He stressed the importance of green space, of keeping properties well maintained and the need to move forward, reviewing programs and adapting to change.

GUEST SPEAKER – RUSS POWELL, CAO, CENTRAL LAKE ONTARIO CONS. AUTHORITY

Russ Powell, CAO of Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority, was the Guest Speaker and addressed the membership on the history of Conservation Authorities in Ontario, their mandate and future CA direction.

7. PRESENTATIONS TO RETIRING DIRECTORS

Although not present at the meeting, Mark MacKenzie forwarded an email, which the Chair read, thanking the Board of Directors for the invitation and expressing his regrets at not being able to attend. He wished the Authority the best in their future endeavours and noted it would be a pleasure to serve on the Board again, should the member municipalities that he represented be entitled to their own representative.

8. SERVICE AWARDS – PRESENTATIONS

A number of staff was presented with service awards. Ron McManus, Park Superintendent of the Durham Conservation Area, received an engraved framed print, in honour of his 40 years of continuous service. Bonnie Sherman was presented with a framed certificate and gift, in honour of her 35 years of continuous service. Erik Downing, Environmental Planning Technician, received his 5 year service award. Not present at the meeting, but recognized for her 10 years of continuous service, was Martha Nicol, Water Quality Specialist.

9. SPONSOR & VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

Chair Bill Scriven presented a number of volunteers and sponsors with either plaques or a small token for appreciation of their contributions and dedication to the Authority. Those honored were the Bruce County Campers Association, represented by Mike Hallahan, Jo-Anne Harbinson and Gary Senior.

Not present at the day's meeting, but also mentioned as significant contributors or volunteers of the Authority, were John Sutherland & Sons of Guelph, the Estate of Douglas James McCulloch, the Kincardine Cross Country Ski Club, the Ontario Steelheaders Association, Stuart Byers, and Marian Wersch.

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A number of major volunteers and sponsors of the Saugeen Valley Conservation Foundation also received recognition. Presented with either plaques or a small token for appreciation of their contributions and support of the Foundation and its events, were Ontario Power Generation, represented by Lynda Cain, Emke Schaab Climate Care, represented by Claire Margetts and Tony Varriano, ScotiaBank of Hanover, represented by Catherine Dickison, John Kuntz & Sam Fraser, the Martin Family, represented by Menno & Laurel Martin, Kyle Dickert, Sharon Yorke & Anne Voisin, Johanna Hardy, Jim Penner, and Melissa Henkusens and Julie Henhoeffter.

Not present at the day's meeting, but also mentioned as significant contributors or volunteers of the Foundation, were Grant's Your Independent Grocer of Hanover, Ross Young Bus Lines of Port Elgin, The Post of Hanover, Jack MacLeod, Jim Potts, Maryanne Kroetsch, John & Joan Grubb, Marlene Montag, Bryce Johnston, Dave Allen, Leena Kuntz, Red & Barb McCausland, Sandra Schreiner, Whinny Acres, and Donna Lacey.

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 #G13-02

Moved by Peter Hambly
Seconded by John Eccles

THAT Laura Molson and Phil Beard be appointed as scrutineers for the election of officers.

Carried

Mr. Cottrill then called for nominations for the position of Chair for 2013. Glen Irwin nominated Bill Scriven for the position of Chair. No further nominations were received.

MOTION #G13-03

Moved by Roland Anstett
Seconded by Luke Charbonneau

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 2013 by acclamation.

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Election of 1st Vice-Chair

Mr. Cottrill called for nominations for the position of 1st Vice-Chair for 2013. Doug Gowanlock nominated Luke Charbonneau for the position of 1st Vice-Chair. No further nominations were received.

MOTION #G13-04

Moved by Peter Hambly

Seconded by Doug Gowanlock

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

Carried

Mr. Charbonneau thanked his nominator and indicated he would be willing to serve on the Executive Committee again in 2013. Mr. Charbonneau was declared 1st Vice-Chair by acclamation.

Election of 2nd Vice Chair

Mr. Cottrill called for nominations for the position of 2nd Vice-Chair for 2013. Luke Charbonneau nominated Carl Zettel for the position of 2nd Vice-Chair. No further nominations were received for 2nd Vice-Chair.

MOTION #G13-05

Moved by Roland Anstett

Seconded by Brian Gamble

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

Carried

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

Election to the Position of Past Chair

Mr. Cottrill called for nominations to fill the position of Past Chair for 2013. Luke Charbonneau nominated Glen Irwin to fill the position of Past Chair. No further nominations were received.

MOTION #G13-06

Moved by Brian Gamble

Seconded by Terry Fisk

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

Carried

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

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The newly appointed Chair, Bill Scriven, assumed the chair. Mr. Scriven thanked the Board of Directors for their confidence in appointing him Chair for 2013.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

Town of Hanover – appointing Peter Hambly as their municipal representative to the Authority’s Board of Directors until November 30, 2014 – noted & filed

Municipality of Morris-Turnberry – appointing Carl Zettel as their municipal representative to the Authority’s Board of Directors for 2013 – noted & filed

Ministry of the Environment, Toronto – advising of their approval of the Authority’s Grant Application to the Great Lakes Guardian Community Fund – noted & filed

TD Friends of the Environment Foundation – thanking Jo-Anne Harbinson for her participation in the Foundation’s work – noted & filed

Township of Chatsworth – re-appointing Brian Gamble as their municipal representative to the SVCA Board of Directors for 2013 – noted & filed

Municipality of Brockton – motion of non-support for Authority levy increase of 5% - **staff to respond to this correspondence**

12. NEW BUSINESS

Forestry Committee Meeting Minutes – January 17, 2013

A copy of the minutes of this meeting, along with a copy of the 2012 Forestry Report and the 2013 Forestry Work Plan, are appended to the office of these minutes.

MOTION #G13-07

Moved by Luke Charbonneau

Seconded by Doug Gowanlock

THAT the minutes of the Forestry Committee meeting, held on January 17, 2013, be received, and further

THAT the 2012 Forestry Report and the 2013 Forestry Work Plan be approved by the Board of Directors.

Carried

Jim Penner advised that some of the dieback in a number of trees at the Sulphur Spring Conservation Area is caused by a fungus and these trees will receive a fungus treatment in 2013.

Doug Gowanlock noted that, being his first year on the Forestry Committee, he is very impressed with the amount of work that goes in to the tendering process of forest products as well as in the overall Forestry program. He complimented Jim Penner and his staff for their hard work.

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Appointment to Forestry Committee for 2013

MOTION #G13-08

Moved by Roland Anstett
Seconded by Peter Hambly
THAT Carl Zettel, John Eccles, Brian Gamble, Doug Gowanlock and Bill Scriven be appointed to the Forestry Committee for 2013.

Carried

Appointment to Property & Building Committee for 2013

MOTION #G13-09

Moved by Doug Gowanlock
Seconded by Brian Gamble
THAT Luke Charbonneau, Roland Anstett, Dan Kerr, Jim Hanna and Bill Scriven be appointed to the Property & Building Committee for 2013.

Carried

Appointment to Saugeen Parks Committee for 2013

MOTION #G13-10

Moved by Doug Gowanlock
Seconded by Roland Anstett
THAT Carl Zettel, Dan Kerr, Terry Fisk, Ron Coristine and Bill Scriven be appointed to the Saugeen Parks Committee for 2013.

Carried

Appointment to General Manager Selection Committee for 2013

MOTION #G13-11

Moved by Brian Gamble
Seconded by David Kell
THAT Luke Charbonneau, Glen Irwin, Carl Zettel, Ron Coristine, Roland Anstett and Bill Scriven be confirmed to the Selection Committee for 2013.

Carried

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13. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

MOTION #G13-12

Moved by Glen Irwin

Seconded by Carl Zettel

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

Selection Committee - Report

The Chair announced that the Selection Committee is very close to announcing a replacement for the vacant General Manager's position. He requested the full Board of Directors pass a motion allowing the Selection Committee to hire this individual. However, it was generally agreed that the full Board of Directors should be included in the final decision to hire the candidate for this position. A special meeting of the Board of Directors was set for Wednesday evening, January 23, at 7:00pm to review the candidate's Curriculum Vitae and to receive and review a report of the Selection Committee for the hiring process.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:55pm pm on motion of Luke Charbonneau.

Bill Scriven
Chair

Bonnie Sherman
Executive Secretary