

# SAUGEEN VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Conservation through Cooperation

# MINUTES

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**MEETING:** Authority  
**DATE:** Thursday, July 21, 2016  
**TIME:** 7:00 pm  
**LOCATION:** Administration Office, Formosa

**CHAIR:** Luke Charbonneau

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** John Bell, Robert Buckle, Barbara Dobreen, Kevin Eccles, Wilf Gamble, Dan Gieruszak, Stewart Halliday, Dan Kerr, Sue Paterson, Mike Smith, Andrew White

**MEMBERS ABSENT WITH REGRET:** Maureen Couture, Brian Gamble, Steve McCabe

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Wayne Brohman, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer  
Erik Downing, Manager, Environmental Planning & Regulations  
Janice Hagan, Recording Secretary  
Guests, Member of the Press

## CALL TO ORDER & CHAIR'S WELCOME

Chair Luke Charbonneau called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

### **1. Adoption of the Agenda**

#### **MOTION #G16-63**

Moved by Dan Kerr

Seconded by Robert Buckle

THAT the agenda be adopted as adopted.

**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 – May 26, 2016**

**MOTION #G16-64**

Moved by Barbara Dobreen

Seconded by Stewart Halliday

THAT the minutes of the Authority meeting, held on May 26, 2016 be adopted as circulated.

**Carried**

**4. Matters arising from the Minutes**

a. Environmental Bill of Rights Registry

General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer Wayne Brohman reviewed the role of Conservation Ontario with respect to the Environmental Bill of Rights Registry (EBR). He explained that Conservation Ontario receives notices from the EBR and circulates them to the Conservation Authorities for comment. Comments are compiled and forwarded to the EBR. Authority members would like to receive copies of the relevant notices before comments are submitted to CO as comments should be from the Authority's perspective.

**MOTION #G16-65**

Moved by Andrew White

Seconded by Dan Kerr

THAT proposed EBR comments by staff be presented to the Authority for review prior to release of those comments.

**Carried**

**5. Correspondence**

Email from Bill and Lynda McCauley, Kincardine, expressing their appreciation for the work done by Paul Elston, (SVCA Regulations Officer) and his efficient and knowledgeable approach was **noted and filed**.

**6. Reports**

a. Finance Report

The GM/S-T reviewed the Finance Report. He noted that revenues from Bruce Dale campground were down because several seasonal campers had cancelled, possibly due to the Phragmites problems. Revenue at both Durham and the Bluffs campgrounds were above forecast. GB Forestry revenue is below budget at May 31 but that will be rectified in June when the tree planting revenues will be recorded. The GM/S-T committed to get back to the Authority on a question related to the softwood tenders awarded in March.

**MOTION #G16-66**

Moved by Barbara Dobreen

Seconded by John Bell

THAT the Financial Report to May 31, 2016 be accepted as distributed and further;

THAT the Accounts Payable, totaling \$482,818.80 be approved as distributed.

**Carried**

b. Program Report

GM/S-T gave an update for several items in the Program Report. He noted that SVCA had applied to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) and received 50% funding for the Mildmay and Markdale dams to be removed. These are not SVCA dams therefore additional funding would come from alternate sources.

Mr. Brohman updated the Authority on the Gilmore vs Nottawasaga CA legal case and told the members that Conservation Ontario and MNRF had both been granted intervener status. The Ontario Landowner's Association was not granted intervener status.

Mr. Brohman played an audio of two radio advertisements that had been created by the EAB working group comprised of SVCA, GSCA, Grey & Bruce Counties, Owen Sound, Parks Canada and MNRF. The radio ads were funded by Bruce Power. These audio clips were well received by the Authority members.

Mr. Eccles expressed concern regarding duplication of services in the Flood Warning program, especially regarding stream gauges. The Authority members would like a discussion with Gary Senior, Sr. Manager, Flood Warning to better understand the monitoring program.

Chair Charbonneau congratulated Authority member John Bell for his election to Chair of the Agricultural Advisory Committee. It was reported that the committee was pleased with the GLASI program hosted by SVCA. A final member has yet to be appointed to the committee.

Chair Charbonneau congratulated Shannon Wood, Manager, Communications and her staff for their organization of the Memorial Grove Ceremony. He stated that it was well done and well received by the participants. He encouraged all members to attend the event in the future.

**MOTION #G16-67**

Moved by Dan Kerr

Seconded by Sue Paterson

THAT the Program Report be adopted as presented.

**Carried**

c. Source Water Protection

The GM/S-T reviewed the report submitted by Carl Seider, Project Manager, DWSP/Risk Management Official. He announced that Mike Traynor, Chair of the SWP Committee is retiring and that the position has been posted. The SWP Management Committee and the SVCA Source Protection Authority will have input into the selection of a new Chair.

d. Planning & Regulations Action Items Review

The GM/S-T reviewed the P&R Action Items chart.

**7. New Business**

a. Fifty Meter Screening Area

Erik Downing clarified the numbers of completed files discussed in the report submitted:

- Number of files where screening area limit is within 20 metres of Regulated Area (a 30 metre screening area): 41 of 126 files (32.5%).
- The current screening buffer on average is 29.1 metres too large.
- Number of files where screening area limit is within 10 metres of Regulated Area (a 40 metre screening area): 3 (2.4%). This indicates a 40 metre screening buffer would cause 30% less violations than 30 metre screening area.

After discussion of the Fifty Meter Screening Area report submitted by Eric Downing, the following motion was passed:

**MOTION #G16-68**

Moved by Dan Gieruszak

Seconded by Kevin Eccles

THAT the Authority reduce the 50 metre screening buffer to 30 metres.

**Carried**

A coffee break was called at 8:54pm.

The meeting was called back to order at 9:06pm.

b. Planning & Regulations Policy Document

The GM/S-T reported the progress of the draft policy document and a brief synopsis of the outline. Chair Charbonneau called a special meeting of the Authority on Tuesday August 23, 2016 at 1:00pm to discuss the draft document. A hard copy will be couriered to each Authority member as soon as it becomes available. An electronic copy will also be sent.

c. Brockton Motion

Dan Gieruszak discussed motion 16-16-139 passed by the Town of Brockton, May 24, 2016. Chair Charbonneau suggested that this motion be forwarded to the policy document discussion and should be revisited by the Authority in August.

d. Hydro Generation Proposals

The GM/S-T told the Authority that there had been suggested proposals to use SVCA dams for hydro generation and he requested direction from the members on how to proceed with these proposals. The members would like the Executive Committee to explore this idea as a revenue generating opportunity.

**8. Other Business**

a. Planning & Regulations Customer Service Survey Update

The GM/S-T reviewed the Survey results and pointed out that there have been 67 responses out of 208 invitations to date. This represents a 32% response rate. Mr. Brohman shared a sampling of the comments. The Chair reminded the Authority that the survey is a tool to be used but that some people are still concerned about anonymity.

b. Conservation Authorities Act Review

The GM/S-T discussed the Conservation Authorities Act Review report. After discussion the Authority was content to allow the process to proceed whereby Conservation Ontario will submit comments on behalf of all Conservation Authorities.

c. News Articles

The GM/S-T submitted articles from local newspapers regarding the SVCA for the purpose of keeping the Authority members up to date on current events. There were no questions related to the news articles.

d. John Cottrill retirement

The GM/S-T informed the Authority that John Cottrill, CAO, Grey-Sauble Conservation Authority had announced his retirement effective September 30<sup>th</sup> and that the position of CAO has been posted on the GSCA website.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:05 pm on motion of John Bell.

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Luke Charbonneau  
Chair

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Janice Hagan  
Recording Secretary