

SAUGEEEN VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Conservation through Cooperation

MINUTES

MEETING: Board of Directors
DATE: Thursday, October 24, 2013
TIME: 7:00pm
LOCATION: Administration Office, Formosa

CHAIR: Bill Scriven

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Roland Anstett, Ron Coristine, John Eccles, Terry Fisk, Brian Gamble, Wilf Gamble, Doug Gowanlock, Peter Hambly, Diane Huber, Glen Irwin, David Kell, Dan Kerr, Mike Leggett, Carl Zettel

OTHERS PRESENT: Wayne Brohman, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer
Laura Molson, Manager, Accounting
Gary Senior, Senior Manager, Environmental Planning and Regulations
Members of the Press

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION #G13-71

Moved by Dan Kerr
Seconded by Doug Gowanlock
THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

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

3. MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MOTION #G13-72

Moved by Doug Gowanlock
Seconded by Mike Leggett
THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting, held on July 25, 2013, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

MOTION #G13-73

Moved by Peter Hambly

Seconded by Roland Anstett

THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting, held on September 26, 2013, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

MOTION #G13-74

Moved by John Eccles

Seconded by Glen Irwin

THAT the draft minutes of the Board of Directors Closed Session, In Camera meeting held on July 25, 2013 be received.

Carried

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

No matters arising.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Municipality of West Grey-Resolution not to undertake the Structural Stability Assessment and abandon the proposed construction of the emergency spillway, and continue to operate the dam in winter to control frazil ice as has been the practice since 2005– noted & filed

Municipality of Morris-Turnberry-approving the 2014 draft budget for Saugeen Conservation– noted & filed

The Chair then asked if any other Councils had expressed concern about the budget. Carl Zettel explained that the Municipality of South Bruce was concerned that their increase was greater than the other municipalities due to their increased assessment. Mr. Zettel indicated that the municipality would be lobbying the province for increased funding for Conservation Authorities.

6. REPORTS

Chair & Conservation Ontario

The Chair had nothing to report at this time.

Finance Report

A copy of Report #6a, entitled Financial Reports, is appended to the office copy of these minutes.

MOTION #G13-75

Moved by Brian Gamble

Seconded by Dan Kerr

THAT the Financial Report to September 30, 2013, be accepted as distributed and further;

THAT the Accounts Payable, totaling \$480,681.70 for July, August, and September 2013 be approved for payment.

Carried

Program Report

A copy of Report #6b, entitled Program Report, is appended to the office copy of these minutes.

Ron Coristine asked for clarification of the Authority's position on the proposed deep geologic repository. The General Manager/Secretary Treasurer deferred to the Senior Manager, Environmental Planning and Regulations who explained the interests of the Authority for this particular project.

MOTION #G13-76

Moved by Peter Hambly

Seconded by Carl Zettel

THAT the Program Report be adopted as presented, and further

THAT the Permits as identified in Report #6b and dated October 24, 2013 be approved by the Board of Directors.

Carried

Foundation Report

No report was available at the meeting.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Release of Approved Drawings to Building Officials

The Senior Manager, Environmental Planning and Regulations explained the purpose of the required motion. After discussion among the Board of Directors, the following motion was moved.

MOTION #G13-77

Moved by Doug Gowanlock

Seconded by Roland Anstett

THAT notwithstanding Motions #G12-71 and #G12-72, the SVCA may provide to a Chief Building Official a copy of site plans and drawings associated with permits issued by the Authority under the Development, Interference with Wetlands, and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation, providing the Chief Building Official has made an appropriate request for such documentation.

Carried

Staff Authorized to Sign Permits

A copy of Report #7a, entitled Staff Authorized to Sign Permits, is appended to the office copy of these minutes.

MOTION #G13-78

Moved by Dan Kerr

Seconded by Mike Leggett

THAT Motion #G07-80 be rescinded, and further

THAT employees of the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority in the following positions be designated Enforcement Officers for Ontario Regulation 169/06 and amendments and revisions thereto:

- General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer
- Senior Manager, Flood Warning & Land Management
- Senior Manager, Environmental Planning and Regulations
- Senior Manager, Water Programs
- Manager, Environmental Planning and Regulations
- Manager, Water Resources and Stewardship Services
- Regulations Officer
- Environmental Planning Coordinator
- Environmental Planning Technician
- Resources Information Technician

And further;

THAT employees of the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority in the following positions be designated Enforcement Officers for Revised Regulations of Ontario 133/90 and amendments and revisions thereto:

- General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer
- Senior Manager, Flood Warning & Land Management
- Senior Manager, Environmental Planning and Regulations
- Manager, Environmental Planning and Regulations
- Manager, Forestry
- Forest Management Technician
- Conservation Area Superintendent
- Assistant Conservation Area Superintendent
- Field Services Coordinator
- Regulations Officer

Carried

MOTION #G13-79

Moved by Terry Fisk

Seconded by Brian Gamble

THAT employees of the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority in the following positions may exercise the powers and duties of the Authority for the Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation, Ontario Regulation 169/06 and amendments and revisions thereto:

- General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer
- Senior Manager, Flood Warning & Land Management
- Senior Manager, Environmental Planning and Regulations
- Manager, Environmental Planning and Regulations

Carried

The Senior Manager, Environmental Planning and Regulations then left the meeting.

Source Water Protection Regulation Enforcement

The Chair led the discussion as a follow up to discussions at the previous Board meeting. Board members discussed the possibility of municipalities partnering together to enforce Source Water Protection Regulations, and their concern that the Authority is always asked to do more with less. The Board of Directors expressed a desire to pass a resolution indicating that the SVCA is not interested in enforcing Source Water Protection Regulations. The Chair then directed staff to draw up such a resolution to be passed by the Board of Directors at a future meeting.

SVCA Campgrounds Future Direction

The Chair led the discussion, and expressed his concern over the size of operating investment compared to the return on that investment in the campgrounds. He feels there may be opportunity to change what we are currently doing. Discussion among the Board members included continuing operations provided the parks maintain a self sustaining return, investing in infrastructure upgrades to improve the parks, the possibility of leasing the parks, and the desire to retain land held by public entities rather than private individuals. The General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer indicated that Brucedale Conservation Area continues to provide an excellent return on investment, and that the Durham Conservation Area should continue to be operated by the Authority because of its proximity to the dams in the Town of Durham. The Chair directed the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer to bring back a proposal to a future meeting outlining possible changes to the operation of the Saugeen Bluffs campground, and possible operating improvements for the Durham campground.

Personnel Policy Update

A copy of Report #7b, entitled Personnel Policy Update, is appended to the office copy of these minutes.

MOTION #G13-80

Moved by Peter Hambly

Seconded by Dan Kerr

THAT the full Board of Directors adopt the changes to the Authority's Personnel Policy, related to sections 28.04, 31.01 and 36.06, as recommended by the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer.

Carried

Property Donation – Powers Property, Glammis Bog

The General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer explained that the Authority had been approached to receive a land donation, being a 30 acre parcel adjacent to one of the Authority's existing properties. The Board of Directors was pleased, and directed staff to further investigate the parcel of land, and to investigate the costs associated with the donation to the Authority. Cost to the Authority could include legal fees, survey, severance, and appraisal costs.

8. FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Doug Gowanlock expressed his appreciation for the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer's presentation to Saugeen Shores Council. He indicated that the Council was impressed with the presentation and with the work that the Authority has been doing. Brian Gamble and Dan Kerr also expressed that their respective Councils were pleased with the recent presentations given.

Peter Hambly noted that the Town of Hanover and the Municipality of Brockton have officially opened their joint landfill expansion, and that he was pleased to have that environmental project completed.

Carl Zettel noted that the Formosa/Teeswater sewer project has been completed and that several members of the public have been able to hook up to the recently installed municipal sewers. He indicated his pleasure of the completion of the project by the Municipality of South Bruce.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

The Chair reminded Directors of the upcoming retirement party for the Senior Manager, Water Resources.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:20pm on motion of Peter Hambly.

Bill Scriven
Chair

Laura Molson
Manager, Accounting