

# SAUGEEN VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Conservation through Cooperation

# MINUTES

**MEETING:** ANNUAL MEETING  
**DATE:** FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 2010  
**TIME:** 1:00pm  
**LOCATION:** RESOURCE CENTRE, HEADQUARTERS CONSERVATION AREA

**CHAIR:** Doug Freiburger

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Gord Campbell, Anne Eadie, Dan Gieruszak, Peter Hambly, Ron Hewitt, Tom Kuglin, Mark MacKenzie, Jack Riley, Manley Risk, Dan Sullivan, Ralph Winslade, Carl Zettel

**DIRECTORS ABSENT, WITH REGRET:** Luke Charbonneau

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** John Bell

**OTHERS PRESENT:** James H. Coffey, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer  
Dave Pybus, Senior Manager, Flood Warning & Land Mgt.  
Gary Senior, Senior Manager, Environmental Planning & Regulations  
Shannon Wood, Manager, Communications  
Jo-Anne Harbinson, Manager, Water Resources & Stewardship Services  
Jim Penner, Manager, Forestry  
Don Smith, Project Manager, Source Water Protection  
Nancy Griffin, Conservation Education Coordinator  
Bonnie Sherman, Executive Secretary  
Jack MacLeod, SVC Foundation Director  
Ken Kienapple, SVC Foundation Director  
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 meeting.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

**MOTION #G10-01**

Moved by Dan Gieruszak  
Seconded by Tom Kuglin  
THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

**Carried**

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### 3. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The Chair introduced Mike Smith, Warden of Bruce County and Mayor of Saugeen Shores. Mr. Smith brought greetings on behalf of the County of Bruce, as well as the Town of Saugeen Shores, and praised the relationship the County has with the Authority, working together for the betterment of the community and the environment. Bert Dykstra, Warden of Huron County, was introduced. Mr. Dykstra thanked the Directors for the invitation and brought greetings from the County of Huron. Dan Sullivan, representing the Grey County Warden Arlene Wright, brought greetings from the Warden and the County of Grey.

Mr. Oswald brought greetings from the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie and thanked the Board for the invitation to attend. He commended the Board of Directors and Chair for their decision to move the administration offices to Formosa and congratulated the Authority on presenting a responsible budget for 2010.

Howard Greig, Mayor of the Township of Chatsworth, Brian Mullin, Mayor of the Municipality of Grey Highlands, and Bill Goetz, Mayor of the Municipality of South Bruce, all brought greetings from their respective municipalities and once again urged the Conservation Authority practice restraint during these challenging financial times.

Kathi Maskell, Mayor of the Town of Hanover and Judy Dirksen, Deputy Mayor of the Town of Minto were also introduced and brought greetings from their respective municipalities. Mrs. Maskell congratulated the Authority on their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2010.

Mark Shoreman, District Manager of the Midhurst District Office of the Ministry of Natural Resources, was also present at the meeting and introduced to the Directors. Mr. Shoreman expressed the Ministry's appreciation of the Conservation Authority's good work and noted how blessed we are to work in such a beautiful part of the Province.

Dick Hibma, Chair of Conservation Ontario as well as Chair of the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority, was introduced and brought greetings from Conservation Ontario and the Grey Sauble CA. He expressed appreciation for the close working relationship enjoyed between the two Authorities.

John Cottrill, CAO of the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority, was introduced to the directorship. He expressed his pleasure at the invitation to attend today's meeting and acknowledged the long standing working relationship between the two Conservation Authorities. He will do his best to see that that relationship continues.

Foundation Directors Jack MacLeod and Ken Kienapple were introduced.

A number of individuals sent their regrets at not being able to attend but expressed their best wishes for a successful meeting, including Ben Lobb, M.P., Huron-Bruce Riding, Larry Miller, M.P. Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound Riding, Helena Guergis, M.P., Simcoe-Grey Riding, Carol Mitchell, M.P.P., Huron-Bruce Riding, Bill Murdoch, M.P.P., Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound Riding, John Wilkinson, M.P.P., Perth-Wellington Riding, Joanne Ross-Zuj, Warden of Wellington County, and Larry Kraemer, Mayor, Municipality of Kincardine.

### 4. DICK HIBMA, CHAIR, CONSERVATION ONTARIO

Dick Hibma, Chair of Conservation Ontario, addressed the Board of Directors, highlighting the many undertakings and achievements made by Conservation Ontario in 2009. He expressed appreciation to the Chair of the Saugeen Authority as well as to its staff for their participation and contribution to the many activities initiated by Conservation Ontario.

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5. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

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

6. CHAIR’S ADDRESS

Chair Doug Freiburger welcomed everyone to the Saugeen’s 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. With 2010 being the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Conservation Authority, Mr. Freiburger felt it appropriate to take the audience back in time to 1950 for a bit of a history lesson. He spoke of the dedication and foresight of our founding fathers in their quest to preserve this watershed in its pristine condition, for the benefit of their children, grandchildren and beyond.

Chair Freiburger spoke of the Authority’s accomplishments over the past year, including the process of updating the strategic plan, the development of a Saugeen Valley Children’s Safety Village at the Headquarters, and the purchase of a new facility to accommodate the relocation of its administration offices from Hanover to Formosa. Also new at the Headquarters Conservation Area is the set up and operation of a work camp in preparation for the construction of the Bruce to Milton hydro line. The company assigned to provide this construction, Valard Construction LP, will be using lands at the Headquarters as their base, with revenue from their lease of the lands dedicated to other conservation initiatives.

In 2009, the Authority undertook the updating of their administration resolutions. These resolutions guide the day-to-day operations of the Board of Directors and outline the responsibilities of the Director, the Executive Committee, other committees and the processes involved in getting work done in an efficient and accountable manner.

The Terms of Reference documents for the three Source Protection Authorities were approved by the Minister of the Environment in August 2009. The Source Protection Committee is also preparing the preliminary version of the Assessment Reports required for this Region. These reports will undergo public consultation before being submitted to the MOE by August 2010.

The Chair expressed a special thank you to the staff, volunteers, the local municipality and many others who assisted with the aftermath of the tornado that hit the Durham Conservation Area, resulting in the tragic death of a young boy.

Lastly, the Chair extended his appreciation to the work of the Saugeen Valley Conservation Foundation and its hardworking group of volunteers.

7. SERVICE AWARDS – PRESENTATIONS

Gary Senior, Senior Manager, Environmental Planning & Regulations, was inducted into the Quarter Century Club and presented with a gold pocket watch, in recognition of his 25 years service to the Conservation Authority.

Recognized and awarded plaques for 20 years service to the Authority were Nancy Griffin, Conservation Education Coordinator, and Shannon Wood, Manager, Communications.

8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Election of Chair

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

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

**MOTION #G10-02**

Moved by Anne Eadie

Seconded by Carl Zettel

THAT Ron Oswald and Mark Shoreman be appointed as scrutineers for the election of officers.

**Carried**

Mr. Cottrill then called for nominations for the position of Chair for 2010. Peter Hambly nominated Doug Freiburger for the position of Chair. No further nominations were received for the position of Chair.

**MOTION #G10-03**

Moved by Tom Kuglin

Seconded by Anne Eadie

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

**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 2010. Doug Freiburger nominated Dan Gieruszak for the position of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair. No further nominations were received.

**MOTION #G10-04**

Moved by Peter Hambly

Seconded by Ralph Winslade

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

**Carried**

Mr. Gieruszak was appointed 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair of the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority for 2010, by acclamation.

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

Mr. Cottrill called for nominations for the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair for 2010. Doug Freiburger nominated Anne Eadie for the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair. No further nominations were received.

**MOTION #G10-05**

Moved by Dan Sullivan

Seconded by Tom Kuglin

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

**Carried**

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Mrs. Eadie was appointed 2nd Vice Chair of the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority for 2010, by acclamation.

Election to the Position of Past Chair

With the re-election of Chair Freiburger, the position of Past Chair on the Executive Committee remains vacant.

Mr. Cottrill called for nominations to fill the position of Past Chair for 2010. Dan Gieruszak nominated Dan Sullivan to fill the position of Past Chair. No further nominations were received.

**MOTION #G10-06**

Moved by Peter Hambly

Seconded by Doug Freiburger

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

**Carried**

Mr. Sullivan was appointed to the position of Past Chair of the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority for 2010, by acclamation.

The newly re-appointed Chair, Doug Freiburger, assumed the Chair. Mr. Freiburger thanked the Board of Directors for their confidence in appointing him Chair and stated he looks forward to working with the Board as well as staff on the issues facing Conservation Authorities today. He briefly outlined his vision for the Authority, including the possible sharing of resources with municipal partners to help offset increasing expenses and strengthening links with the communities within the watershed through greater communication with councils, community groups, developers and the agricultural community. He sees a need to identify those who currently do not support the efforts of the SVCA and investigate opportunities to gain their support. Mr. Freiburger also sees a need to streamline the Planning and Regulation process through better communication tools. The Authority needs to be ready to experience real opportunities regarding climate change and how it relates to integrated watershed management.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

News Release from Trees Ontario – encouraging public support and increase annual tree planting levels to at least 10 million over the next five years – noted & filed

Community Foundation Grey Bruce – thanking Authority for its support of the “Go Green at Saugeen”  
Environmental Forum – noted & filed

Township of Howick – appointing Carl Zettel as their representative on the Authority Board of Directors for 2010 – noted & filed

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10. NEW BUSINESS

Appointment to Forestry Committee for 2010

The members of the 2009 Forestry Committee were Manley Risk, Ralph Winslade, Dan Gieruszak, Dan Sullivan, Carl Zettel and Doug Freiburger. These individuals were asked if they wished to remain on the Forestry Committee for 2010. All members agreed to let their names stand on the Committee.

**MOTION #G10-07**

Moved by Peter Hambly  
Seconded by Ron Hewitt

THAT Dan Sullivan, Dan Gieruszak, Carl Zettel, Manley Risk, Ralph Winslade and Doug Freiburger be appointed to sit on the Forestry Committee for the year 2010.

**Carried**

Appointment to Property & Building Committee for 2010

The current members of the Property & Building Committee were asked if they wished to remain on the Committee in 2010.

**MOTION #G10-08**

Moved by Dan Gieruszak  
Seconded by Jack Riley

THAT Doug Freiburger, Ron Hewitt, Anne Eadie, Tom Kuglin, Luke Charbonneau and Peter Hambly be appointed to sit on the Property & Building Committee for 2010.

**Carried**

Appointment to Health & Safety Committee

**MOTION #G10-09**

Moved by Dan Gieruszak  
Seconded by Manley Risk

THAT Kalena Metcalfe, Resources Information Technician, be appointed as the Workers representative on the Authority's Health & Safety Committee.

**Carried**

2010 Annual Report Format

As a follow up to last year's discussion regarding the costs associated with the production of the Annual Report, the Manager of Communications gave a PowerPoint presentation which detailed various options of providing information to municipalities and the general public at a more reasonable cost.

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The Annual Report will be posted on the Authority’s website. At numerous times throughout the year, requests are received for paper copies of the Authority’s Annual Report and it was the opinion of staff that there is still a great value in having printed copies available for distribution.

A full page or half page ad will again be developed, jointly with the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority, to assist with spreading the word about the Authorities’ various programs.

Discussions will be held in the future as to what communication products are presently produced by the Authority staff. However, at the present time for the 2010 Annual Report, the Directors agreed to produce 350 paper copies, as detailed in the following motion.

**MOTION #G10-10**

Moved by Peter Hambly  
Seconded by Tom Kuglin

THAT Saugeen Conservation proceed with the task of completing an annual report for the year 2009, with a recommended printing of 350 hard copies, utilizing the tools and resources provided in-house, and further THAT the total cost of the project not exceed \$2,000.

**Carried**

11. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

**MOTION #G10-11**

Moved by Manley Risk  
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**

12. OTHER BUSINESS

Community Adjustment Fund 2

**MOTION #G10-12**

Moved by Dan Gieruszak  
Seconded by Carl Zettel

THAT the Board of Directors of the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority hereby supports the submission of an application to the FedDev Ontario Community Adjustment Fund for the purchase and renovation of the Trillium Mutual Insurance office facility and further THAT the Board of Directors hereby commits \$501,905 as its share of the project costs.

**Carried**

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:25pm on motion of Anne Eadie.

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Doug Freiburger  
Chair

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Bonnie Sherman  
Executive Secretary