

SAUGEEN VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Conservation through Cooperation

MINUTES

MEETING: Authority Annual Meeting
DATE: Friday, January 13, 2017
TIME: 1:00 pm
LOCATION: Administration Office, Formosa

CHAIR: Luke Charbonneau

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Bell, Robert Buckle, Mark Davis, Barbara Dobreen, Maureen Couture, Kevin Eccles, Brian Gamble, Wilf Gamble, Dan Gieruszak, Stewart Halliday, Steve McCabe, Sue Paterson, Mike Smith, Andrew White

OTHERS PRESENT: Wayne Brohman, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer
Laura Molson, Manager, Accounting
Erik Downing, Manager, Environmental Planning & Regulations
Shawn Anthony, Water Quality Specialist
Shannon Wood, Manager, Community Relations
Janice Hagan, Recording Secretary
Guests and Member of the Press

Chair Luke Charbonneau called the meeting to order at 1:12pm. He welcomed the Members and Guests to the SVCA Annual Meeting.

1. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION #G17-01

Moved by Kevin Eccles

Seconded by Barbara Dobreen

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

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 – November 23, 2016

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MOTION #G17-02

Moved by Sue Paterson

Seconded by Stewart Halliday

THAT the minutes of the Authority meeting, held on November 23, 2016 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Minutes of the Authority Meeting – December 8, 2016– NO QUORUM

MOTION #G17-03

Moved by Stewart Halliday

Seconded by Dan Gieruszak

THAT the minutes of the Authority meeting, No Quorum December 8, 2016, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Introduction of Guests

Michael Givens, Chief Administrative Officer, Municipality of Wellington-North, brought greetings from the Mayor and Council. He told the Authority that the municipality has the privilege of working with three Conservation Authorities and was pleased to be in attendance at SVCA's Annual meeting. He thanked the Authority for the invitation.

Sonya Skinner, Chief Administrative Officer, Grey Sauble Conservation Authority, thanked the Authority for the invitation to attend the meeting and brought regrets from Dick Hibma, Chair of the Board of Directors for GSCA as he was unable to attend. She thanked SVCA staff, especially Wayne Brohman, GM/S-T, for assisting her with her new role at GSCA.

Francis Chua, Manager, Environment & Sustainability, Bruce Power, thanked SVCA for the invitation and commended staff for their passion and efforts regarding environmental issues.

Tracy Allison, Resources Management Supervisor, Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry, brought greetings from the Owen Sound Field office. She is looking forward to developing an excellent relationship with SVCA in her new role. She thanked SVCA for the support.

Lisa Thompson, MPP, Huron-Bruce, thanked the Authority and SVCA staff for the work that was being done in the agricultural community. She was happy with staff attendance at the Grey Bruce Farm Week and with the Coffee, Crops, & Donuts program which is moving forward in the development of a good relationship with the agricultural community.

Paul McQueen, Honourable Mayor, Municipality of Grey Highlands, brought greetings from Grey Highlands

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Council. He thanked Chair Charbonneau for the invitation to the Annual Meeting.

David Inglis, Honourable Mayor, Municipality of Brockton, told the Authority that it was a pleasure to be in attendance at the Annual Meeting. He said that he appreciates what the SVCA accomplishes and told staff to keep up the good work.

6. Chair's Address

Chair Luke Charbonneau gave the following address:

“Thank you and good afternoon,

It has been my pleasure to serve as Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority Chair for the year 2016.

I would like to begin my remarks by thanking all Authority Members and Staff for your energy and hard work over this past year. Your efforts have enhanced the efficiency, effectiveness and reputation of this Conservation Authority.

You have made being SVCA Chair a pleasure and a source of special pride for me.

We began 2016 with the recognition that more work needed to be done to make this a more responsive and effective Conservation Authority, resolutely focused on protecting the property and the people of this watershed from flooding and the effects of erosion.

I am proud to say today that authority members and staff HAVE worked hard in 2016 and, in so doing, we have made significant strides toward building the 'improved' conservation authority that we'd all like to see.

As the year began, we reached out to the agricultural community and its representatives seeking input and improved communications. We established a new agricultural advisory committee that has brought members and staff of this Authority together with representatives of multiple agricultural federations and organizations to hear their concerns and share ideas.

What's more, we implemented cover crop incentive and education programs, with the help of funding from the Great Lakes Agricultural Stewardship Initiative. These programs have given us new opportunities to have positive interactions with farmers as we work together for the benefit of the land and the waters that we all cherish and rely upon.

At the Saugeen Bluffs Conservation Area we implemented a new and innovative horse camping enterprise that has revitalized that special property in a way that, I believe, will allow it to remain accessible to the public for years to come. Our ongoing enhancement of Saugeen Bluffs as a tourist attraction, for equestrians from across the province and beyond, will have ripple effects benefitting us, our partners and our member municipalities.

At Schmidt Lake and at the Greenock Swamp we installed floating boardwalks and improved five and a half kilometers of trail all of which has enhanced the public's ability to access the 18,000 hectares of forested wetland

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in that area - giving everyone the opportunity to visit and appreciate the largest remaining forested wetland in Southern Ontario.

In the Township of Chatsworth, Authority staff - lead by the Manager of Lands and Flood Warning Gary Senior - worked diligently and around the clock to help municipal officials as they dealt with a significant flooding emergency in April. In so doing, they proved once again that our staff will consistently go above and beyond their job descriptions in service to this Authority.

Furthermore, and of special note, this year we have taken action and made real progress in the ongoing effort to improve SVCA planning and regulation services in order to better serve the public and our member municipalities.

We invested in 3D digital elevation software in order to reduce the number of site visits required to be carried out by our regulations officers and thereby increase the speed with which we can process the increasing number of inquiries and permit applications that we are receiving.

We developed and implemented a new planning and regulations file tracking system that will continue to increase the efficiency and speed with which we can process inquiries and permit applications by making all relevant information accessible to our staff through a single porthole. This streamlined, infrastructure will increase our ability to accurately monitor the progress of files through this office and will allow the Authority to more easily ensure that we are meeting the timelines that are mandated by our policies and expected by our clients.

We reduced screening buffers from 50 to 30 meters, ending unnecessary SVCA review of development proposals on approximately 20,000 hectares of land in this watershed. Going forward, this action alone will save time, increase efficiency in this office and significantly reduce costs and delay for home and land owners throughout this watershed.

We worked on the Teeswater Floodplain Mapping initiative in response to Gay Lea's urgent need for clarity as to the potential for expansion on their Teeswater site. Through the initiative of Members of this Authority at our March 31st meeting, this matter became the 'number one' priority of the SVCA for the remainder of the year. Our subsequent work with the municipality of South Bruce and Gay Lea in the community of Teeswater has helped to give an important regional industry the confidence they needed to invest in our regional community. We will continue to dedicate ourselves to implementing a permanent solution in Teeswater that supports the economic development of South Bruce while fulfilling our mandate to protect against flooding. Importantly, our work on this file has also contributed to furthering our knowledge about how to develop new regulation quality mapping for other parts of our watershed.

Most importantly, and for the first time in our history, we have developed a draft policy to govern the activities of the SVCA planning and regulations department. An early version of this policy is already serving to guide the activities of our regulations officers as a reference document. Going forward, after extraordinary input from the Members of this Authority, a revised version of the policy will be completed and presented here for final approval. It is clear to me, that once approved, this new policy document will fundamentally alter our approach to municipal planning comment and to the enforcement of our regulation. Ultimately, it will serve to focus our activities on fulfilling our fundamental responsibilities under the Conservation Authorities Act and on playing our legislated role in municipal planning - no more and no less.

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Going forward, we will have the opportunity to go further and do more to streamline and improve our planning and regulations services.

In 2017, we will complete the new planning and regulations policy and use it to form the basis for the implementation of new planning services agreements with watershed municipalities. The Authority has already authorized the Chair to negotiate these new planning services agreements and the SVCA will initiate these negotiations this year.

To be clear, our mandate in negotiating new planning services agreements will be to limit the area and scope of municipal plan input and review by the SVCA. As I have said, we will focus this Authority's efforts on fulfilling our role as defined by the Province of Ontario. Make no mistake, we will be determined and vigorous in fulfilling our role but we will also do so strictly within the confines of the mandate that has been given to us by the Province.

In 2017, we will also make progress on our floodplain mapping initiatives. Using the updated Teeswater floodplain mapping as an example, we will reconvene our mapping working group and work toward updated mapping for priority areas across the watershed. We will also refocus our efforts to get the latest floodplain mapping for Walkerton and Kincardine through the approval process required to allow it to be used as full regulation mapping. Each of these initiatives will eliminate screening buffers, exempt development on more property from unnecessary SVCA review and ultimately increase our efficiency and timeliness.

The Authority's work in other important areas will also continue in 2017.

We will continue to press the province to permit the aerial application of herbicides to destroy Phragmites in our waterways and along our waterfronts.

We will continue to work with our partners to help restore the natural flow of our rivers by helping to facilitate their efforts to remove dams.

We will work with our partners in the private sector to advance environmental and stewardship initiatives for the benefit of all residents of the Saugeen watershed.

And we will continue to work with property owners wishing to transfer ownership of environmentally significant lands to the Authority so that we can protect it in perpetuity.

In short, in 2017 we will continue to implement programming in support of our mandate to protect and improve this watershed while striving to better serve the needs of the public and our member municipalities.

To conclude, I would like to note, as I have in the past, that the commitment of Authority staff never ceases to amaze me. These individuals work tirelessly to support events and initiatives that advance the message of conservation and the purpose of the Authority. Recent years have been difficult for our staff as the Authority has worked to create an environment in which they can succeed and thrive. For this reason, it is all the more important to be clear that all the good that we do would not be possible without their tireless efforts.

I am looking forward to working with staff, my fellow Authority Members and the public at large during what I know will be a busy and productive year ahead. I am resolutely optimistic about what we can accomplish together in 2017. Thank you." Luke Charbonneau, Chair, SVCA

7. **Presentations to Retiring Authority Member and Welcome to new Member from Arran-Elderslie**

Although not present at the meeting, Dan Kerr, a retiring Member, was thanked for his past service to the Authority. He will receive a certificate of appreciation from Saugeen Conservation. Mark Davis was introduced as the new Member from Arran-Elderslie.

8. **Election of Officers**

Luke Charbonneau vacated the chair in favour of Sonya Skinner, Chair Pro Tem, who conducted the elections.

MOTION #G17-04

Moved by Sue Paterson

Seconded by Steve McCabe

THAT Sonya Skinner be appointed as Chair Pro Tem for the purposes of conducting the election of officers for 2017.

CARRIED

Sonya Skinner reviewed the voting procedures and told the Authority that there were no nominations in absentia. She declared all offices vacant and called for a motion to appoint two scrutineers, in the event of an election count.

MOTION #G17-05

Moved by Maureen Couture

Seconded by Robert Buckle

THAT Carl Seider and Michael Givens be appointed as scrutineers for the election of officers.

CARRIED

Election of Chair

Ms. Skinner called for nominations for the position of Chair for 2017. Sue Paterson nominated Luke Charbonneau. No further nominations were received.

MOTION #G17-06

Moved by Kevin Eccles

Seconded by John Bell

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

CARRIED

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Mr. Charbonneau thanked his nominator and agreed to let his name stand for nomination.

MOTION #G17-07

Moved by Steve McCabe

Seconded by Mark Davis

THAT Luke Charbonneau be appointed Chair of the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority for the year 2017.

CARRIED

Election of 1st Vice-Chair

Ms. Skinner called for nominations for the position of 1st Vice-Chair for 2017. Luke Charbonneau nominated Dan Gieruszak. No further nominations were received. Mr. Gieruszak agreed to have his name stand for nomination.

MOTION #G17-08

Moved by Stewart Halliday

Seconded by Wilf Gamble

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

CARRIED

MOTION #G17-09

Moved by Kevin Eccles

Seconded by Barbara Dobreen

THAT Dan Gieruszak be appointed as 1st Vice-Chair of the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority for the year 2017.

CARRIED

Election of 2nd Vice-Chair

Ms. Skinner called for nominations for the position of 2nd Vice-Chair for 2017. Andrew White nominated Maureen Couture. No further nominations were received for 2nd Vice-Chair.

MOTION #G17-10

Moved by Kevin Eccles

Seconded by Dan Gieruszak

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

CARRIED

Maureen Couture agreed to let her name stand for nomination.

MOTION #G17-11

Moved by Barbara Dobreen

Seconded by Robert Buckle

THAT Maureen Couture be appointed 2nd Vice-Chair of the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority for the year 2017.

CARRIED

Election to the Position of Member at Large

Ms. Skinner called for nominations to fill the position of Member at Large for 2017. Luke Charbonneau nominated Kevin Eccles to fill the position of Member at Large. No further nominations were received.

MOTION #G17-12

Moved by Andrew White

Seconded by Maureen Couture

THAT the nominations for the position of Member at Large of the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority be closed.

CARRIED

Kevin Eccles was willing to let his name stand. He told the Authority that he was honoured to be nominated for an Executive Committee position.

MOTION #G17-13

Moved by Brian Gamble

Seconded by Sue Paterson

THAT Kevin Eccles be appointed to fill the position of Member at Large of the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority for the year 2017.

CARRIED

Ms Skinner left the Chair Pro Tem position and Mr. Charbonneau took his place as Chair. He thanked the Authority for the vote of confidence in re-appointing him SVCA Chair for 2017.

A coffee break was called at 1:46pm and the meeting was reconvened at 2:00pm.

9. Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

10. Correspondence

- Copy of Letter from Peggy Rouse, Clerk-Administrator, Municipality of Arran-Elderslie, regarding the appointment of Mark Davis as the SVCA representative was **noted and filed**.

11. Presentation – Bruce Power Water Sampling Project

Shaun Anthony, Water Quality Specialist, presented a PowerPoint report regarding the Bruce Power Surface Water Monitoring Program pilot project. He explained that Francis Chua, Manager of Environment and Sustainability, had approached SVCA to perform surface water sampling at Bruce Power and assist with regulatory requirements. Shaun had prepared a quotation for Bruce Power based on the cost of setup, conducting of sampling, and field visits. Staff would be compensated for time, mileage, and expenses, and would be charged out at 2.5x the regular hourly rate, based on Authority policy. Shaun explained that participation in this project would enhance an already valued partnership with Bruce Power.

12. Reports

a. Finance Report

Wayne Brohman, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer reviewed the Finance Report and noted that the year to date revenue is up in the Environmental Planning and Regulations budget. He explained that this was due to the increase in permits. He also noted that the Information and Technology revenues were higher than budgeted due to the transfer of reserve funds to pay for the 3D modelling software. He encouraged Authority members to come in and view the software. Wayne pointed out that expenses for the non-revenue parks were down and that a water purification system was to be installed at Sulphur Spring as preventative maintenance. Wayne explained to the Authority that there was a surplus at the Durham Campground as the summer weather was conducive to excellent camping. Expenses at the Bluffs Campground are expected to be lower in 2017 as most of the horse camping project had been completed. Some trail improvements are planned for 2017. Wayne noted that the Forests revenue was lower than budgeted as tenders for cutting had not been requested due to slower growth. The Authority would like to review this with the Forestry Committee.

MOTION #G17-14

Moved by John Bell

Seconded by Dan Gieruszak

THAT the Financial Report to November 30, 2016 be accepted as distributed and further;

THAT the Accounts Payable, totaling \$479,039.10 be approved as distributed.

CARRIED

b. Program Report

MOTION #G17-15

Moved by Andrew White

Seconded by Wilf Gamble

THAT the Program report be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

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c. Planning & Regulations Action Items

The GM/S-T reviewed the Planning & Regulations Action Items. The Authority members discussed item #8 and requested that the appeal process be posted on the SVCA website. Erik Downing, Manager Planning & Regulations, will ensure this is completed. There was no further discussion on this report.

d. Conservation Ontario Council Meeting

The GM/S-T informed the Authority that the Conservation Ontario Council meeting was held on December 5, 2016 and that he attended the meeting, along with Luke Charbonneau and Dan Gieruszak. He updated the members on the Gilmore v. NVCA appeal in that a decision has been deferred to April 2017. There was discussion regarding the increase in WSIB rates and the reason for the increase. There has been a formal recognition of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and claims are on the rise especially with First Responders. CA's are in the same class and Conservation Ontario will be retaining the services of a WSIB consultant to review options. It has been noted that the 2017 SVCA budget includes these WSIB rate increases.

e. Agricultural Advisory Committee Minutes

John Bell reported that there has been constructive discussion at the Agricultural Advisory Committee meetings and is hopefully being perceived in a positive sense by the public. The meeting held in September was informative with a presentation by Paul Elston on Municipal drains and tile drainage.

MOTION #G17-16

Moved by Mike Smith

Seconded by Mark Davis

THAT the minutes of the Agricultural Advisory Committee, September 12, 2016 be received.

CARRIED

f. Group Benefits Program & Long Term Disability Plan

The GM/S-T advised the Authority that there were going to be several changes to the Group Benefits Program and the Long Term Disability plan. He explained that premiums were predicted to increase in 2017 resulting in decreases in coverage. He summarized the current LTD plan and explained that due to Revenue Canada requirements it is necessary to make changes resulting in the requirement for SVCA to pay 100% of the premium. He identified five possible options for covering the costs but informed the members that a decision was not required until the 2018 budget deliberations. The members agreed to refer the matter to the Executive Committee and return to the Authority with their recommendation.

MOTION #G17-17

Moved by Barbara Dobreen

Seconded by Robert Buckle

THAT the Authority refers the LTD/Benefits matter to the Executive Committee; and further

THAT the Executive Committee meet with the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer and management staff to discuss and make recommendation to the Authority.

CARRIED

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Wilf Gamble left the meeting at 2:50pm.

13. New Business

a. 2017 Budget Vote

Laura Molson, Manager, Accounting reviewed the budget vote procedures and explained the weighted vote system.

MOTION #G17-18

Moved by Maureen Couture

Seconded by Barbara Dobreen

THAT the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority adopt the 2017 Budget as approved in principle at the November 2, 2016 meeting; and further

THAT the Authority share of the costs will be raised through general revenues, reserves, donations, general surplus and special and general levies in accordance with the Conservation Authorities Act; and further THAT the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer is hereby authorized to forward levy notices to the member municipalities.

A recorded vote was taken for the 2017 Budget with the following results:

Arran-Elderslie	Mark Davis	Yea
Brockton	Dan Gieruszak	Yea
Chatsworth	Brian Gamble	Yea
Grey-Highlands	Stewart Halliday	Yea
Hanover	Sue Paterson	Yea
Howick	Robert Buckle	Yea
Huron-Kinloss	Wilf Gamble	Absent
Kincardine	Maureen Couture	Yea
Kincardine	Andrew White	Yea
Minto	Steve McCabe	Yea
Morris-Turnberry	Robert Buckle	Yea
Saugeen Shores	Luke Charbonneau	Yea
Saugeen Shores	Mike Smith	Yea
South Bruce	Robert Buckle	Yea
Southgate	Barbara Dobreen	Yea
Wellington North	Steve McCabe	Yea
West Grey	John Bell	Yea
West Grey	Kevin Eccles	Yea

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The result of the vote was 100 percent of the weighted average of those present in favour. Therefore, **Motion #G17-18 was CARRIED.**

MOTION #G17-19

Moved by Barbara Dobreen
Seconded by Steve McCabe

THAT the amount of \$1,639,730 be raised by General Levy in 2017; and further

THAT General Levy payments shall be due in two equal instalments on March 31 and June 30; and further

THAT late payments shall be subject to the Authority’s normal late payment charge of 1.50% per month thereafter; and further

THAT, in accordance with Section 27(4) of the Conservation Authorities Act, R.S.O. 1990, the minimum sum that shall be levied against a participating municipality for administration costs shall be \$1,100.00.

CARRIED

b. 2017 Meeting Schedule

The GM/S-T explained that the meeting schedule had been adjusted by changing from the customary meeting day of Thursday to Wednesday to try to accommodate more of the members and reduce the number of no quorum meetings. Several members expressed concern that Wednesdays still created a conflict so the schedule was amended as follows:

Friday January 13 – Annual Meeting	1:00pm
Tuesday February 21	1:00pm
Tuesday March 21	1:00pm
Tuesday May 16	7:00pm
Tuesday July 18	7:00pm
Tuesday September 19 – Budget Review	10:00am
Tuesday October 17	1:00pm
Tuesday December 19	1:00pm

MOTION #G17-20

Moved by Barbara Dobreen
Seconded by Steve McCabe

THAT the 2017 Authority meeting schedule be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

c. OMERS Resolution

The GM/S-T presented a report from Laura Molson regarding the OMERS pension plan whereby review of the employer's membership coverage for participating employers indicated that the SVCA 1978 resolution required updating. There was no discussion on this matter and the following motion was passed:

MOTION #G17-21

Moved by Mike Smith

Seconded by Maureen Couture

A Resolution to provide for optional membership in the OMERS primary pension plan ("Primary Plan"), and the retirement compensation arrangement that provides benefits for members and former members of the Primary Plan ("RCA"), in respect of the employees identified herein.

Whereas pursuant to subsection 6(1) of the Primary Plan an employer who is eligible under the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System Act, 2006 ("OMERS Act, 2006") to participate in the Primary Plan and the RCA may, by by-law or resolution, participate in the Primary Plan and the RCA and pay to the funds for the Primary Plan and the RCA the total of the employer and member contributions, and has all of the powers necessary and incidental thereto.

And whereas Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority ("Employer") previously enacted Resolution E78-31 and elected to participate in the Primary Plan and the RCA.

And whereas it is deemed desirable to modify the conditions for membership in the Primary Plan and the RCA for Specified OTCFT Employees (as defined below).

Therefore the Board of the Employer enacts as follows:

1. THAT The Employer approves optional memberships in the Primary Plan and the RCA for each person who is employed by the Employer on other than a continuous full-time basis ("OTCFT Employee") who is employed in the following class(es) ("Specified OTCFT Employees"):
2. THAT Every person who becomes a Specified OTCFT Employee on or after the date of this by-law, as set out below, is entitled to become a member of the Primary Plan and the RCA on the first day of the month following the month in which the Specified OTCFT Employee's application is received by the OMERS Administration Corporation ("OAC"), provided that the OAC may, at the request of the Employer, fix an earlier date on which the Specified OTCFT Employee becomes a member but not before the date on which the Specified OTCFT Employee became entitled to be a member or the first day of January in the year in which the application is received by the OAC, whichever is the later date.

CARRIED

d. Municipal Population Data/Authority Member Appointments

The GM/S-T reviewed the Authority representation policy which is based on population statistics of each municipality and is provided by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry each year. It has been found that this source is often inaccurate and the GM/S-T is requesting to use the census population data provided by Statistics Canada. This data is only updated every five years but is considered to be accurate. After discussion the following motion was passed:

MOTION #G17-22

Moved by Barbara Dobreen

Seconded by Mark Davis

Whereas Section 2 and 14 of the Conservation Authorities Act requires that the number of Authority representatives appointed by each watershed municipality be based on the municipality's population;

THAT the Authority directs that the municipal population numbers used in determining Authority municipal representation be based on the most recent Statistics Canada census data available.

CARRIED

e. Agricultural Advisory Committee motion – Phragmites

John Bell, Chair, Agricultural Advisory Committee and Authority Member, informed the members that the committee had been in discussion regarding invasive Phragmites on the Lake Huron shoreline. Joanne Harbinson, Manager Water Resources & Stewardship Services had given a presentation at the meeting, December 12, 2016 and the Agricultural Advisory Committee passed a motion to support the ongoing efforts of SVCA in the education of member municipalities and the public about the issue. The committee advocated that SVCA proceed with a recommendation that Phragmites Australis be put on Ontario's Noxious Weed list and that SVCA stress to MOECC the importance of an approved overwater herbicide for combating the spread of this weed.

After discussion the Authority passed the following motion:

MOTION #G17-23

Moved by Steve McCabe

Seconded by John Bell

THAT the Authority recommend that Phragmites Australis be put on Ontario's Noxious Weed list; and further

THAT the Authority stress to MOECC the importance of an approved overwater herbicide product for combating the spread of invasive phragmites.

CARRIED

f. **Committee Appointments**

Appointment to Forestry Committee for 2017

MOTION #G17-24

Moved by Maureen Couture

Seconded by Barbara Dobreen

THAT the following members be appointed to the Forestry Committee for 2017:

Brian Gamble, Sue Paterson, John Bell & Barbara Dobreen.

CARRIED

Appointment to the Property & Building Committee for 2017

MOTION #G17-25

Moved by Barbara Dobreen

Seconded by Sue Paterson

THAT the following members be appointed to the Property & Building Committee for 2017:

Robert Buckle, Mark Davis, Stewart Halliday, Kevin Eccles.

CARRIED

Appointment to Parks Committee for 2017

MOTION #G17-26

Moved by Robert Buckle

Seconded by Kevin Eccles

THAT the following members be appointed to the Parks Committee for 2017:

Mark Davis, Andrew White, Maureen Couture and Dan Gieruszak.

CARRIED

Appointment to Agricultural Committee for 2017

MOTION #G17-27

Moved by Barbara Dobreen

Seconded by Maureen Couture

THAT the following three members be appointed to the Agricultural Advisory Committee for 2017:

Steve McCabe, John Bell, and Mike Smith.

CARRIED

Conservation Ontario Council Representatives

MOTION #G17-28

Moved by Mike Smith

Seconded by John Bell

THAT Luke Charbonneau and Dan Gieruszak serve as the representatives for Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority on the Conservation Ontario council for the year 2017.

CARRIED

14. Other Business

a. Teeswater Flood Plain Mapping update

The GM/S-T reported to the members that the baseline mapping had been completed and that in order to expedite the study, he requested that the Authority authorize the Executive Committee to approve the report once it is received from the MMM Group. Robert Buckle emphasized the urgency in completing the study quickly since it had been scheduled for completion in September/October 2016. Wayne explained that MMM Group had delayed the study due to internal reasons. The members expressed that this delay is not acceptable. Wayne assured the Authority that the study is now proceeding well.

After discussion the following motion was passed:

MOTION #G17-29

Moved by Robert Buckle

Seconded by Maureen Couture

THAT the Executive Committee be authorized to approve the Teeswater Flood Plain mapping study report of MMM Group; and further

THAT upon approval of the report by the Executive Committee that the Authority hereby adopts a Two Zone policy for the community of Teeswater.

CARRIED

b. Planning & Regulations Policies Manual

The GM/S-T discussed distribution of the Planning & Regulations Policies Manual. He suggested that the manual be sent to member watershed municipalities and neighbouring conservation authorities rather than hold public consultations. The members discussed having a public review through the SVCA website. The members deliberated some of the wording of the document, and also noted that the Census information needed to be updated. The members would like more information on the Municipal Drain Act especially regarding natural watercourses. Erik Downing will prepare a clarification for the next scheduled meeting.

MOTION #G17-30

Moved by Steve McCabe

Seconded by Stewart Halliday

THAT the Authority approve the draft Environmental Planning & Regulations Policies Manual for distribution for comment to adjacent conservation authorities and SVCA watershed municipalities, and further

THAT the final date of comment will be March 20, 2017.

CARRIED

c. **Planning & Regulations Customer Service Survey Update**

The Chair deferred this item to the next scheduled Authority meeting.

d. **Local Newspaper 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.

15. Closed Session

MOTION #G17-31

Moved by Maureen Couture

Seconded by Steve McCabe

THAT the Authority Members move to Closed Session, In Camera, to discuss a personnel matter; and further

THAT Janice Hagan remain in the meeting.

CARRIED

MOTION #G17-35

Moved by Maureen Couture

Seconded by Robert Buckle

THAT the Authority adjourn from closed Session, In camera, and rise and report.

CARRIED

Only those items identified on the agenda were discussed in Closed Session. There were no actions to report from the Closed Session, In Camera.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:04pm on motion of Steve McCabe.

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Luke Charbonneau
Chair

Janice Hagan
Recording Secretary