

SAUGEEN VALLEY  
CONSERVATION  
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# MINUTES

Conservation through Cooperation

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MEETING: PARKS COMMITTEE  
DATE: Wednesday September 23, 2020  
TIME: 10:00 a.m.  
LOCATION: Saugeen Bluffs Campground

CHAIR: Cheryl Grace

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dan Gieruszak, Sue Paterson, Mike Myatt

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Maureen Couture

OTHERS PRESENT: Jennifer Stephens, GM/S-T,  
Donna Lacey, Manager, Forestry & Lands,  
Janice Hagan, Recording Secretary

## **1. Appointment of Chair**

### **MOTION # PKC20-01**

Moved by Sue Paterson

Seconded by Mike Myatt

THAT Cheryl Grace be appointed to fill the position of Chair of the Parks Committee for 2020.

**CARRIED**

## **2. Adoption of Agenda**

### **MOTION # PKC20-02**

Moved by Mike Myatt

Seconded by Sue Paterson

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

## **3. Declaration of pecuniary interest**

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

**4. Minutes of the Parks Committee Meeting – September 19, 2017**

**MOTION # PKC20-03**

Moved by Dan Gieruszak

Seconded by Sue Paterson

THAT the Minutes of the Parks Committee meeting, September 19, 2017 be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**5. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

- a. Durham Upper Dam Walkway Gates

It was noted that motion PCK17-05 from the September 19, 2017 meeting had been tabled. While this motion has now expired, Donna explained that locking the walkway gates at the Upper Dam continues to be a matter of relevance since trailer break-ins remain a concern. Locking the gates during the off season is not recommended since the community use of the trail is extensive and could create a potential backlash. Staff recommend that the gates be locked during the camping season from dusk to dawn. Staff will consult with the Municipality West Grey to determine feasibility for closing the gates during the off season. After further discussion, the following motion was passed:

**MOTION # PKC20-04**

Moved by Dan Gieruszak

Seconded by Mike Myatt

THAT the Durham Upper Dam walkway gates be locked from dusk to dawn during the camping season.

**CARRIED**

**6. New Business**

- a. Terms of Reference

Donna presented the Parks Committee Terms of Reference, dated 2011, and noted that it requires updating. Staff were directed to redraft the committee terms of reference.

**MOTION # PKC20-05**

Moved by Sue Paterson

Seconded by Mike Myatt

THAT staff be directed to redraft the Parks Committee Terms of Reference.

**CARRIED**

- b. Status of Parks

The Parks Committee toured the Sauguen Bluffs Campground and observed areas of concern. The members requested that a framework be provided for the development of plans for park improvements which should include privy toilet upgrades, shower building renovations, and laundry facilities. Health & Safety issues include lack of washroom accessibility and poor cell service. Staff were directed to

investigate the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) to ensure compliance in future capital renovations.

**7. Other Business**

There was no other business.

**8. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will take place at the Durham Campground, October 2020. The date and time will be announced.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:47 p.m. on motion of Sue Paterson.

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Cheryl Grace  
Chair

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Janice Hagan  
Recording Secretary