

SAUGEEN VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Conservation through Cooperation

MINUTES

MEETING: Board of Directors
DATE: Thursday, February 16, 2012
TIME: 1:00pm
LOCATION: Administration Office, Formosa

CHAIR: Bill Scriven

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Roland Anstett, Luke Charbonneau, Ron Cristine, John Eccles, Brian Gamble, Doug Gowanlock, Peter Hambly, Glen Irwin, David Kell, Mike Leggett, Mark MacKenzie

DIRECTORS ABSENT, WITH REGRET: Jim Hanna, Carl Zettel

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Dan Kerr

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Coffey, Chief Administrative Officer
Dave Pybus, Sr. Manager, Flood Forecasting & Land Management
Gary Senior, Sr. Manager, Environmental Planning & Regulations
Al Leach, Manager, Lands
Shannon Wood, Manager, Communications
Laura Molson, Manager, Accounting
Don Smith, Project Manager, Drinking Water Source Protection
Bonnie Sherman, Executive Secretary
Ed Moric, Chair, Saugeen Valley Conservation Foundation
Members of the Press

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION #G12-19

Moved by Doug Gowanlock
Seconded by Roland Anstett
THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried

CHEQUE PRESENTATION – Lynda Cain, Ontario Power Generation

Lynda Cain, from Ontario Power Generation, presented a \$2,000.00 cheque to Ed Moric, Chair of the Saugeen Valley Conservation Foundation, as their contribution toward the 2011 Christmas in the Country event. In turn, Mr. Moric presented OPG with a certificate of appreciation for their continued support of the Foundation's events.

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 & ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS – NOVEMBER 25, 2011 & JANUARY 13, 2012

MOTION #G12-20

Moved by Luke Charbonneau

Seconded by Mike Leggett

THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting, held on November 25, 2011, be adopted as circulated, and further

THAT the minutes of the Annual General meeting, held on January 13, 2012, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The recommendation placed before the Board of Directors was based on the total amount of general levy that was approved in principle for distribution to the member municipalities in Motion #G11-83.

2012 Budget

MOTION #G12-21

Moved by Peter Hambly

Seconded by Mike Leggett

THAT the amount of \$1,497,081 be raised by General Levy in 2012, 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.

A recorded vote was taken for this motion with the following results:

Arran-Elderslie	Dan Kerr	Absent
Brockton	Roland Anstett	Nay
Chatsworth	Brian Gamble	Nay
Grey-Highlands	David Kell	Yea
Hanover	Peter Hambly	Nay
Howick	Carl Zettel	Absent
Huron-Kinloss	Jim Hanna	Absent
Kincardine	Ron Coristine	Yea
Kincardine	Mike Leggett	Yea
Minto	Mark MacKenzie	Yea
Morris-Turnberry	Carl Zettel	Absent
Saugeen Shores	Doug Gowanlock	Yea
Saugeen Shores	Luke Charbonneau	Nay
South Bruce	Carl Zettel	Absent
Southgate	Glen Irwin	Nay
Wellington North	Mark MacKenzie	Nay
West Grey	Bill Scriven	Nay
West Grey	John Eccles	Nay

Whereas 44.2484% is required to carry the vote and the result of the vote was 41.813 percent, therefore, Motion #G12-21 was **Defeated**.

It was noted that the majority of the suggested increase is for salaries and benefits. The following motion was then introduced:

MOTION #G12-22

Moved by Brian Gamble

Seconded by Glen Irwin

THAT salaries be frozen for 2012 and further

THAT the employee benefit package be approved.

Defeated

Other discussions centered on cutting Capital expenditures in the non-revenue parks for 2012. This would mean there would be no trail improvements/developments, picnic tables at Varney CA, signage for McBeath CA or upgrades to Stoney Island CA. The following motion was then introduced:

MOTION #G12-23

Moved by Luke Charbonneau

Seconded by Roland Anstett

THAT general levy Capital spending in non-revenue parks be frozen for 2012.

Defeated

MOTION #G12-24

Moved by Glen Irwin

Seconded by Peter Hambly

THAT the increase to General Levy be reduced to 5% from 9% and further

THAT the 4% reduction be realized from Administration.

Defeated

Following extensive debate and discussion, it was suggested to re-introduce the original motion for another vote.

MOTION #G12-25

Moved by Ron Coristine

Seconded by Peter Hambly

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Kincardine	Mike Leggett	Yea
Minto	Mark MacKenzie	Yea
Morris-Turnberry	Carl Zettel	Absent

Saugeen Shores	Doug Gowanlock	Yea
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Wellington North	Mark MacKenzie	Nay
West Grey	Bill Scriven	Yea
West Grey	John Eccles	Nay

The result of the vote was 48.5061 percent. Therefore, Motion #G12-25 was **Carried**.

MOTION #G12-26

Moved by Peter Hambly

Seconded by Ron Coristine

THAT the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority adopt the 2012 Total Budget as outlined in the document presented at the November 25, 2011 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 Chief Administrative Officer is hereby authorized to forward levy notices to the member municipalities.

Carried

Brian Gamble requested the minutes indicate he voted in opposition of Motion #G12-26.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors was changed to a full day meeting, commencing at 10:00am on March 29. The morning session will be dedicated to discussion on how to reduce expenses.

Drinking Water Source Protection-Education/Incentive Policy Comments

MOTION #G12-27

Moved by Luke Charbonneau

Seconded by Peter Hambly

THAT the Drinking Water Source Protection-Education/Incentive Policy comments, as presented by staff, be adopted and forwarded to the Source Protection Committee.

Carried

The Board of Directors also discussed a draft letter authored by the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority and addressed to the Premier of Ontario outlining their concern regarding the costs of implementation of the Clean Water Act. The Board of Directors agreed with the content of the letter and endorsed the co-signing of the letter if that was acceptable to the GSCA.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Bill Walker, MPP, Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound – inviting to meet with representatives of the Board of Directors and senior staff to discuss conservation and environment priorities – arrangements will be made for the Chair, Vice-Chair and CAO to meet with Mr. Walker

Municipality of Brockton – indicating Council is opposed to any increase in budget exceeding 3% - noted & filed

Township of Chatsworth - indicating Council is opposed to any increase in budget exceeding 2% - noted & filed

Ministry of Natural Resources – indicating MNR will resume full delivery of the MFTIP program, effective January 1, 2012 – noted & filed

Ministry of Natural Resources – Minister’s Approval for sale of SVCA property to the Municipality of West Grey (tennis courts) – noted & filed

Ministry of the Environment, Source Water Programs Branch – advising of Minister’s approval of the Assessment Report for the Saugeen Valley Source Protection Area – noted & filed

Municipality of Morris-Turnberry – approval of the SVCA’s 2012 budget – noted & filed

6. REPORTS

Chair & Conservation Ontario

The Chair advised he had attended an SVC Foundation meeting as well as several municipal Council meetings to discuss the draft budget. Discussions were held with the Foundation in an attempt to assist them with revenue-generating ideas.

Finance Report

A copy of Report #6a, entitled Finance Report, is appended to the office copy of these minutes. Staff was requested to identify in the chequelist, from this point forward, any expenditure that is covered by funding other than Authority monies.

MOTION #G12-28

Moved by Luke Charbonneau

Seconded by Peter Hambly

THAT the Financial Report to December 31, 2011 be accepted as distributed, and further

THAT the Accounts Payable, totaling \$557,041.31 for November, December 2011 and January 2012 be approved for payment.

Carried

Program Report

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

MOTION #G12-29

Moved by Luke Charbonneau

Seconded by Peter Hambly

THAT the Program Report be adopted as presented, and further

THAT the Permits as identified in Report #6b and dated February 16, 2012 be approved by the Board of Directors.

Carried

Foundation Report

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

Shannon Wood reminded the Board of Directors of the upcoming Maple Syrup Festival, to be held March 24 and 25, at the Saugeen Bluffs Conservation Area. All Directors are invited to attend this annual event.

The Authority-designed and created large insect display that was featured at the Christmas in the Country event is being moved to the Bruce County Museum and Cultural Centre and will be on public display from May 17 to September 3.

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

These draft minutes were provided to the Board of Directors for their information.

MOTION #G12-30

Moved by Roland Anstett

Seconded by Mike Leggett

THAT the draft minutes of the Executive Committee meeting, held December 22, 2011, be received.

Carried

Executive Committee Meeting Closed Session Minutes

In accordance with the amended Administration Resolutions, paper copies of these minutes were provided to the Board of Directors, in sealed envelopes, for their review. These envelopes were then returned to the Executive Secretary for shredding following the meeting.

MOTION #G12-31

Moved by Luke Charbonneau

Seconded by Mike Leggett

THAT the draft minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting, Closed Session, held December 22, 2011, be received.

Carried

Property & Building Committee Meeting Minutes

These draft minutes were provided to the Board of Directors for their information.

MOTION #G12-32

Moved by Roland Anstett

Seconded by Mark MacKenzie

THAT the draft minutes of the Property & Building Committee meeting, held January 26, 2012, be received.

Carried

Biennial Tour Committee Meeting Minutes

These draft minutes were provided to the Board of Directors for their information.

MOTION #G12-33

Moved by John Eccles

Seconded by Roland Anstett

THAT the draft minutes of the Biennial Tour Committee meeting, held January 25, 2012, be received.

Carried

7. NEW BUSINESS

Aerial Photography Replacement Program

A copy of Report #7a, entitled Southwestern Ontario Orthophotography Project (SWOOP), is appended to the office copy of these minutes.

Considering the earlier budget discussions, the Board of Directors agreed to defer this matter to the next Board meeting, to be held March 29, for further consideration.

3D Digital Elevation Model

A copy of Report #7b, entitled Elevation Modeling Software System, is appended to the office copy of these minutes.

MOTION #G12-34

Moved by John Eccles

Seconded by Mike Leggett

THAT Saugeen Conservation join a partnership to purchase the Softcopy Photogrammetry System and contribute the sum of \$5,000 as the Authority's share of the project, and further THAT the funds be allocated out of reserves.

Carried

Bluewater Chapter OBOA Meeting

Representatives of the Bluewater Chapter OBOA joined the meeting at this time.

Gary Senior, Sr. Manager, Environmental Planning & Regulations, reviewed the key points in this report for the benefit of the OBOA delegation and Board of Directors.

MOTION #G12-35

Moved by Ron Coristine

Seconded by Mike Leggett

THAT Report #7c, entitled October 31, 2011 Meeting with Representatives of the Bluewater Chapter of the Ontario Building Officials Association, as presented by the Chief Building Official Sub Committee, be adopted and forwarded to the Bluewater Chapter of the OBOA.

Carried

Inverhuron Flood Control Project

A tender by invitation will be made in the near future for the repair of the earthen embankment at the Inverhuron Flood Control Project in Kincardine Township. A sub-committee, consisting of the Chair, the Municipality of Kincardine SVCA representatives as well as senior staff, will be called to open and review the tenders for recommendation for acceptance to the Board of Directors at the March meeting.

Drummond Report

The Drummond Report was released on February 15 and staff has not had an opportunity to fully review the recommendations outlined in this document. More information will be forthcoming once staff has a chance to review this report in detail.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

A poster advertising the Authority’s upcoming Flood Preparedness Workshop was provided to the Board of Directors. All Directors were invited to participate in this workshop.

The March 29, 2012 Board of Directors meeting is now scheduled to begin at 10:00am, with the morning session dedicated to discussion on ways to further reduce the 2012 Budget. The Chair requested everyone to come prepared with suggestions.

9. FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMITTEE REPORTS

No Directors had anything to report.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm on motion of Roland Anstett.

Bill Scriven
Chair

Bonnie Sherman
Executive Secretary