

SAUGEEN VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Conservation through Cooperation

MINUTES

MEETING: Board of Directors
DATE: October 1, 2009
TIME: 7:00 pm
LOCATION: Resource Centre, Headquarters Conservation Area

CHAIR: Doug Freiburger

DIRECTORS PRESENT: John Bell, Gord Campbell, Luke Charbonneau, Anne Eadie, Peter Hambly, Ron Hewitt, Tom Kuglin, Manley Risk, Dan Sullivan, Ralph Winslade, Carl Zettel

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Dan Gieruszak, Iain Forbes, Jack Riley

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Coffey, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer
Gary Senior, Senior Manager, Environmental Planning & Regulations
Don Smith, Project Manager, Drinking Water Source Protection
Laura Molson, Manager, Accounting
Jo-Anne Harbinson, Manager, Water Resources & Stewardship Services
Shannon Wood, Manager, Communications
Al Leach, Manager, Lands
Cara Holtby, Environmental Planning Coordinator
Bonnie Sherman, Executive Secretary
Members of the Press

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION #G09-81

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

Carried

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

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

The Chair introduced Cara Holtby to the Board of Directors. Cara has taken over the position of Environmental Planning Coordinator, currently held by Jo-Anne Harbinson.

3. MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – July 9 & Phone Poll – August 6, 2009

MOTION #G09-82

Moved by Ralph Winslade

Seconded by Luke Charbonneau

THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting, held July 9, 2009, and the minutes of the Board of Directors Phone Poll, held August 6, 2009, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Planning Agreement

Staff has spoken with representatives from the Municipality of West Grey and, following a few minor wording changes, this Agreement should be finalized in the near future. Authority staff will be meeting with representatives from the Town of Hanover in mid-October to review their Agreement.

Nothing further has been resolved with the Township of Chatsworth.

Administration Resolutions – Update

A copy of Report #4a, entitled Administration Resolutions, is appended to the office copy of these minutes.

MOTION #G09-83

Moved by Peter Hambly

Seconded by Luke Charbonneau

THAT the draft Administration Resolutions for the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority, dated March 2009, as presented at the Board of Directors meeting held on March 19 and as revised at the May 7 and July 9, 2009 meetings, be adopted.

Carried

Power Work Camp – Update

A copy of Report #4b, entitled Power Work Camp – Update, is appended to the office copy of these minutes.

MOTION #G09-84

Moved by Anne Eadie

Seconded by Ron Hewitt

THAT the October 1, 2009 staff report on the update of the Power Work Camp be received.

Carried

Community Adjustment Fund

The Authority has received notification that it was not successful in its application to the Community Adjustment Fund.

No information has been received to date regarding the status of the Authority's application to the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund.

Children's Safety Village – Update

A copy of Report #4c, entitled Saugeen Valley Children's Safety Village (SVCSV), is appended to the office copy of these minutes.

MOTION #G09-85

Moved by Gord Campbell

Seconded by Peter Hambly

THAT the October 1, 2009 staff report on the update of the SVCSV be received, and further

THAT the Board of Directors accept the letter from the SVCSV and approve of this development.

Carried

Children's Safety Village Founding Committee Appointment

A copy of Report #4d, entitled Saugeen Valley Children's Safety Village (SVCSV), is appended to the office copy of these minutes.

MOTION #G09-86

Moved by Anne Eadie

Seconded by Tom Kuglin

THAT the Board of Directors approve the appointment of Al Leach, Manager of Lands, as a member of the SVCSV Founding Committee representing the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority.

Carried

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Mun. of Brockton – motion requesting a review of turnaround times for Regulations applications be reviewed during the Authority's Strategic Planning process - **noted**

Conservation Ontario – letter to Ministry of Natural Resources re Draft Approval and Permitting Requirements for Renewable Energy Projects (EBR #010-010-6708) - **noted**

Canadian Food Inspection Agency – providing update on the progress of the Emerald Ash borer in Ontario

Kathleen M. Lyne – expressing her concern and sadness regarding the tornado damage and death at Durham CA and enclosing a personal donation to assist with restoration – **staff will forward a thank you letter and receipt**

Eric Wilston, Saugeen RC Flyers – thanking Authority for the use of its property for their air field as well as the assistance of staff over the years – **noted**

Trees Ontario – thanking the Authority for participating in the MNR's 50 Million Trees Program – **noted**

Union Gas – forwarding \$1,000 donation to Authority to assist with playground improvements at the Durham Conservation Area. Union Gas also provided staff to assist with the work. As well, the Municipality of West Grey provided staff and equipment to assist with the project – **staff will forward a thank you letter and receipt**

Michael Traynor – thank you card for donation of tree in memory of his mother – **noted**

Newspaper article – re seasonal campers honor Durham Conservation Area staff – **noted**

Flyer – Drinking Water Source Protection “Unplugged” seminar

Canadian Water Treatment magazine article – providing information on Conservation Authorities' Watershed Report cards – **noted**

Carol Mitchell, MPP, Huron-Bruce – supporting the Authority's application for funding under the Ontario Infrastructure Stimulus Fund – **noted**

Ted Arnott, MPP, Wellington-Halton Hills – letter to Minister of Natural Resources – expressing his support for the Authority's application under the Ontario Infrastructure Stimulus Fund – **noted**

Grey County Historical Society – thanking Authority staff for a presentation made to them regarding wetlands – **noted**

Grey County Woodlot Association – forwarding \$100 donation in support of the cleanup operation at Durham Conservation Area following the August 20 tornado – **staff will forward a thank you letter and receipt**

Elisabeth Schaefer – expressing their pleasure with their stay over the summer at the Saugeen Bluffs Conservation Area and thanking the staff for their work to keep the area clean, peaceful and inviting – **noted**

6. REPORTS

Chair & Conservation Ontario

The Chair will be attending a Conservation Ontario meeting on Monday, October 5 and will report to the next Board of Directors meeting with the results of that meeting.

Finance Report

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

MOTION #G09-87

Moved by Carl Zettel

Seconded by Dan Sullivan

THAT the Financial Report to August 31, 2009 be accepted as distributed, and further

THAT the Accounts Payable, totaling \$884,688.62 for June, July, August and September 2009, be approved for payment.

Carried

Program Report

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

Peter Hambly declared a Conflict of Pecuniary Interest with one item in the Program Report and did not vote on the motion.

MOTION #G09-88

Moved by Ralph Winslade

Seconded by Luke Charbonneau

THAT the Program Report be approved as presented, and further

THAT the Permits as identified in Report #6b and dated October 1, 2009, be approved by the Board of Directors.

Carried

Foundation Report

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

Forestry Committee Meeting Minutes – April 1, 2009

MOTION #G09-89

Moved by Dan Sullivan

Seconded by Carl Zettel

THAT the minutes of the Forestry Committee meeting, held on April 1, 2009, be received.

Carried

Forestry Committee Meeting Minutes – October 1, 2009

The Forestry Committee met prior to this meeting to open Tenders and review the salvage operation on Forest Tract 42-220-20, following the recent tornado.

Salvage Report:

Extensive damage occurred, as a result of the tornado that hit the area in August, to the Authority's Managed Forest Property Tract #42-220-20, located in the former Glenelg Township. This property, consisting of a prime hardwood forest, was so severely damaged that the forest will be unable to sustain a suitable harvest for at least 50 to 100 years.

A salvage operation of the damaged trees needed to be commenced as soon as possible, in order to retrieve the material before significant deterioration commenced. Expressions of Interest were requested from a number of local companies to begin the salvage operation as soon as possible. A total value of the removed material will be obtained once the material is in the lumber yard.

MOTION #G09-90

Moved by John Bell

Seconded by Gord Campbell

THAT the firm of J. H. Keeso & Sons of Listowel be approved to undertake the salvage operation at Managed Forest Tract 42-220-20, in the former Glenelg Township, as per their Expression of Interest, dated September 11, 2009.

Carried

2009 Tender Opening:

The Forestry Committee opened and reviewed tenders received for three Authority properties and one private property. Recommendations were presented to the full Board of Directors, with the following motions presented and carried:

MOTION #G09-91

Moved by Dan Sullivan

Seconded by Manley Risk

THAT SVCA Tender #01-09, submitted by Bester Forest Products in the amount of \$5,550.00, be accepted, and further

THAT the remaining tender deposit cheques be returned immediately upon said acceptance.

Carried

MOTION #G09-92

Moved by Gord Campbell

Seconded by Anne Eadie

THAT SVCA Tender #02-09, submitted by Bester Forest Products in the amount of \$34,300.00, be accepted, and further

THAT the remaining tender deposit cheques be returned immediately upon said acceptance.

Carried

MOTION #G09-93

Moved by Tom Kuglin

Seconded by John Bell

THAT SVCA Tender #03-09, submitted by Klemmer Lumber in the amount of \$36,500.00, be accepted, and further

THAT the remaining tender deposit cheques be returned immediately upon said acceptance.

Carried

7. NEW BUSINESS

Durham Tornado – Presentation & Update

A copy of Report #7a, entitled Durham Tornado Update, is appended to the office copy of these minutes.

The staff injured during the tornado event in Durham are healing well and have returned to work or school.

Ron Hewitt attended the site that evening, shortly after the event. He expressed his gratitude to the staff for their professional attitude to get the job done under extreme pressure.

Staff will be addressing the replacement of the buildings that were destroyed at a future Board meeting, following further discussions with the Authority's insurers.

MOTION #G09-94

Moved by Gord Campbell

Seconded by Anne Eadie

THAT the October 1, 2009 staff report on Durham Conservation Area tornado update be received for information.

Carried

Evacuation Plan – Ministry of Labour

A copy of Report #7b, entitled Ministry of Labour Draft Evacuation Plan, is appended to the office copy of these minutes.

The Authority has complied with the Ministry of Labour orders and have now signed off. It was suggested that staff provide a presentation to an upcoming Conservation Ontario meeting of the events surrounding the tornado event and its resulting actions.

MOTION #G09-95

Moved by Luke Charbonneau

Seconded by Dan Sullivan

THAT the October 1, 2009 staff report on the MOL inspection and compliance orders for Durham Conservation Area be received for information.

Carried

2010 Fee Schedule

A copy of Report #7c, entitled 2010 Fee Schedule, is appended to the office copy of these minutes.

It is still unclear what the effects will be to the Authority as a result of the introduction of the proposed HST. Fees may need to be adjusted in the future to accommodate this tax. The Joint Grey Bruce Forestry Committee will be meeting in the near future to discuss 2010 Forestry fees.

MOTION #G09-96

Moved by Anne Eadie

Seconded by Luke Charbonneau

THAT the Saugeen Conservation Board of Directors approve the revised fee schedule for 2010.

Carried

2010 Budget Pressures

A copy of Report #7d, entitled 2010 Budget Pressures, is appended to the office copy of these minutes.

Staff was directed to include all of the identified budget pressures when preparing the draft budget for their consideration. The Board of Directors budget review is scheduled for November 26 at the Neustadt Community Centre. A location map for the Community Centre will be provided to the Directors.

Strategic Plan – Update

Eight public and municipal Council and staff meetings were recently held with disappointing turnouts. However, good comments were received from the individuals who did attend. It appears the reaction so far is the Authority is doing things right. Streamlining of some processes was suggested.

Staff was complimented on their efforts for organizing and attending these public meetings.

The consultant will now consolidate all the comments received and present draft recommendations to the Board of Directors for discussion in the near future.

Durham Upper Dam Repairs

The consultant's study has been completed in draft and staff comments have been provided to the consultant. No work will be completed this year, however, funds are currently available for this project to be completed in 2010.

The Municipality of West Grey will be provided with a copy of the next draft provided by the consultant.

Stewardship Services Update

A copy of Report #7e, entitled Stewardship Services Update, is appended to the office copy of these minutes.

MOTION #G09-97

Moved by Peter Hambly

Seconded by Manley Risk

THAT the Board of Directors support the SVCA staff in moving forward with Hydro One and the Bruce to Milton Transmission Reinforcement Biodiversity Initiative Opportunities that are in the keeping of SVCA land management practice and further

THAT the Board of Directors directs SVCA staff to enter into any necessary agreements required to implement the projects.

Carried

MOTION #G09-98

Moved by Ralph Winslade

Seconded by Tom Kuglin

THAT the Board of Directors supports the SVCA in making application to the Ontario Community Environmental Fund and that the Board agrees to enter into the required Grant Funding Agreement with the Province of Ontario.

Carried

Durham Block Plant

A local company has offered to demolish and remove the Durham Block Plant, at their cost. This building was once used by the Authority for storage but no longer serves a purpose. Staff now considers the building surplus to the Authority's needs.

MOTION #G09-99

Moved by John Bell

Seconded by Gord Campbell

THAT the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority accept the offer of Cedarwell Excavating of Hanover to demolish and remove the Durham Block Plant building, at their cost.

Carried

Latornell Conference – Early Registration

Directors were reminded that the Early Registration date for Latornell Conference is October 5. Any Director who may still be interested in attending this Conference was asked to contact the Executive Secretary as soon as possible in order to qualify for the Early Registration rate.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. & Mrs. Jorge Weller, of Durham, and owners of Cedarwell Excavating Ltd., have generously made a considerable donation to the Authority to assist with cleanup and repairs to the Durham Conservation Area, following the tornado event of August 20. A thank you and receipt has been forwarded to the Weller's for their generous contribution.

Source Water Protection “Unplugged”

The General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer strongly urged all Directors to attend this informative upcoming session presented by the Drinking Water Source Protection staff.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:30pm on motion of Ralph Winslade.

Doug Freiburger
Chair

Bonnie Sherman
Executive Secretary