

SAUGEEN VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Conservation through Cooperation

MINUTES

MEETING: Authority Meeting
DATE: Tuesday February 13, 2018
TIME: 1:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Administration Office, Formosa

CHAIR: Luke Charbonneau

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Bell, Robert Buckle, Mark Davis, Barbara Dobreen,
Brian Gamble, Wilf Gamble, Stewart Halliday, Sue Paterson

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Maureen Couture, Kevin Eccles, Dan Gieruszak, Steve McCabe, Mike Smith,
Andrew White

OTHERS PRESENT: Wayne Brohman, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer
Erik Downing, Manager, Environmental Planning & Regulations
Jo-Anne Harbinson, Manager, Water Resources and Stewardship Services
Les McKay, Manager, Information Technology
Shannon Wood, Manager, Communications
Tori Waugh, Agricultural Outreach Program Coordinator
Valerie Lamont, Resources Information Technician
Janice Hagan, Recording Secretary
Guests and Members of the Public

Chair Luke Charbonneau called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m.

1. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION #G18-23

Moved by Sue Paterson

Seconded by Robert Buckle

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 – January 16, 2018

MOTION #G18-24

Moved by Wilf Gamble

Seconded by Barbara Dobreen

THAT the minutes of the Authority meeting held on January 16, 2018, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Staff Recognition

The following Staff Appreciation Awards were presented to long-serving employees of SVCA:

- Ten Year Service Award: Erik Downing, Manager, Environmental Planning & Regulations
- Five Year Service Award: Valerie Lamont, Resources Information Technician
- Five Year Service Award: Les McKay, Manager, Information Technology

5. Volunteer and Sponsor Appreciation

The following major sponsors of SVCA were recognized by Chair Charbonneau, and representatives in attendance were presented with a plaque in appreciation for their financial contribution to SVCA:

Bruce Power, Enbridge, Grant's Your Independent Grocer, Grey Bruce Sustainability Network, GSS Engineering Consultants (Owen Sound), John Sutherland & Sons, K's Country Kitchen, Love's Sweetness Maple Syrup, Markdale Rotary Club, Ontario Power Generation, Pine River Watershed Initiative Network, RBC Foundation, Saugeen Bluffs Seasonal Campers, Scotia Bank, Stewardship Grey Bruce, TD Friends of the Environment, Trillium Mutual Insurance Company.

The following major volunteers of SVCA (over 100 hours) were recognized by Chair Charbonneau, and those in attendance were presented with a plaque:

Bob Zettle, Brian Oberle, Catherine Dickison, Chesley Saddle Club, Faye Moore, Gary Senior, Jack MacLeod, Jim & Barbara Potts, Jim Leask, Johanna Hardy & Family, John & Jeanne Kuntz, Kate Serre, Kincardine Ski Club, Lin & Les Fleming, Lucy Luyten, Marlene Montag, Randy & Judy Wright, Rick Pake, Ruby McCracken, Sam Fraser, Sharon Yorke, The Martin Family, Wayne & Margaret Yeoman.

A coffee break was called at 1:45 p.m. and the meeting was reconvened at 2:07 pm.

The Chair presented a plaque to Brian Powers who donated a significant property to SVCA which was part of the Glammis Bog Complex, a provincially significant wetland in Bruce County. Brian received a round of applause from the Members.

6. Matters Arising from the Minutes

a. Regulation Mapping Process

Erik Downing presented to the members regarding the regulation mapping process. He told the members that Walkerton, Kincardine, and Teeswater mapping need to be updated. Draft Walkerton and Teeswater regulation mapping has been completed and Erik demonstrated how the regulated area has a net decrease. He reviewed the approval process for new mapping. Maintenance additions or modifications that maintain intent and improve accuracy does not require more involved approval process while additions or modifications resulting from comprehensive studies may require re-circulation through the Peer Review/MNR process. Following this approval process requirement, staff recommended that public consultation take place for the Kincardine mapping. The members would like to see public endorsement for the Walkerton and Teeswater locations as well. Erik will make a further presentation regarding Walkerton and Teeswater at the next scheduled Authority meeting.

MOTION #G18-25

Moved by Stewart Halliday

Seconded by Brian Gamble

THAT the Authority supports the regulation mapping approval process for Kincardine as presented by staff.

CARRIED

MOTION #G18-26

Moved by John Bell

Seconded by Barabara Dobreen

THAT the Authority supports the regulation mapping approval process for Teeswater and Walkerton as presented by staff with the addition of a public open house in each community.

CARRIED

7. Correspondence

- Letter from Lorie Smith, Program Co-ordinator, 52nd Annual Grey Bruce Farmers' Week 2018, thanking SVCA for its Gold sponsorship was **noted and filed**.

8. Reports

a. Finance Report

The GM/S-T presented the Finance report and noted that there was a surplus in the general levy programs of \$221,386 for 2017. EPR revenues were higher than expected and expenses were lower which generated most of this surplus. Expenses at the non-revenue parks was down, and utility costs were down significantly. In the non-general levy programs there was a surplus of \$277,011. Forestry revenues from tree tenders were \$90,000 greater than budgeted. The 3 campgrounds had a combined surplus of \$89,600.

The Auditors will be presenting the audited financial statements to the Authority at the next scheduled meeting.

MOTION #G18-27

Moved by Mark Davis

Seconded by Robert Buckle

THAT the Financial Report to December 31, 2017 be accepted as distributed and further;

THAT the Accounts Payable, totaling \$113,043.95 be approved as distributed.

CARRIED

b. Program Report

The GM/S-T informed the Members that staff are working on the Watershed Report Card which is scheduled for completion in March. The Gilmore vs Nottawasaga CA leave to appeal had been turned down by the Supreme Court of Canada and there is no recourse for any further appeal. Regarding seasonal staff, there may be a slight increase in the employment grants to adjust for minimum wage increases however SVCA may need to reduce staff hours.

After discussion the following motion was passed:

MOTION #G18-28

Moved by Sue Paterson

Seconded by John Bell

THAT the Program Report be received as information.

CARRIED

c. Executive Committee Minutes

MOTION #G18-29

Moved by Stewart Halliday

Seconded by Wilf Gamble

THAT the following Executive Committee Minutes be received by consent:

- Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting – July 14, 2017
- Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting – July 26, 2017
- Draft Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting – January 30, 2018

CARRIED

d. Executive Committee Section 28 Hearings

MOTION #G18-30

Moved by Robert Buckle

Seconded by Brian Gamble

THAT the following Executive Committee Section 28 Hearings Minutes be received by consent:

- Minutes of Executive Committee Section 28 Hearings -Weber – July 14, 2017
- Minutes of Executive Committee Section 28 Hearings - Lovsin – September 27, 2017
- Minutes of Executive Committee Section 28 Hearings - Motamed-Khorasani – September 27, 2017

CARRIED

e. **Committee Minutes**

MOTION #G18-31

Moved by Stewart Halliday

Seconded by John Bell

THAT the following Committee Minutes be received by consent:

- Draft Minutes of the Parks Committee – September 19, 2017
- Draft Minutes of the Forestry Committee – November 28, 2017
- Draft Minutes of the Agricultural Committee – December 12, 2017

CARRIED

f. **Planning & Regulations Actions Items**

The members requested that the Walkerton, Teeswater and Kincardine mapping be added to the Action Items chart. Wayne informed the Authority that there would be a File Tracking System demonstration at the next Authority meeting.

g. **Ag Outreach/GLASI Funding Update**

Jo-Anne Harbinson introduced Tori Waugh, Agricultural Outreach Program Coordinator and she gave a brief review of the Ag Outreach program. Tori briefed the members on the various funding strategies that would allow continuance of the program. She reviewed the possible scenarios if funding was not received. The Chair expressed that the Authority is pleased with the program and that it has improved relationships with the agricultural community. After discussion the following motion was passed:

MOTION #G18-32

Moved by Brian Gamble

Seconded by John Bell

THAT the Authority be willing to support the funding of the Ag Outreach Program to a maximum of \$78,000 for the year 2018.

CARRIED

9. **New Business**

a. **Municipal Support for Increased Conservation Authority Base Funding**

A draft letter was presented to the Authority as a template to be circulated to conservation authorities, and watershed municipalities requesting increased funding from the provincial government. After discussion the following motion was passed:

MOTION #G18-33

Moved by Barbara Dobreen

Seconded by Robert Buckle

THAT the Authority adopt and circulate the proposed amended letter to Conservation Ontario, the local municipalities and counties, and AMO.

CARRIED

b. 2017 Goals and Initiatives

Wayne reviewed the 2017 Goals and Initiatives and noted that the Bruce Power funded initiatives had been delayed for reasons beyond SVCA's control.

c. 2018 Goals and Initiatives

The GM/S-T presented the 2018 Goals and Initiatives. There were no comments.

10. Other Business

Due to time constraints, the Chair deferred this item to the next scheduled Authority meeting.

11. Closed Session

MOTION #G18-34

Moved by Barbara Dobreen

Seconded by Robert Buckle

THAT the Authority move to Closed Session, In Camera, to discuss a personnel matter; and further THAT Wayne Brohman and Laura Molson remain in the meeting.

CARRIED

MOTION #G18-35

Moved by Barbara Dobreen

Seconded by John Bell

THAT the Authority adjourn from Closed Session, In Camera, and rise and report.

CARRIED

There were no actions to report from the Closed Session, In Camera.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m. on motion of Barbara Dobreen.

Luke Charbonneau
Chair

Janice Hagan
Recording Secretary