

SAUGEEEN VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Conservation through Cooperation

MINUTES

MEETING: Board of Directors
DATE: Thursday, December 13, 2012
TIME: 1:00pm
LOCATION: Administration Office, Formosa

CHAIR: Bill Scriven

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Roland Anstett, Luke Charbonneau, Ron Cristine, John Eccles, Terry Fisk, Brian Gamble, Doug Gowanlock, Peter Hambly, David Kell, Dan Kerr, Mike Leggett, Carl Zettel

DIRECTORS ABSENT, WITH REGRET: Jim Hanna, Glen Irwin

OTHERS PRESENT: Gary Senior, Interim CAO
Dave Pybus, Sr. Manager, Flood Warning & Lands
Jim Penner, Manager, Forestry
Jo-Anne Harbinson, Manager, Water Resources & Stewardship Services
Laura Molson, Manager, Accounting
Don Smith, Project Manager, Drinking Water Source Protection
Martha Nicol, Water Quality Specialist
Nancy Griffin, Conservation Education Coordinator
Bonnie Sherman, Executive Secretary
Members of the Press

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION #G12-93

Moved by Doug Gowanlock
Seconded by Peter Hambly
THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried

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 MEETING – October 25, 2012

MOTION #G12-94

Moved by Dan Kerr

Seconded by Luke Charbonneau

THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting, held on October 25, 2012, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

2013 Budget

MOTION #G12-95

Moved by Mike Leggett

Seconded by Dan Kerr

THAT the amount of \$1,534,508.00 be raised by General Levy in 2013, 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	Yea
Brockton	Roland Anstett	Yea
Chatsworth	Brian Gamble	Yea
Grey-Highlands	David Kell	Yea
Hanover	Peter Hambly	Nay
Howick	Carl Zettel	Yea
Huron-Kinloss	Jim Hanna	Absent
Kincardine	Ron Coristine	Yea
Kincardine	Mike Leggett	Yea
Minto	Terry Fisk	Yea
Morris-Turnberry	Carl Zettel	Yea

Saugeen Shores	Doug Gowanlock	Yea
Saugeen Shores	Luke Charbonneau	Yea
South Bruce	Carl Zettel	Yea
Southgate	Glen Irwin	Absent
Wellington North	Terry Fisk	Yea
West Grey	Bill Scriven	Yea
West Grey	John Eccles	Yea

The result of the vote was 91.5385 percent in favour. Therefore, Motion #G12-95 was **Carried.**

MOTION #G12-96

Moved by Roland Anstett

Seconded by Ron Coristine

THAT the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority adopt the 2013 Total Budget as outlined in the document presented at the October 25, 2012 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

5. CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence was noted and filed:

Township of Wellington North – appointing Terry Fisk as interim joint representative from the Town of Minto and the Township of Wellington North

Town of Hanover – motion expressing non support for the Authority’s 2013 Budget

Municipality of Morris-Turnberry – approving the Authority’s 2013 Budget

Municipality of West Grey – approving the Authority’s 2013 Budget

Ling Mark, Director, Source Protection Programs Branch, MOE – introducing the next work planning process for Drinking Water Source Protection Program

Email from Michael Gravelle, Minister of Natural Resources – announcing his illness and indicating he will remain on in his position as Minister of Natural Resources as well as MPP for Thunder Bay-Superior North

Bruce Power – providing \$20,000 cheque to the Authority’s Foundation to be used for any purpose deemed necessary by the Foundation. The donation is part of a total penalty charged against Bruce Power for violating the Canadian Environmental Protection Act as it relates to failure to conduct a leak test of all the components of an air-conditioning system or refrigeration system.

6. REPORTS

Chair & Conservation Ontario

The Chair reported he had attended the Foundation’s Christmas in the Country event and found it to be an outstanding event. He also acknowledged the major amount of work involved in hosting this event and congratulated the Foundation members and volunteers for a job well done. The Chair also opened the Experience Green Expo in Owen Sound on November 2 and attended a number of Source Water Protection Management Committee meetings.

Gary Senior reported with news from Conservation Ontario. Don Pearson, General Manager of Conservation Ontario, has accepted the position of Chief Administrative Officer for the Lower Thames River Conservation Authority and will be leaving Conservation Ontario, effective December 31, 2012. Charley Worte has been appointed as Interim General Manager until a permanent replacement can be found.

Conservation Ontario staff met with Tim Hudak, MPP and Frank Klees, MPP. Staff also met with MNR staff to discuss the CO Whitepaper and comments were favourable for CAs future roles. The Non-Profit Corporations Act will apply to Conservation Authorities and it could have future implications on how Conservation Authorities will be governed. Conservation Ontario will look into the effects of the Act further and report back.

Finance Report

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

MOTION #G12-97

Moved by John Eccles

Seconded by Mike Leggett

THAT the Financial Report to October 31, 2012 be accepted as distributed, and further

THAT the Accounts Payable, totaling \$175,264.61 for October and November 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 #G12-98

Moved by Dan Kerr

Seconded by Carl Zettel

THAT the Program Report be adopted as presented, and further

THAT the Permits as identified in Report #6b and dated December 13, 2012 be approved by the Board of Directors.

Carried

7. NEW BUSINESS

Amendment to Regulation 169/06

A copy of Report #7a, entitled Proposed Amendment to SVCA Regulation 169/06, is appended to the office copy of these minutes.

MOTION #G12-99

Moved by Peter Hambly

Seconded by Doug Gowanlock

Whereas an ‘amending’ regulation to the individual Conservation Authorities Act Section 28 ‘Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation’ has been prepared in conformity with the provisions in Section 28 of the Conservation Authorities Act and the amended Ontario Regulation 97/04;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority adopts the subject ‘amending’ regulation that will amend the individual Conservation Authorities Act Section 28 ‘Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation’ O. Reg 169/06;

AND THAT the said ‘amending’ regulation be submitted to the Ministry of Natural Resources for consideration by the Minister of Natural Resources for the Minister’s approval.

Carried

Water Quality Program Review

Martha Nicol, Water Quality Specialist, provided an extensive slide show presentation of the Authority’s Water Quality Program, including the history of the program in the Saugeen watershed, current water issues and initiatives, descriptions of the four core areas of the program as well as financial information related to the Water Quality Program. A number of questions were asked for clarification purposes, but Directors agreed the presentation was very informative and well done. The Directors thanked Martha for an excellent presentation.

Directors agreed this type of presentation format should be used for all other future program presentations and reviews.

Ontario Stewardship Networks

Jim Penner reported on the Ministry of Natural Resources' recent announcement that the Ontario Stewardship Networks will be eliminated. Effective March 31, 2013, funding will end for Project Coordinators of this program. However, \$10,000 will still be available in 2013 only for any Stewardship Network that is associated with an incorporated body.

Several southern Stewardship Networks have extra monies from other sources and are looking to hire their own coordinator. The Grey County Forest Stewardship Network and the Bruce Resource Stewardship Network will meet sometime in January 2013 with several other local stewardship bodies to discuss amalgamation possibilities. A number of options are on the table, including closing the doors completely and dispensing any remaining funds, or try to continue on their own. However, it would mean becoming an incorporated body, complete with audited books, minute-taking, etc. They may also be looking for another organization, such as the Conservation Authority, to provide banking services for them. The Board of Directors will be kept informed of any future decisions.

2013 Meeting Schedule

A copy of Report #7b, entitled 2013 Meeting Schedule, is appended to the office copy of these minutes.

MOTION #G12-100

Moved by Peter Hambly
Seconded by Ron Coristine
THAT the 2013 Meeting Schedule be adopted as presented.

Carried

Appointment of Solicitors for 2013

MOTION #G12-101

Moved by Doug Gowanlock
Seconded by Roland Anstett
THAT Ross McLean and/or Peter Loucks be appointed solicitors to the Authority for the year 2013 for general operations, with the option to engage the services of other solicitors as necessary.

Carried

Motion Approving Actions of Executive Committee for 2012

MOTION #G12-102

Moved by John Eccles

Seconded by Dan Kerr

THAT the actions of the Executive Committee for 2012 be verified.

Carried

8. OTHER BUSINESS

For the information of the Board of Directors, Gary Senior reported on the outcome of a recent legal decision between the Halton Region Conservation Authority and a private landowner. The landowner built an illegal addition onto his home situated on Lake Ontario. The Conservation Authority's permit was denied due to the fact the home was situated too close to the lakeshore. The landowner ignored the Conservation Authority and continued to build the addition, without a municipal building permit. The Conservation Authority took the individual to court in 2007, where the landowner and his wife pleaded guilty to the charges. The judge's decision at the time was that a fine of \$2,500 each be levied against the contractor and the designer, and a \$5,000 charge each to be levied against the husband and wife. The Conservation Authority appealed this decision and the judge in the second hearing threw out the original sentence, stating it was not adequate. The second judge ordered the removal of the building addition.

This is a significant decision for all Conservation Authorities.

Gary wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and happy New Year and thanked the Board of Directors for their co-operation over the past year. He also announced that the Authority office will be closed between Christmas and New Years, however, some staff will still be reachable in case of a flooding emergency.

9. FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bill Scriven thanked everyone for attending today's meeting and for being so cordial over the past year.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:30pm on motion of Peter Hambly.

Directors and staff joined together for a brief social time to celebrate the holiday season.

Bill Scriven
Chair

Bonnie Sherman
Executive Secretary