

# SAUGEEN VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Conservation through Cooperation

# MINUTES

**MEETING:** Board of Directors  
**DATE:** Thursday, May 6, 2010  
**TIME:** 1:00 pm  
**LOCATION:** Resource Centre, Headquarters Conservation Area

**CHAIR:** Doug Freiburger

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** John Bell, Gord Campbell, Anne Eadie, Dan Gieruszak, Peter Hambly, Ron Hewitt, Tom Kuglin, Mark MacKenzie, Dan Sullivan, Ralph Winslade, Carl Zettel

**DIRECTORS ABSENT, WITH REGRET:** Luke Charbonneau, Jack Riley, Manley Risk,

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jim Coffey, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer  
Dave Pybus, Senior Manager, Flood Forecasting & Land Management  
Gary Senior, Senior Manager, Environmental Planning & Regulations  
Jo-Anne Harbinson, Manager, Water Resources & Stewardship  
Jim Penner, Manager, Forestry  
Shannon Wood, Manager, Communications  
Al Leach, Manager, Lands  
Laura Molson, Manager, Accounting  
Don Smith, Project Manager, Drinking Water Source Protection  
Bonnie Sherman, Executive Secretary  
Members of the Press

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

**MOTION #G10-38**

Moved by Tom Kuglin  
Seconded by Anne Eadie  
THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

**Carried**

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

No person declared a pecuniary interest at this time relevant to any item on the agenda.

3. MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – March 18, 2010

**MOTION #G10-39**

Moved by Ralph Winslade

Seconded by Dan Sullivan

THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors meetings, held on March 18, 2010, be adopted as circulated.

**Carried**

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Strategic Plan – Meeting Schedule

The Board of Directors was advised of the scheduled dates for the next round of public meetings to review the draft Plan. Copies of this draft will be mailed out in the next day or two to municipalities and interested individuals.

Levy Distribution Discussion

A copy of Report #4b is appended to the office copy of these minutes.

The objective of this additional analysis was to reduce the possibility of individual municipal levy reductions, as experienced in 2010, and to balance the levy distribution to buffer extremes to a few municipalities.

Considerable discussion ensued, with a number of Directors noting that 100 percent agreement would need to be obtained to make any change to the levy assessment formula and that may be hard to obtain. It was also felt that a committee should be set up to review this matter in much more detail with more discussion.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Dick Hibma, Chair, Conservation Ontario to Minister of Natural Resources Linda Jeffrey – re MNR Policies & Procedures for CA Plan Review and Permitting Activities – urging MNR to finalize and release – deferred to New Business

Press Release – re Public Campaign Launched to Promote Conservation Path for Ontario’s Water Opportunities Act

Jerry J. Ouellette, MPP – thanking Chair for his time to share his feedback and comments regarding Conservation Authorities

Virginia M. West, Deputy Minister, MNR – freezing compensation plans for non-bargaining employees

Mun. of Brockton – Walkerton Dyke Capital Works Repair – confirming the municipality has budgeted

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\$10,000 in 2010 budget for engineering costs

Mun. of Brockton – re Walkerton Dyke Repairs – Headwall & Glapgate, Queen Street, Walkerton – motion allocating \$10,000 in 2010 for half the estimated engineering costs associated with the proposed Queen Street dyke improvements

Mun. of West Grey – motion supporting the “Yellow Fish Road™” Program in the former Town of Durham

SVCA letter to MNR, Owen Sound – thanking MNR for stocking Allan Park CA and for future stocking program at this area

Grey County Woodlot Association – thanking SVCA for permission to use its facilities for occasional Board meeting in 2010

## 6. REPORTS

### Chair & Conservation Ontario Report

During recent discussions with Minister Linda Jeffery of the Ministry of Natural Resources, the Minister stated that, in regard to negotiations that the Authority’s often find themselves in, the Authority’s must be the grownups and will often be seen as the bad guys. She also noted that the Ministry supports the CA’s in their matters of business and that the Ministry has our backs covered.

The expert panel on Climate Change Adaption recommended that the CA’s should play a significant role in its implementation, however, the Provincial Government has been silent on this matter while they craft their response.

Conservation Ontario is still waiting for the amendments to the Conservation Authorities Act. C.O. has again asked the Ministry to act in a timely manner to initiate suggested amendments, to no avail.

Conservation Ontario has initiated discussions with the Province on the CA’s role and funding model for the implementation phase of the Source Protection Plans post 2012. There will be opportunities for CA input later this year.

### Finance Report

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

### **MOTION #G10-40**

Moved by John Bell

Seconded by Dan Gieruszak

THAT the Financial Report to March 31, 2010 be accepted as distributed and further

THAT the Accounts Payable, totaling \$624,472.08 for March and April 2010 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 #G10-41**

Moved by Tom Kuglin

Seconded by Dan Sullivan

THAT the Program Report be approved as presented, and further

THAT the Permits as identified in Report #6b and dated May 6, 2010, 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.

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – April 22, 2010

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

**MOTION #G10-42**

Moved by Anne Eadie

Seconded by Dan Sullivan

THAT the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting, held on April 22, 2010, be received.

**Carried**

Property & Building Committee Meeting Minutes – April 23, 2010

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

Regarding the matter of solar power development, the Building Committee had reviewed this matter in depth and agreed not to participate in this program at the present time, but to re-evaluate the program at a future date, once the program has been given more time to develop.

**MOTION #G10-43**

Moved by Ron Hewitt

Seconded by Anne Eadie

THAT the minutes of the Property & Building Committee meeting, held on April 23, 2010, be received.

**Carried**

7. NEW BUSINESS

Violence in the Workplace Policy

A copy of Report #7a, entitled Workplace Violence & Harassment Policy, is appended to the office copy of these minutes.

**MOTION #G10-44**

Moved by Mark MacKenzie

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Seconded by Peter Hambly

THAT the draft Workplace Violence and Harassment Policy be adopted and further

THAT staff be directed to develop an Implementation Plan following the completion of risk assessments.

**Carried**

#### Accessibility Policy

A copy of Report #7b, entitled Accessibility Standards for Customer Services, is appended to the office copy of these minutes.

#### **MOTION #G10-45**

Moved by Peter Hambly

Seconded by Anne Eadie

THAT the draft policy entitled “Accessible Customer Service Policy – 2010”, be approved.

**Carried**

#### Ontario Community Environment Fund

A copy of Report #7c, entitled Ontario Community Environmental Fund – Ministry of the Environment, is appended to the office copy of these minutes.

This report was provided for the information of the Board of Directors.

#### 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

It was agreed to host an Open House at the Headquarters Conservation Area’s Administration Office on Friday, July 23, from 11:00am to 2:00pm. Photos and plans of the new building in Formosa will be on display as well as numerous other historical pictures and information. A barbeque will also be held at this function.

#### New Administration Centre Fundraising Campaign

The Building Committee felt a fundraising opportunity be initiated for the new building in Formosa. It was agreed that this fundraising effort be conducted at the Board level, and not by staff. A sample fundraising package was provided to the Board of Directors. The monetary donation levels in the package will be decreased somewhat and Directors were requested to give some thought as to who in their municipalities could be approached for donations. All donors will receive recognition on a donor wall in the Formosa building.

#### Headquarters Administration Centre Lease

As a follow up to the Property & Building Committee minutes, an offer has been received from Valard Construction to lease the Headquarters Administrative building and surrounding grounds. Staff indicated they have had an excellent working relationship with this company, who currently occupy the Headquarters CA grounds for their Power Camp. The Board of Directors were unanimously in favour of leasing the building and grounds to Valard Construction and staff were instructed to negotiate the best possible lease options.

#### ATV Use on CA Lands

An ongoing problem on Authority properties is the unauthorized use of ATV's. Posting signs has not help curtail the problem; the signs are just torn down. Placing large boulders at the entrances has also not been a deterrent. The boulders are just moved or they go around them. Staff was instructed to replace the signs and to place large boulders or stone again at the entrances of the properties where there is habitual misuse. More aggressive action was also recommended. Where possible, offenders will be prosecuted.

MNR Policies & Procedures for CA Plan Review & Permitting Activities

A copy of Report #7d, entitled MNR Policies & Procedures for CA Plan Review and Permitting Activities is appended to the office copy of these minutes.

**MOTION #G10-46**

Moved by Gord Campbell

Seconded by Ron Hewitt

THAT the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority, in support of the position of Conservation Ontario, requests the Minister of Natural Resources to release as soon as possible, the chapter regarding the MNR Policies and Procedures for Conservation Authority Plan Review and Permitting Activities.

**Carried**

AMO Case for Joint & Several Liability Reform

A copy of Report #7e, entitled AMO Case for Joint and Several Liability Reform, is appended to the office copy of these minutes.

**MOTION #G10-47**

Moved by Peter Hambly

Seconded by John Bell

THAT the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority endorses the AMO Case for Joint and Several Liability Reform in Ontario.

**Carried**

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Staff was asked if a report has ever been received from the MNR or MOE regarding the cause of the fish kill in 2009 in the unnamed creek that runs through the former Town of Durham. A report has been received and staff will email and copy of this report to the Directors.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00pm on motion of Gord Campbell.

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Doug Freiburger  
Chair

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Bonnie Sherman  
Executive Secretary