

SAUGEEN VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Conservation through Cooperation

MINUTES

MEETING: Authority Meeting
DATE: Tuesday, February 19, 2019
TIME: 1:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Administration Office, Formosa

CHAIR: Dan Gieruszak

MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Allen, Maureen Couture, Mark Davis, Barbara Dobreen, Mark Goetz, Cheryl Grace, Tom Hutchinson, Don Murray, Sue Paterson, Diana Rae, Christine Robinson, Bill Stewart

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Steve McCabe, Mike Myatt

OTHERS PRESENT: Wayne Brohman, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer
Ed Moric, Chair, Saugeen Valley Conservation Foundation
Erik Downing, Manager, Environmental Planning & Regulations
Jo-Anne Harbinson, Manager, Water Resources and Stewardship Services
Shannon Wood, Manager, Community Relations
Catherine Billings, Communications Assistant
Janice Hagan, Administrative Assistant
Guests and Members of the Public

Chair Dan Gieruszak, called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. He welcomed the members and guests to the SVCA Meeting.

1. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION #G19-22

Moved by Christine Robinson

Seconded by Maureen Couture

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 15, 2019

MOTION #G19-23

Moved by Sue Paterson

Seconded by Cheryl Grace

THAT the minutes of the Authority meeting, held on January 15, 2019 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Staff Recognition

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

- Twenty Year Service Award: Donna Lacey, Forestry Coordinator
- Fifteen Year Service Award: Laura Molson, Manager of Accounting
- Five Year Service Award: Paul Elston, Regulations Officer
- Five Year Service Award: Rick Rowbotham, Field Services Coordinator

5. Volunteer & Sponsorship Appreciation

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

- Bruce County, Bruce County Soil & Crop Improvement Association, Bruce Power, Enbridge, Great Lakes Community Fund, Schauss Land & Cattle Co. Ltd., TD Friends of the Environment Foundation.

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

- Bruce County Campers, Chesley Saddle Club, Friends of Saugeen Bluffs Horse Camp, Gary Senior, Kincardine Ski Club, Lake Huron Centre for Coastal Conservation, Melissa and Julie, Ontario Steelheader's Association.

The following major sponsors of Saugeen Valley Conservation Foundation [SVCF] were recognized by SVCF Chair Ed Moric, and representatives in attendance were presented with a plaque in appreciation for their financial contribution:

- Grant's Independent, Ontario Power Generation, Sunbelt Rentals, The Post.

The following major volunteers of SVCF (over 100 hours) were recognized by Chair Moric, and those in attendance were presented with a gift:

- 1st Mildmay, 5th Hanover, and 1st Chesley Scouts, Brian Oberle, Catherine Dickison, Jim Potts, Johanna Hardy, Rich Hardy, Faye Moore, Jack MacLeod, John Kuntz, Leanne Bester, Lin Fleming, Lucy Luyten, MaryAnn Kroetsch, Marlene Montag, Shirley Schmidt, Lorrie Bester, Cheryl Mink, The Martin Family, Randy & Sandy Hergott, Ruby McCracken, Sam Fraser, Sharon Yorke and Stuart Byers.

6. Staff Introductions

Members of SVCA staff introduced themselves to the Members.

A coffee break was called at 1:55 p.m. and the meeting was reconvened at 2:20 p.m.

7. Matters Arising from the Minutes

a. Change in policy on commenting on Natural Heritage

Erik Downing reviewed Municipal Planning Services Agreement discussions that are currently underway with the Counties and lower-tier watershed municipalities. He reviewed the direction that had been given to staff regarding Natural Heritage commenting since it isn't part of the core mandate as stated in Regulation 169/06. Erik told the Members that commenting on Natural Heritage is required but municipalities can choose to hire their own staff or consultants to execute this. The discussion that followed indicated that the Natural Heritage issue was complicated with some Members suggesting that further discussion was beneficial. Other Members were comfortable with the decision to exclude Natural Heritage commenting services in the municipal MOU to be put in place in 2019.

Barbara Dobreen requested a recorded vote for the following motion:

MOTION #G19-24

Moved by Barbara Dobreen

Seconded by Paul Allen

THAT the Authority reconsider the motion passed October 2018 regarding Natural Heritage commenting.

Paul Allen	Yea
Maureen Couture	Nay
Mark Davis	Nay
Barbara Dobreen	Yea
Dan Gieruszak	Yea
Mark Goetz	Yea
Cheryl Grace	Yea
Tom Hutchinson	Yea
Don Murray	Yea
Sue Paterson	Nay
Diana Rae	Yea
Christine Robinson	Yea
Bill Stewart	Nay

For a vote to reconsider a previous motion, there must be a 2/3 majority. The vote was 9 to 4 in favour of the motion. Therefore, **Motion G19-24** was **CARRIED**.

A coffee break was called at 3:43 p.m. and the meeting was reconvened at 3:50 p.m. Sue Paterson left the meeting.

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The Chair asked for items 9a and 9b to be postponed to the next scheduled Authority meeting due to time constraints.

MOTION #G19-25

Moved by Mark Davis

Seconded by Maureen Couture

THAT the agenda be amended to postpone items 9a and 9b to the next scheduled Authority meeting.

CARRIED

b. 2019 Authority Meeting Schedule – revisited

A revised version of the 2019 Authority meeting schedule was presented, along with proposed changes requested by Member Christine Robinson. After discussion the following motion was passed:

MOTION #G19-26

Moved by Christine Robinson

Seconded by Don Murray

THAT the 2019 Authority meeting schedule be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

The revised schedule is appended to the office copy of the Minutes.

c. 2019 Initiatives/Goals

The GM/S-T presented the 2019 Initiatives/Goals chart to the Members. He explained that the Executive Committee had requested that a Strategy and Implementation Plan to address the perception of staff not being approachable be added to the chart. He told the Members that staff have begun to address this issue already. There was no further discussion.

MOTION #G19-27

Moved by Barbara Dobreen

Seconded by Bill Stewart

THAT the 2019 Initiatives/Goals for Wayne Brohman, as attached be accepted.

CARRIED

8. Consent Agenda

Chair Gieruszak explained to the Members that if they request discussion on any of the items contained in the consent agenda, they should bring it to the attention of the GM/S-T before the meeting.

MOTION #G19-28

Moved by Paul Allen

Seconded by Christine Robinson

THAT the reports, Minutes, and information contained in the Consent Agenda, [items 8a-g], along with their respective recommended motions be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

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- a. Finance Report
THAT the Financial Report to December 31, 2018 be accepted as distributed and further; THAT the Accounts Payable, totaling \$172,731.44 be approved as distributed.
- b. Program Report
THAT the Program Report be received as presented.
- c. Draft Executive Committee Minutes, January 22, 2019 for Members' information
- d. Draft Agricultural Advisory Committee Minutes, February 4, 2019 for Members' information
- e. Correspondence for Members' information
- f. News Articles for Members' information
- g. Conservation Ontario comments on Bill 66 for Members' information

9. **New Business**

a. **Environmental Planning & Regulations Department Overview**

This item postponed to the next scheduled meeting.

b. **Records Retention Policy**

This item postponed to the next scheduled meeting.

10. **Other Business**

a. **Environmental Planning & Regulations Customer Service Survey update**

MOTION #G19-29

Moved by Maureen Couture

Seconded by Mark Davis

THAT the agenda be amended to move item 10a to the next scheduled Authority meeting.

CARRIED

b. **Meeting with Minister Rod Philips**

Chair Gieruszak reviewed the meeting in Formosa on February 7, with Rod Philips, Minister of the Environment, Conservation & Parks, hosted by Lisa Thompson, Minister of Education. There were representatives present from 4 Conservation Authorities including SVCA, GSCA, MVCA, and ABCA who gave presentations to the Ministers. He told the Members that there was good discussion regarding the needs of Conservation Authorities in Ontario. Mr. Philips message is that environmental protection needs to be in balance with economical development.

c. **Request for meeting with the Executive Committee**

The GM/S-T told the members that Mr. Ben Bartly had asked for a meeting directly with the Executive Committee to discuss his building permit application. The Chair explained that for Mr. Bartly to meet with the Executive Committee the Authority would need to give approval and direction.

MOTION #G19-30

Moved by Diana Rae

Seconded by Mark Davis

THAT the Executive Committee be directed to hear from staff and Mr. Ben Bartley with respect to a matter; and further

THAT the Executive Committee make a recommendation to the Authority on this matter.

CARRIED

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:11 p.m. on motion of Maureen Couture.

Dan Gieruszak
Chair

Janice Hagan
Recording Secretary