

SAUGEEN VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Conservation through Cooperation

MINUTES

MEETING: Board of Directors
DATE: Thursday, March 26, 2015
TIME: 1:00pm
LOCATION: Administration Office, Formosa

CHAIR: Luke Charbonneau

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Luke Charbonneau, Robert Buckle, Maureen Couture, Barbara Dobreen, John Eccles, Kevin Eccles, Brian Gamble, Wilf Gamble, Dan Gieruszak, Stewart Halliday, Steve McCabe, Sue Paterson, Mike Smith, Andrew White.

DIRECTORS ABSENT, WITH REGRET: Dan Kerr

OTHERS PRESENT: Wayne Brohman, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer
Janice Hagan, Accounts Payable/Administration Assistant
John Bujold, Collins Barrow SGB LLP, Walkerton, ON
Erik Downing, Manager, Environmental Planning & Regulations
Member of the Press

Chair Luke Charbonneau called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION #G15-25

Moved by Dan Gieruszak
Seconded by Kevin Eccles
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 – February 19, 2015

MOTION #G15-26

Moved by Sue Paterson

Seconded by Maureen Couture

THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting, held on February 19, 2015, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

4. MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS CLOSED SESSION MEETING – February 19, 2015

MOTION #G15-27

Moved by Mike Smith

Seconded by Andrew White

THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors CLOSED meeting, held on February 19, 2015, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

5. a. RESERVES REPORT

MOTION #G15-28

Moved by John Eccles

Seconded by Wilf Gamble

THAT appropriations to and from reserves, as at December 31, 2014 be approved as distributed.

Carried

b. 2014 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

John Bujold, from Collins Barrow SGB LLP, Walkerton, reviewed the Authority's audited 2014 Financial Statements for the Directors' information and approval. Luke Charbonneau thanked John & his staff for their efforts in regard to the audit.

MOTION #G15-29

Moved by Steve McCabe

Seconded by Dan Gieruszak

THAT the 2014 Audited Financial Statements, as prepared by Collins Barrow SGB LLP, of Walkerton, be adopted.

Carried

John Bujold left the meeting at this time.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Saugeen Bluffs Campground RFP

Wayne Brohman presented the revised RFP to the Board, and advised that he had placed an advertisement in the Kitchener Waterloo Record, and Kijiji. He had attempted to list it on MLS, but was unable to as there is no “list price”. Mr. Brohman is still observing the outcome of the Maitland Valley CA RFP, however there has not yet been any updated results. Mr. Brohman expressed that he is open to marketing ideas. Dan Gieruszak suggested that a possibility could be to approach colleges that offer courses in hospitality or tourism as their students may have an interest in the business opportunity.

Lockerby Dam Removal

Wayne Brohman reviewed the current funding status of the Lockerby Dam Removal. Of the estimated project cost of \$250,000, there has been a confirmed funding total of \$179,500. The balance to be raised is approximately \$70,500. Mr. Brohman has applied to the Water Erosion Control Infrastructure (WECl), MNRF Land Stewardship, RBC Bluewater Fund, and to the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie. So far, Arran-Elderslie has denied the request. The Lake Huron Fishing Club will be contributing a \$10,000 in kind donation. Mr. Brohman said that the \$40,000 in the Lockerby reserve fund may not be sufficient to cover the balance of costs. The amount of the possible shortfall will be better known once responses to the tender process are received.

2011-2016 Strategic Plan, Goal #2

Mr. Brohman presented an action chart to the Board showing how SVCA Staff have been working to take action on the goal items listed in the Strategic Plan. He clarified that the prior Board had not been focused on the Strategic Plan, so none of the current staff had been previously asked to respond or report. Dan Gieruszak appreciates that staff are taking this seriously and looks forward to seeing the goals attained. Mr. Charbonneau commended the staff on the progress of the plan and would like to see the 2011-2016 Strategic Plan completed before the end of 2016.

MOTION #G15-30

Moved by Stewart Halliday

Seconded by Dan Gieruszak

THAT the staff of SVCA be directed to return to the next Board of Directors meeting with a report on the continued implementation of Goal #2 of the Strategic Plan.

Carried

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Bill Walker, MPP, Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound congratulating SVCA on receiving the Forest Stewardship Certification from the Eastern Ontario Model Forest was **noted and filed**.

Email from Raylene Martell, Municipal Clerk, Township of Southgate regarding the resignation of Glen Irwin and appointment of Barbara Dobreen to the SVCA Board of Directors was **noted and filed**.

8. REPORTS

Finance Report

MOTION #G15-31

Moved by Robert Buckle

Seconded by Wilf Gamble

THAT the Financial Report to January 31, 2015 be accepted as distributed and further;

THAT the Accounts Payable, totaling \$298,075.48 be approved as distributed.

Carried

Program Reports

MOTION #G15-32

Moved by Maureen Couture

Seconded by Andrew White

THAT the Program Report be adopted as presented.

Carried

A coffee break was called at 2:26pm.

Chair Luke Charbonneau called the meeting back to order at 2:38pm. Erik Downing, Manager Planning & Regulations joined the meeting.

9. PRESENTATIONS

a. Regulated Areas, Screening Area

Erik Downing presented a slide show discussing the two different types of maps available when considering Regulation 169/06. Where there is Regulation mapping in the urban areas there is no 50 metre screening area. A 50 metre screening area is used in areas where there is no Regulation mapping. The 50 metres is applied to the Hazard map line. He explained the procedure for using the 50 metre screening area when Hazard Land Maps are in use. Regulation 169/06 is text based which means that in all cases the text of the regulation takes precedence over mapping. Mr. Charbonneau said that it is important to be clear about when the 50 metre buffer is being used and when it isn't. He would like staff to initiate a discussion with the Municipalities in order to communicate this clearly. The Directors discussed ways to work with the Municipalities so that there is a mutual understanding. Dan Gieruszak asked if there was any possibility that the 50 metre buffer could be reduced. The Board discussed whether or not this would pose any risks, or if there is flexibility to change it, and would like SVCA staff to further explain how this works. Mr. Downing confirmed that the goal is to have mapping on the SVCA website in April.

Sue Paterson left the meeting at 3:35pm.

MOTION #G15-33

Moved by Kevin Eccles

Seconded by Andrew White

THAT the Board communicate to the Municipalities where the 50 metre buffer applies and where it does not apply and further;

THAT SVCA communicate to the Municipalities the desire to commence a dialogue on setting priorities around the development of regulation mapping.

Carried

MOTION #G15-34

Moved by Barbara Dobreen

Seconded by John Eccles

THAT SVCA staff be directed to report to the Board on the appropriateness of the 50 metre screening buffer.

Carried

Maureen Couture left the meeting at 4:05pm.

b. SVCA Comments on Municipal Zoning associated with SVCA permits

Erik Downing discussed the current procedures for SVCA permits and described the reasons why staff have been including comments on the permit cover letters regarding Municipal zoning. He explained that historically, the Building Inspectors had requested the opinion of the SVCA. The Board discussed how it is important to have a balance and that there should be a set standard for comments to make it easier for the applicant, and to avoid conflict with the Municipalities.

Steve McCabe left the meeting at 4:30pm.

MOTION #G15-35

Moved by Kevin Eccles

Seconded by Andrew White

THAT correspondence be directed to all watershed Municipalities regarding the necessity for SVCA to comment on Municipal zoning by-laws.

10. NEW BUSINESS

Mr Charbonneau told the Board that since Glen Irwin had resigned, there is now a vacancy in the Property & Building Committee. The Board appointed Stewart Halliday to replace him.

Mr. Brohman indicated that all Directors had been provided with the Marsh questionnaire concerning Directors and Officers insurance coverage claims. It was noted that no director had indicated any knowledge of a claim.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:45pm on motion of Brian Gamble.

Luke Charbonneau
Chair

Janice Hagan
Recording Secretary