

SAUGEEN VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Conservation through Cooperation

MINUTES

MEETING: PARKS COMMITTEE
DATE: Thursday January 21, 2021
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Remote

CHAIR: Cheryl Grace

MEMBERS PRESENT: Maureen Couture, Dan Gieruszak, Mike Myatt

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Sue Paterson

OTHERS PRESENT: Christine Robinson, Mayor, Municipality of West Grey
Tom Hutchinson, Deputy Mayor, Municipality of West Grey
Jennifer Stephens, GM/S-T
Donna Lacey, Manager, Forestry & Lands
Janice Hagan, Executive Assistant

1. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION # PKC20-10

Moved by Maureen Couture

Seconded by Mike Myatt

THAT the agenda for the Parks Committee meeting 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 Parks Committee Meeting – October 29, 2020

MOTION # PKC20-11

Moved by Dan Gieruszak

Seconded by Maureen Couture

THAT the minutes of the meeting held October 29, 2020 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

a. Gates at Durham Upper Dam (DUD)

Jennifer Stephens provided an update on the closure of the DUD walkway gates and informed the Parks Committee that the gates have been closed since October 31, 2020 due to public safety concerns and noted that there has never been a Public Safety Plan developed for the site.

Staff propose the formation of a Water Resources Committee to make recommendations relating to SVCA water and erosion control infrastructure, water quality and flood forecasting & warning. Discussion would include public safety concerns, closure of the DUD walkway gates, and recommendation of mitigating actions relating to risk assessment.

After discussion, the following motion was carried:

MOTION # PKC20-12

Moved by Maureen Couture

Seconded by Mike Myatt

THAT staff be directed to recommend to the Board of Directors that a new SVCA Water Resources Committee be formed to address concerns related to water and erosion control infrastructure, water quality, and flood forecasting & warning;

AND THAT staff be directed to advise the Board of Directors at their January 22nd meeting of the feedback obtained from the public with regard to the DUD gates being closed;

AND THAT the gates to the pedestrian walkway remain closed until such time as the Board of Directors or the Water Resources Committee (if formed), decide otherwise;

AND FURTHER THAT the Municipality of West Grey and the public be advised of this decision.

CARRIED

5. New Business

There was no new business.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m. on motion of Maureen Couture and Dan Gieruszak.

Cheryl Grace
Chair

Janice Hagan
Executive Assistant