

SAUGEEEN VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Conservation through Cooperation

MINUTES

MEETING: Board of Directors
DATE: May 7, 2009
TIME: 7:00 pm
LOCATION: Resource Centre, Headquarters Conservation Area

CHAIR: Doug Freiburger

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Gord Campbell, Luke Charbonneau, Anne Eadie, Iain Forbes, Dan Gieruszak, Ron Hewitt, Tom Kuglin, Dan Sullivan, Ralph Winslade, Carl Zettel

DIRECTORS ABSENT, WITH REGRET: John A. Bell, Peter Hambly, Manley Risk

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Jack Riley

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Coffey, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer
Dave Pybus, Senior Manager, Flood Forecasting & Land Management
Gary Senior, Senior Manager, Environmental Planning & Regulations
Jim Penner, Manager, Forestry
Don Smith, Project Manager, Drinking Water Source Protection
Laura Molson, Manager, Accounting
Bonnie Sherman, Executive Secretary
Members of the Press

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION #G09-53

Moved by Luke Charbonneau
Seconded by Tom Kuglin
THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

No person declared a pecuniary interest relative to any item on the agenda.

3. MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – March 19, 2009

MOTION #G09-54

Moved by Ralph Winslade

Seconded by Carl Zettel

THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting, held on March 19, 2009, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Children’s Safety Village – Update

A copy of Report #4a, entitled Saugeen Valley Children’s Safety Village (SVCSV), is appended to the office copy of these minutes.

MOTION #G09-55

Moved by Anne Eadie

Seconded by Dan Sullivan

THAT the May 7, 2009 staff report on the update of the SVCSV proposal be received, and further THAT the Board of Directors approve the location north of the maintenance complex, at the Headquarters Conservation Area as the site for the proposed SVCSV, and further

THAT this approval be subject to receipt of a formal request from the SVCSV committee for use of the Authority lands and that this use be subject to the execution of a suitable agreement.

Carried

Planning Agreement

As of the date of this meeting, no Planning Agreement has been received from the municipalities of West Grey and Chatsworth and the Town of Hanover.

It was felt sufficient time has been given to these municipalities to resolve this issue and that the Authority needs to make a final decision regarding Planning Agreements. All other Agreements with watershed municipalities are working well with no apparent problems.

MOTION #G09-56

Moved by Luke Charbonneau

Seconded by Anne Eadie

WHEREAS, under Section 25, 26 and 27 of the Conservation Authorities Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chap C.27, as amended, an Authority may determine the proportion of benefit of a project afforded to each municipality and shall notify them of their apportionment, and

WHEREAS the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority is required to comment on applications under the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chap P.13, as amended, and

WHEREAS the Authority has taken the position that the proponents of the planning applications should pay for the required comments and not watershed residents,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Authority hereby designates each member municipality as

special benefiting, and, as such, each municipality is responsible for one hundred per cent (100%) of the cost of the Authority providing comments in that municipality out of current revenues, and further THAT the designation of special benefiting status for a municipality is deemed to be fulfilled if that municipality, or respective county, enters into a Planning Services Agreement with the Authority, which said Agreement states the services provided, associated fees, and invoicing interval, and further THAT this policy shall be implemented June 1, 2009.

Carried

The Municipalities of West Grey and Chatsworth and the Town of Hanover will be notified in writing well enough in advance of the June 1, 2009 implementation date.

Administration Resolutions – Update

A copy of Report #4b, entitled Administration Resolutions, as well as Addendums 1 and 2, is appended to the office copy of these minutes.

Discussion arose regarding the provision of information to Directors to enable them to make better, informed decisions during the budgetary process, in particular, regarding employee salary increase information. They felt that something that takes up so much of the budget discussion should be a decision of the full Board of Directors. The Directors felt that salary ranges, at the least, should be available to the full Board of Directors.

The General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer noted that, according to the Municipal Freedom of Information & Protection of Privacy Act, individual salary information can only be released to the Officers and staff of the organization who require the information to perform their jobs. It is his interpretation that the cost of living adjustment and the salary ranges can be released however individual placements on the ranges cannot be released. It is considered personal information.

Staff was instructed to obtain a legal opinion of the Act as to who is eligible to receive the information and also to clarify the definition of “Officer” .

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Ministry of the Environment – re Ontario’s Cosmetic Pesticides Ban – providing a Fact Sheet on what licensed exterminators need to know – noted & filed

Town of Hanover Parks & Recreation – thanking Education staff for providing an education program for the Town during the March Break – letter forwarded to Education staff for their info

Mun. of Northern Bruce Peninsula – resolution supporting Mun. of South Bruce’s resolution regarding funding to Ontario’s Conservation Authorities – noted & filed

Township of Cramahe - resolution supporting Mun. of South Bruce’s resolution regarding funding to Ontario’s Conservation Authorities – noted & filed

The Regional Municipality of Durham - resolution supporting Mun. of South Bruce’s resolution regarding funding to Ontario’s Conservation Authorities – noted & filed

Town of Smith Falls - resolution supporting Mun. of South Bruce's resolution regarding funding to Ontario's Conservation Authorities - noted & filed

Town of Tecumseh - resolution supporting Mun. of South Bruce's resolution regarding funding to Ontario's Conservation Authorities – noted & filed

Township of Uxbridge - resolution supporting Mun. of South Bruce's resolution regarding funding to Ontario's Conservation Authorities – noted & filed

Township of Wellington North - resolution supporting Mun. of South Bruce's resolution regarding funding to Ontario's Conservation Authorities – noted & filed

Municipality of Grey Highlands - resolution supporting Mun. of South Bruce's resolution regarding funding to Ontario's Conservation Authorities – noted & filed

Mun. of Northern Bruce Peninsula – resolution supporting Mun. of Middlesex Centre's resolution regarding petitioning the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to review and shorten the time frame required for approval of drainage maintenance and construction and bridge reconstruction requests to allow for a more flexible and reasonable construction/maintenance season and to delegate DFO's authority for such matters to the local Conservation Authorities – noted & filed

Ted Arnott, M.P.P., Wellington-Halton Hills – thanking Authority for forwarding their Annual Report to his office – noted & filed

Bill Murdoch, M.P.P., Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound - thanking Authority for forwarding their Annual Report to his office – noted & filed

Numerous comments were made to Authority Directors by their local Council members regarding such a well produced Annual Report and how the Authority must have more money than they let on if they can produce such a good looking product. Appearances can be deceiving to the public. Several suggestions were made regarding using a limited supply of paper copies and moving toward an electronic distribution of the document.

Town of Saugeen Shores – resolution encouraging the SVCA to consider any and all avenues for cost saving potential, including amalgamation, as part of their 2009 Strategic Plan process – will be considered during Plan process

6. REPORTS

Chair & Conservation Ontario

Conservation Ontario's position regarding the Green Energy Act is that the interest of Conservation Authority's needs to be around the table rather than on the outside during the decision making process, in particular with regards to Section 28 approvals.

Conservation Ontario is forwarding its comments to the Provincial government's positioning paper on Ontario's Proposed Vision, Goals and Strategies to help protect and restore the Great Lakes. This paper is currently posted on the EBR.

Conservation Ontario is supporting the One-Project-One Assessment approach to Environmental Assessment papers. They are requesting that the different EA's mirror one another.

Finance Report

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

MOTION #G09-57

Moved by Ralph Winslade

Seconded by Gord Campbell

THAT the Financial Report to March 31, 2009 be accepted as distributed, and further

THAT the Accounts Payable, totaling \$932,995.52 for February and March 2009, 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 #G09-58

Moved by Dan Sullivan

Seconded by Dan Gieruszak

THAT the Program Report be approved as presented, and further

THAT the Permits as identified in Report #6b and dated May 7, 2009, be approved by the Board of Directors.

Carried

Source Water Protection Program Update

The Drinking Water Source Protection Project Manager, Don Smith, updated the Board of Directors on the status of the Minister's approval for the Terms of Reference for the Saugeen, Grey Sauble and Northern Bruce Peninsula source area. He noted that the Minister liked the document but requested that, before he would grant approval, the clause regarding landowner compensation be removed.

The SWP Committee have had extensive discussions regarding the inclusion of a compensation clause in the Terms of Reference that would allow compensation be paid to anyone who is negatively affected by the Plan. Mr. Smith feels relatively confident that the current draft wording will be favorable to the Minister and it is hoped that a meeting of the Source Protection Authority will be called in the near future to review and approve the revised Terms of Reference.

Foundation Report

A copy of Report #6c, entitled Saugeen Valley Conservation Foundation, is appended to the office copy of these minutes.

Appreciation was expressed for the extensive demographic information provided from the recent Maple Syrup Festival. The information was developed by Johanna Hardy, a volunteer for the Foundation. Mrs. Hardy will be sent a letter of appreciation for her efforts.

Property & Building Committee Meeting Minutes – April 8, 2009

These minutes were provided to the Board of Directors for their information. The Chair of the Property & Building Committee reported that the Committee is currently looking at different possible alternatives for an expansion to the Administration Office. It is hoped to have more concrete information for presentation to the next Board of Directors meeting.

MOTION #G09-59

Moved by Tom Kuglin

Seconded by Dan Gieruszak

THAT the minutes of the Property & Building Committee meeting, held on April 8, 2009, be received.

Carried

7. NEW BUSINESS

Land Disposition Summary

A copy of Report #7a, entitled Land Disposition Summary, is appended to the office copy of these minutes.

A summary of the Authority's land disposition transactions as well as a financial report to date, was provided to the Board of Directors for their information.

Cambridge Street, Paisley – Land Disposition

A copy of Report #7b, entitled Cambridge Street Property, Municipality of Arran-Elderslie, is appended to the office copy of these minutes.

MOTION #G09-60

Moved by Dan Sullivan

Seconded by Luke Charbonneau

THAT the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority dispose of the property known as all of Lot 5 as shown on Registered Plan No. 255 being a subdivision of Park Lot 11, north Side of Cambridge Street, Village of Paisley, save and except that part of the said Lot 5 shown as Part 1 on a plan registered as No. 3R1479 at the Registry Office of the County of Bruce, being 3.67 acres more or less, and further

THAT the property be deemed to be surplus to the needs of the Authority, and further

THAT the Authority apply to the Minister of Natural Resources for approval, pursuant to Section 21 (c) of the Conservation Authorities Act R.S.O. 1990, and further

THAT this disposition will further the objectives of the Authority.

Carried

MOTION #G09-61

Moved by Anne Eadie

Seconded by Tom Kuglin

THAT the disposition of the said property be directed to come under the purview of the Property & Building Committee for the completion of the Transaction.

Carried

Lorne Creek Shores Property Donation

A copy of Report #7c, entitled Lorne Creek Shores, Pt. Lots 49 & 50, Conc. A, Former Township of Kincardine, is appended to the office copy of these minutes.

MOTION #G09-62

Moved by Ron Hewitt

Seconded by Carl Zettel

THAT the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority receive the donation of the property known internally as the Lorne Creek Fen and further

THAT the Property & Building Committee continue to manage the transaction with the donor.

Carried

Personnel Policy Revisions

A copy of Report #7d, entitled Personnel Policy Revisions, is appended to the office copy of these minutes. The decision to include Family Day as a statutory holiday in the Personnel Policy met with some opposition amongst the Directors.

MOTION #G09-63

Moved by Dan Gieruszak

Seconded by Anne Eadie

THAT the Personnel Policy Revised September 2007 be revised to include the changes to Section 27.01 and Section 28.01c outlined in Report #7d, entitled Personnel Policy Revisions, and dated May 7, 2009.

Carried

Dan Sullivan and Ralph Winslade wished the minutes to make note that they voted against Motion #G09-63.

Strategic Plan Consultants

A copy of Report #7c, entitled Strategic Plan '09', is appended to the office copy of these minutes.

The Executive Committee Directors expressed their opinions as to which consultant they would favour and all were in agreement that Bill Winegard & Associates were qualified and capable of producing a valuable product for the Conservation Authority.

MOTION #G09-64

Moved by Ralph Winslade

Seconded by Luke Charbonneau

THAT the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority engage the firm of Bill Winegard & Associates for the completion of the Strategic Plan, in accordance with the proposal dated April 25, 2009.

Carried

Walkerton Flood Plain Mapping – Presentation

The Senior Manager, Environmental Planning & Regulations, presented the updated Walkerton Flood Plain Mapping to the Board of Directors. This project was started in 2007 and the municipality now has a very good product to work with. This mapping will be presented to the Municipality of Brockton Council following the Authority's approval.

MOTION #G09-65

Moved by Dan Gieruszak

Seconded by Carl Zettel

THAT the "Walkerton Flood Plain Mapping Project 2009" Report and related floodline maps be accepted by the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority.

Carried

Vehicle Replacements

A copy of Report #7f, entitled Vehicle Replacement, is appended to the office copy of these minutes.

MOTION #G09-66

Moved by Tom Kuglin

Seconded by Dan Sullivan

THAT a new vehicle be purchased to replace the 1998 GMC pickup (fleet #4) at an estimated cost of \$20,000, and further

THAT financing be provided from existing reserve accounts.

Carried

8. OTHER BUSINESS

For those Directors who wish to participate in the next Authority watershed tour, it is scheduled for May 28, leaving the Authority office at approximately 5:00pm to travel to Denny's Dam Conservation Area. Presentations will be given by Al Leach, Manager of Lands, and Gary Senior, Senior Manager, Environmental Planning & Regulations. From Denny's Dam, the group will travel to the Bruce County Museum for supper and a talk by a representative of the Lake Huron Centre for Coastal Conservation. Directors are asked to advise Shannon Wood as soon as possible if they will be attending this tour. Beverages and refreshments will be provided en route.

For their information, Directors were provided with a copy of a recent article on Greening Up, written by Conservation Ontario staff.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:55pm on motion of Luke Charbonneau.

Doug Freiburger
Chair

Bonnie Sherman
Executive Secretary