

SAUGEEN VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Conservation through Cooperation

MINUTES

MEETING: Board of Directors
DATE: Thursday, February 11, 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, Tom Kuglin, Mark MacKenzie, Manley Risk, Dan Sullivan, Ralph Winslade, Carl Zettel

DIRECTORS ABSENT, WITH REGRET: Luke Charbonneau, Ron Hewitt

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Jack Riley

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Coffey, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer
Gary Senior, Senior Manager, Environmental Planning & Regulations
Jo-Anne Harbinson, Manager, Water Resources & Stewardship
Shannon Wood, Manager, Communications
Catherine Bould, Graphic Artist/Communications
Al Leach, Manager, Lands
Laura Molson, Manager, Accounting
Bonnie Sherman, Executive Secretary
Guests & Members of the Press

For the purpose of the budget vote, a roll call was conducted of Directors present at the meeting,

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION #G10-13

Moved by Anne Eadie
Seconded by Dan Sullivan
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 MEETINGS –December 16, 2009 & January 15, 2010

MOTION #G10-14

Moved by Tom Kuglin

Seconded by Ralph Winslade

THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors meetings, held on December 16, 2009 and January 15, 2010, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

2010 Budget

MOTION #G10-15

Moved by Peter Hambly

Seconded by John Bell

THAT the amount of \$1,325,724.88 be raised by General Levy and further
THAT general levy payments shall be due in two equal installments on March 31 and June 30 and further
THAT late payments shall be subject to the Authority's normal late payment charge of 1.50% per month thereafter and further

THAT, in accordance with Section 27(4) of the *Conservation Authorities Act*, R.S.O. 1990, the minimum sum that shall be levied against a participating municipality for administration costs shall be \$1,100.00.

A recorded vote was taken for this motion with the following results:

Arran-Elderslie	Jack Riley	Absent
Brockton	Dan Gieruszak	Yea
Chatsworth	Tom Kuglin	Yea
Grey-Highlands	Manley Risk	Yea
Hanover	Peter Hambly	Yea
Howick	Carl Zettel	Yea
Huron-Kinloss	Anne Eadie	Yea
Kincardine	Ron Hewitt	Absent
Kincardine	Gord Campbell	Yea
Minto	Mark MacKenzie	Yea
Morris-Turnberry	Carl Zettel	Yea
Saugeen Shores	Doug Freiburger	Yea
Saugeen Shores	Luke Charbonneau	Absent
South Bruce	Carl Zettel	Yea
Southgate	Ralph Winslade	Yea
Wellington North	Mark MacKenzie	Yea
West Grey	Dan Sullivan	Yea
West Grey	John Bell	Yea

Motion #G10-15 was passed by a 100% unanimous vote.

MOTION #G10-16

Moved by Anne Eadie

Seconded by Manley Risk

THAT the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority adopt the 2010 Total Budget as outlined in the document presented at the December 16, 2009 meeting, and further

THAT the Authority share of the costs will be raised through general revenues, reserves, donations, general surplus and special and general levies in accordance with the *Conservation Authorities Act*, and further

THAT the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer is hereby authorized to forward levy notices to the member municipalities.

Carried

MOTION #G10-17

Moved by Gord Campbell

Seconded by Carl Zettel

THAT the Authority carry a borrowing maximum for 2010 with the Royal Bank of Canada for \$50,000.00 to facilitate the Visa Credit provided by this bank, and further

THAT the signing officers be authorized to execute the required documents.

Carried

Communications Product/Newsletter

For their information, the Directors were provided with binders containing samples of all the Authority's current brochures, newsletters and other types of information generated in-house for distribution to the public.

PRESENTATIONS TO VOLUNTEERS & SPONSORS

The Chair presented appreciation awards on behalf of the Authority to representatives of the Kincardine Cross Country Ski Club, the Bruce County Campers, Gary Senior and Marian Wersch, for their support and volunteer time spent assisting the Authority. Groups recognized for their monetary contributions to the Authority were Whinny Acres of Priceville and representatives of the IPM Beautification Committee. Although no representative was present to receive their award, the Friends of McBeath were recognized for their volunteer support at the McBeath Conservation Area.

Union Gas, Cedarwell Excavating, the Estate of Neil VanVliet and Bruce Power Environmental Group, although not represented at the meeting, were all recognized for their monetary donation towards the work of the Conservation Authority in 2009.

On behalf of the Saugeen Valley Conservation Foundation, and in the absence of the Foundation Chair, Ed Moric, SVCF Vice Chair Ken Kienapple, the Authority Chair as well as the Authority 1st Vice Chair, presented a number of individuals and organizations with awards recognizing their contribution and/or assistance during the numerous Foundation events hosted in 2009. Bruce Telecom, represented by Ray Majury, was presented with an appreciation award for their monetary contribution toward the Foundation's maple syrup event. Representatives from Hydro One as well as Ontario Power Generation

were present to receive appreciation awards for their monetary contributions towards the Foundation's Christmas in the Country event. Also present to receive appreciation awards were Ken Kienapple, Waterloo, Jack MacLeod, Hanover, John Kuntz (J&J Sandblasting), Elmwood, Sam Fraser, Ayton, Johanna Hardy, Hanover, Menno Martin, Chepstow, Nancy Gilroy, Chesley, Sharon Yorke, Teeswater, Deputy Chief Dan Rioux, representing the West Grey Police Services, and Glen Meads, representing the South Grey Hunters.

Other groups or individuals not present at the meeting but also recognized for their monetary contributions in 2009 were John Grant, Grant's Your Independent Grocer, Hanover, and John Sutherland & Sons Insurance Ltd., of Guelph. Recognized for their volunteer time and valuable support to the Foundation were Dave and Carol Kraft, Neustadt, Jim Penner, Walkerton, Stuart Byers, Hanover, Ross Young Bus Lines, Tiverton, Valery Kempers, of Markdale, West Grey Fire Department, Neustadt, Donna Lacey, Walkerton, Monica Kienapple, Waterloo, Laurel Martin, Chepstow, as well as the Bruce County Trappers & Crappers.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Town of Hanover – motion supporting Authority's 2010 draft budget – noted & filed

Township of Howick – motion supporting Authority's 2010 draft budget – noted & filed

Municipality of Morris-Turnberry – advising of their support for the Authority's 2010 draft budget – noted & filed

Town of Minto – motion supporting Authority's 2010 draft budget – noted & filed

6. REPORTS

Finance Report

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

MOTION #G10-18

Moved by Dan Sullivan

Seconded by Dan Gieruszak

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

THAT the Accounts Payable, totaling \$828,775.72 for November and December, 2009, be approved for payment.

Carried

Directors requested that unaudited forecasted 2010 budget figures be provided in the 2011 draft budget.

The question was raised as to whether staff is still investigating different ways to apportion General Levy. The General Manager noted there is currently no flexibility in the way the levy is apportioned. The only flexibility is to work with the minimum levy but that can only be apportioned to Administration. Until legislation is changed, nothing can be changed. However, the General Manager is still investigating other options. It was noted, however, that caution should be taken to avoid causing more hardship on smaller municipalities.

Program Report

A copy of Report #6b, entitled Program Report, is appended to the office copy of these minutes.

MOTION #G10-19

Moved by Tom Kuglin

Seconded by Gord Campbell

THAT the Program Report be approved as presented, and further

THAT the Permits as identified in Report #6b and dated February 11, 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.

Forestry Committee Meeting Minutes – January 26, 2010

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

MOTION #G10-20

Moved by Carl Zettel

Seconded by Manley Risk

THAT the minutes of the Forestry Committee meeting, held on January 26, 2010, be received.

Carried

Property & Building Committee Meeting Minutes – April 8, 2009

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

MOTION #G10-21

Moved by Peter Hambly

Seconded by Tom Kuglin

THAT the minutes of the Property & Building Committee meeting, held on February 1, 2010, be received.

Carried

The Directors were asked for their opinion as to whether the installation of solar panels on the Authority's new office facilities should be investigated. It was agreed that this would be a unique opportunity for the Authority to become involved in but that a consultant would need to be hired to decide if it would be feasible. There is currently a grant program available under the province's Green Energy Act MicroFit Program.

MOTION #G10-22

Moved by Gord Campbell

Seconded by Dan Sullivan

Though it was not stated in the minutes, subsequent discussion to the minutes indicated that a recommendation should be made to the full Board of Directors to garner support for research and application for alternate energy sources under the Green Energy Act.

Carried

7. NEW BUSINESS

Impact of HST on Authority Fees

A copy of Report #7a, entitled Conservation Areas Fee Schedule – HST Implementation, is appended to the office copy of these minutes. This report was provided for the Directors information.

Capital Works – Infrastructure Repairs

A copy of Report #7b, entitled Capital Works Infrastructure Repairs, is appended to the office copy of these minutes.

Considerable discussion arose regarding use of the original engineers involved in the designs of the projects as opposed to tenders being requested for the repairs. It was also stressed that close communication be maintained with the municipalities involved.

MOTION #G10-23

Moved by John Bell

Seconded by Tom Kuglin

THAT, should funding for the proposed repairs to the Inverhuron Flood and Erosion Control and/or the Walkerton Flood Control Dykes receive approval from both the benefiting Municipality and the Ministry of Natural Resources (WECI funding), the Board of Directors support the SVCA staff in moving forward with the selection of engineering firms directly for the assessment and design of the repairs, foregoing the tender process; and further

THAT Authority staff be authorized to use the engineers that were either involved in the design of said projects or have been historically involved with repairs to the projects.

Carried

Forest Festival Update

A copy of Report #7c, entitled Bruce Grey Forest Festival, is appended to the office copy of these minutes. This report was provided to the Directors for their information.

A presentation will be made to the full Board of Directors some time later in the summer.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Mark MacKenzie enquired if new name plates for the Board of Directors could be made showing the municipalities that the Directors represent. It was agreed to have new name plates made.

Mr. MacKenzie also inquired if it was possible to charge general levy to the counties. He was advised that, according to the legislation, general levy can only be levied against lower tier municipalities, not upper tier.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm on motion of Dan Gieruszak.

Doug Freiburger
Chair

Bonnie Sherman
Executive Secretary

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