

SAUGEE VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Conservation through Cooperation

MINUTES

MEETING: Authority Meeting
DATE: Tuesday July 18, 2017
TIME: 7:00 pm
LOCATION: Administration Office, Formosa

CHAIR: Luke Charbonneau

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Bell, Robert Buckle, Mark Davis, Barbara Dobreen,
Kevin Eccles, Brian Gamble, Wilf Gamble, Stewart Halliday, Steve McCabe,
Sue Paterson, Mike Smith

ABSENT WITH REGRET: Maureen Couture, Dan Gieruszak, Andrew White

OTHERS PRESENT: Wayne Brohman, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer
Gary Senior, Sr. Manager, Flood Warning & Land Management
Janice Hagan, Recording Secretary

Chair Luke Charbonneau called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

1. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION #G17-72

Moved by Steve McCabe

Seconded by Brian Gamble

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Luke Charbonneau declared a pecuniary interest relative to the Program Report.

3. Minutes of the Authority Meeting – May 16, 2017

MOTION #G17-73

Moved by Barbara Dobreen

Seconded by Robert Buckle

THAT the minutes of the Authority meeting, held on May 16, 2017 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

5. Correspondence

- A letter from Kathryn McGarry, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry commending SVCA for the 2016 Annual Report, and congratulating staff for various projects completed throughout the year was **noted and filed**.
- A copy of a letter from Leanne Martin, Clerk, Municipality of South Bruce, addressed to the Honourable Kathryn McGarry, MPP regarding the South Bruce resolution relating to the proposed amendment to the Conservation Authorities Act requiring CA Boards to have 50% of Members with scientific backgrounds was **noted and filed**.

6. Presentation – June Flood Event

Gary Senior gave a PowerPoint presentation describing the June Flood event. He told the Members that the flood was primarily in the southern part of the watershed and significantly dropped off further north. It is generally not typical to have high flows in the month of June and it is the first time historically that gauges will record June as having the highest flows of the year. The South Saugeen River had the most intense flooding in the watershed and it responded quickly with a rapid rise and drop in levels, taking only 13 hours to peak. SVCA staff issued 3 flood messages and operated on a 24 hour schedule tracking watershed stream gauges, issuing messages and receiving inquiries. Information was posted on social media, which indicated that over 12,000 people had been reached. Planning & Regulations staff were on duty to photograph flooding and damage. Chair Charbonneau thanked Gary for his informative presentation.

Gary Senior left the meeting at 7:55pm.

7. Reports

a. Finance Report

The GM/S-T reviewed the Finance Report for May 2017 and highlighted several items. The Planning & Regulations revenue is higher than last year, indicating an increase in permits and inquiries. Expenses for Flood Warning are down since the Floodwaters and You program did not run due to staff illness. Campground revenues are on target. The Horse camping is slightly below expectation due to wet weather that makes riding trails difficult. Wayne told the Members that there continues to be several large group camping reservations at the Bluffs and Durham. The Members are positive about the improved revenues at the campgrounds.

MOTION #G17-74

Moved by Mark Davis

Seconded by Dan Gieruszek

THAT the Financial Report to May 31, 2017 be accepted as distributed and further;

THAT the Accounts Payable, totaling \$482,135.19 be approved as distributed.

CARRIED

b. Program Report

Luke Charbonneau vacated the Chair due to a pecuniary interest in the program report. Member at Large, Kevin Eccles took his place as Chair Pro Tem. The GM/S-T reviewed the program report and after discussion the following motion was passed:

MOTION #G17-75

Moved by Barbara Dobreen

Seconded by Steve McCabe

THAT the Program report be received as information.

CARRIED

Kevin Eccles vacated the Chair Pro Tem position in favour of Luke Charbonneau who took his place as Chair.

c. Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting – February 17, 2017

MOTION #G17-76

Moved by Kevin Eccles

Seconded by Mike Smith

THAT the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting, February 17, 2017 be received as circulated.

CARRIED

d. Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting – February 27, 2017

MOTION #G17-77

Moved by Barbara Dobreen

Seconded by Sue Paterson

THAT the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting, February 27, 2017 be received as circulated.

CARRIED

e. Minutes of the Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting – March 20, 2017

MOTION #G17-78

Moved by Steve McCabe

Seconded by Brian Gamble

THAT the minutes of the Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting, March 20, 2017 be received as circulated.

CARRIED

f. Planning & Regulations Action Items

The GM/S-T reviewed the Planning & Regulations Action Items chart. He pointed out that the Planning &

Regulations Policies Document had been completed and that several municipalities had requested hard copies. The Mapping Working group is no longer meeting as the Teeswater mapping is to be used as a model to other municipalities for upgrading priority areas and they should continue to be encouraged to identify areas of interest. Wayne told the Members that SVCA had sent out letters to upper and lower tier municipal governments regarding the Memorandum of Agreements for planning services and has requested comments by September 1, 2017. The Members requested consultation meetings, which will be held after comments are received.

g. Markdale Dam Removal

The GM/S-T reviewed the report submitted by Jo-Anne Harbinson on the Markdale dam removal. He told the Members that this project should be completed in the fall since funding has been secured. The project has been re-tendered and the scope of work is currently being adjusted to fit the budget.

8. Other Business

a. 2017 Goals Review

The GM/S-T reviewed his list of goals and initiatives for 2017 and updated the Members on the status. The Grey Bruce Forestry review has been added to the list of priorities as requested. Bruce Power funding initiatives have been delayed as SVCA is waiting for Bruce Power to complete negotiations with the department of Fisheries & Oceans. The Walkerton and Kincardine floodplain mapping has been delayed but the Members directed the GM/S-T to make it a high priority.

b. CA Act Proposed Amendments

The GM/S-T presented the report on the proposed amendments to the Conservation Authorities Act. He pointed out specific areas that may impact SVCA, including updating the Administration Resolutions, reviewing the fee policy, new enforcement powers for staff, and periodic reviews of municipal MoU's. Next steps include the submission of comments to the EBR posting. The Members directed the GM/S-T to submit a comment with respect to Part IV of the amended act which relates to Membership and Governance. Given that most of SVCA funding comes from the municipal level, then municipalities should be given decision making responsibility regarding composition of member representation and length of service on the Authority.

MOTION #G17-79

Moved by John Bell

Seconded by Mark Davis

THAT SVCA staff send comments to Conservation Ontario as discussed.

CARRIED

c. **Compensation Review**

The GM/S-T recommended that the Authority complete a compensation review in 2017 since it had previously been performed in 2007-2008. The Members discussed the benefits of hiring an outside consultant over performing an in-house review. The Members directed staff to issue an RFP for consulting services to complete the review and report back with the quotations.

MOTION #G17-80

Moved by Steve McCabe

Seconded by Barbara Dobreen

THAT SVCA staff be directed to issue an RFP for the services of a consulting firm with respect to a compensation review; and further

THAT staff report back to the Authority at the September 19th meeting.

CARRIED

d. **Planning & Regulations Customer Service Survey**

The GM/S-T reviewed the comments on the customer service survey. Several Members indicated that complaints were again on the rise with respect to response times.

e. **News Articles**

The GM/S-T submitted articles from local newspapers regarding the SVCA for the purpose of keeping the Authority Members up to date on current events.

9. **Other Business**

a. **Woods House**

The GM/S-T reported that since receiving the Woods property donation, the Executive Committee had directed staff to sell the house by tender with the requirement to move the house by October 15th and with a minimum bid of \$20,000. The services of a local auctioneer had been retained, however, there were no tenders received, requiring further direction from the Authority. After discussion the Authority directed staff to hold a live auction for the sale of the house.

MOTION #G17-81

Moved by Mike Smith

Seconded by Stewart Halliday

THAT the Authority directs that a live auction be held for the sale of the Wood's house with a reserve to be determined by Staff.

CARRIED

10. For the Good of the Committee

Authority Member Robert Buckle relayed that there had been a clip on the CTV London News regarding the Greenock Swamp which was informative and interesting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:05pm on motion of Barbara Dobreen.

Luke Charbonneau
Chair

Janice Hagan
Recording Secretary