

SAUGEEN VALLEY
CONSERVATION
AUTHORITY

MINUTES

Conservation through Cooperation

MEETING: Authority Meeting
DATE: Tuesday, May 7, 2019
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Administration Office, Formosa

CHAIR: Dan Gieruszak

MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Allen, Mark Davis, Barbara Dobreen, Mark Goetz, Cheryl Grace, Tom Hutchinson, Steve McCabe, Mike Myatt, Sue Paterson, Diana Rae, Christine Robinson, Bill Stewart

ABSENT WITH REGRET: Maureen Couture, Don Murray

OTHERS PRESENT: David Dansereau, Delegate
Wayne Brohman, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer
Erik Downing, Manager, Environmental Planning & Regulations
Matt Armstrong, Regulations Officer
Shaun Anthony, Flood Warning/Water Quality Coordinator
Janice Hagan, Administrative Assistant

Chair Dan Gieruszak, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION #G19-41

Moved by Cheryl Grace

Seconded by Tom Hutchinson

THAT the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

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

3. Minutes of the Authority Meeting – March 19, 2019

MOTION #G19-42

Moved by Steve McCabe

Seconded by Barbara Dobreen

THAT the Minutes of the Authority meeting, held on March 19, 2019 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Presentation

a. Administrative Review of Completeness of Permit Application

The GM/S-T introduced David Dansereau, delegate, and explained that the purpose of the presentation is only to determine if the submitted permit application is complete. He reminded the Members that the technicalities of the application were not to be discussed.

Mark Goetz arrived at the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Matt Armstrong summarized the submitted report and explained that Mr. Dansereau is currently in violation of Regulation 169/06 due to two shipping containers and a wood framed construction located in a flood plain. Staff had informed Mr. Dansereau that the application submitted after the fact was incomplete and required a floodplain analysis to determine floodplain depths and velocities. Both Mr. Dansereau and the Members were given an opportunity to ask Matt questions.

At 7:21 p.m. Mr. Dansereau presented his report to the Members. He explained the historical significance of the Scone Mill and described the devastation caused by the flooding of the North Saugeen in August 2010. He told the Members that his residence, bicycle shop and art gallery were all destroyed by the flood. He described actions taken and associated costs for rebuilding a house, including requirements by SVCA for an elevated driveway which would provide safe access. Mr. Dansereau discussed the permit application requirements and noted that he had not been required to submit a floodplain analysis for previous permits on the property. He told the Members that he had subdivided his property in 2013 and sold the portion containing the mill building. At 7:48 p.m. the Members were given an opportunity to ask Mr. Dansereau for further explanations.

After further discussion the following motion was defeated:

MOTION #G19-43

Moved by Diana Rae

Seconded by Bill Stewart

THAT the Authority considers the permit application by David Dansereau with respect to Storage Containers and Facade 1658 Bruce Road 10 Pt Lot 35, Con 3 Geographic Township of Elderslie Municipality of Arran-Elderslie, to be complete.

DEFEATED

Following a show of hands vote, Diana Rae requested a recorded vote for the following motion:

MOTION #G19-44

Moved by Mark Davis

Seconded by Cheryl Grace

THAT the Authority considers the permit application by David Dansereau with respect to Storage Containers and Facade 1658 Bruce Road 10 Pt Lot 35, Con 3 Geographic Township of Elderslie Municipality of Arran-Elderslie, to be incomplete and requires submission of a floodplain analysis acceptable to SVCA staff.

Paul Allen	Yea
Mark Davis	Yea
Barbara Dobreen	Nay
Mark Goetz	Nay
Cheryl Grace	Yea
Tom Hutchinson	Nay
Steve McCabe	Nay
Mike Myatt	Yea
Sue Paterson	Yea
Diana Rae	Nay
Christine Robinson	Yea
Bill Stewart	Nay
Dan Gieruszak	Yea

CARRIED

David Dansereau left the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

b. Flood Warning Orientation

Shaun Anthony gave an overview of the functions of the Flood Warning program. He told the Members that he is in the process of upgrading Flood Warning systems to create a more efficient data collection procedure. He explained the process of the WISKI software which is hosted by Upper Thames CA. He described the various public statements used for high water events. Moving forward Shaun is researching the effectiveness of remote cameras. The Members thanked him for his presentation.

Shaun left the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

a. **Durham Middle Dam**

Wayne noted the response from Brent Stewart, Project Manager, Infrastructure Ontario regarding SVCA's motion, March 19, 2019 indicating non-interest in acquiring the Durham Middle Dam. There was no discussion.

b. **Customer Service Survey**

The GM/S-T presented alternative wording to the appeal process question on the SVCA customer service wording:

“If conditions of approval were assigned to your proposal from SVCA, or if approval was not given from SVCA staff, were you informed of the hearing and/or appeal process?”

The Members agreed that proposed wording is appropriate.

A coffee break was called at 8:42 p.m. and the meeting was reconvened at 8:51 p.m.

6. Consent Agenda

MOTION #G19-45

Moved by Christine Robinson

Seconded by Sue Paterson

THAT the reports, Minutes, and information contained in the Consent Agenda, [items 6a-g], along with their respective recommended motions be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

- a. Program Report
- b. Accounts Payable Report THAT the Accounts Payable, totaling \$407,632.41 be approved as distributed. *THAT the Accounts Payable, totaling \$407,632.41 be approved as distributed.*
- c. Finance Report
- d. Proposed Changes to Conservation Authority Operations
- e. Section 28 Hearing draft minutes for Klages – February 22, 2019
- f. Correspondence for Members’ information
- g. News Articles for Members’ information

7. New Business

a. Provincial Conservation Authority Client Service and Streamlining Initiative

The GM/S-T told the Members that Conservation Ontario [CO] is asking CA’s to review client services in three areas as listed in the report. The following motion was proposed by CO and passed by the Members:

MOTION #G19-46

Moved by Mark Davis

Seconded by Diana Rae

WHEREAS the provincial government intends to increase the supply of housing and streamline the land use planning and development approval process to achieve this goal; and

WHEREAS the Conservation Authorities play an important role in the planning and development review process with respect to watershed protection and hazard lands; and

WHEREAS Conservation Authorities support and can help deliver the Government’s objective not to jeopardize public health and safety or the environment;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Authority endorse the three key solutions developed by the Conservation Ontario working group: to improve client service and accountability; increase speed of approvals; and, reduce “red tape” and regulatory burden; and further

THAT staff be directed to work with Conservation Ontario and our clients to identify additional improvements.

CARRIED

b. MNRF Grant Reduction

The GM/S-T advised the Members that the Provincial government has reduced grant funding for all Ontario Conservation Authorities and that SVCA will receive \$76,273 less than previously budgeted. This is despite the lobbying for increased funding and the meeting with Minister Rod Phillips and Lisa Thompson, February 7, 2019. The GM/S-T told the Members that options for dealing with the reduction could include an increase of the special levy, using funds from the working capital reserve, or could be allocated from other reserves. The Members agreed that no budget changes are necessary for 2019 but that the GM/S-T is to provide options for the 2020 budget that reflect the grant reduction. The GM/S-T presented a motion that GSCA had proposed to Bruce County:

“WHEREAS the Ontario Government’s Proposal on the Environmental Registry of Ontario 013-5018 on Modernizing Conservation Authority (CA) Operations proposes to define a limited list of the core mandatory programs and services for CAs,

THAT Bruce County recognizes the value provided by the work of the Cas supports the current multi-municipality governance model for the selection of programs, and the current municipal levying approach that includes annual input from Local Municipal Councils, and

THAT Bruce County recommends that the province acknowledge their strong and positive provincial role in flood risk reduction programs and reinstate funding to Cas, and

THAT Municipal Staff be directed to provide a copy of their resolution the Environmental Registry of Ontario (<https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/013-5018>) prior to the May 20th deadline, to AMO, and to Ministers Bill Walker and Lisa Thompson.”

After discussion the following motion was passed:

MOTION #G19-47

Moved by Barbara Dobreen

Seconded by Steve McCabe

THAT the SVCA endorse the motion proposed by Grey Sauble CA so that it may be presented to Grey & Bruce Counties.

CARRIED

8. Other Business

a. Bruce County Memorandum of Understanding for Planning Services update

The GM/S-T reported that staff from SVCA, MVCA and GSCA met with Bruce County staff on April 8 to discuss an updated Memorandum of Agreement which is to include the continuing provision of Natural Heritage planning services by the CAs. A draft Bruce County MOA will be presented to the Authority for approval after which an updated MOA will be presented to other watershed municipalities.

c. Selection of orientation presentation for July meeting

The Members requested that staff prepare a presentation on the SVCA campgrounds, Horse-camping, and non-revenue parks for the next scheduled Authority meeting [July 16, 2019].

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:47 p.m. on motion of Christine Robinson.

Dan Gieruszak
Chair

Janice Hagan
Recording Secretary