

SAUGEEN VALLEY
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MEETING: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
DATE: Thursday July 27, 2020
TIME: 1:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Remote (Zoom)

CHAIR: Dan Gieruszak

MEMBERS PRESENT: Barbara Dobreen, Steve McCabe

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Maureen Couture, Christine Robinson

OTHERS PRESENT: Jennifer Stephens, GM/S-T
Erik Downing, Manager, Planning & Regulations
Matt Armstrong, Regulations Officer
Janice Hagan, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION #E20-22

Moved by Barbara Dobreen
Seconded by Steve McCabe
THAT the agenda 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 Executive Committee Meeting – July 16, 2020

MOTION #E20-23

Moved by Barbara Dobreen
Seconded by Dan Gieruszak
THAT the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting, July 16, 2020 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

- a. Violation under Ontario Regulation 169/06 – 6196 16th Line Pt Lot 17, Con 17, Town of Minto

Jennifer Stephens, GM/S-T, reviewed the submitted reports and noted that the file has been unresolved since 2017. The landowners had partially drained the pond located on their property which has been assessed as a Provincially Significant Wetland (PSW). SVCA staff have been in communication with the landowners to resolve this violation and an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) had been required as part of the proposed remediation plan. The timeline of events is attached to the submitted report. It was noted that the landowners retained a consultant to complete the EIS which was submitted to SVCA May 15, 2020 and was deemed by staff to be incomplete since it did not include a Flooding Report, nor did it address some integral elements required in an EIS. SVCA staff consulted with the Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry (MNR) and it was confirmed that the area is an element of the Provincially Significant Clifford Harriston Wetland Complex.

The GM/S-T informed the Executive committee that a meeting with the landowner's contractor attended by herself, Matt Armstrong, and Councillor Steve McCabe had taken place at the subject property to negotiate a proposal for partial remediation. The landowners would be required to fill in half of the original depression and move the remaining excavated material to the west of the wetland to allow flow to take place which should maintain the original footprint of the wetland while allowing the landowner to construct the drive shed and increase the desired area of lawn. The westerly portion would be restored and maintained as a wetland. She requested that documentation be included in the subject file to indicate that the restoration and conservation of the wetland would be maintained moving forward and that SVCA staff have done due diligence in resolution of the file. The addendum would be written by Councillor Steve McCabe, with support from SVCA staff and would summarize the agreement confirming that the hydrological and ecological functions of the wetland would be preserved.

After further discussion, the following motion was passed:

MOTION #E20-24

Moved by Barbara Dobreen

Seconded by Steve McCabe

THAT the Executive Committee direct staff to obtain rationale in writing, confirming how the hydrological and ecological functions of the wetland would be maintained.

CARRIED

b. New Business

There was no new business.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 1:39 p.m. on motion of Steve McCabe and Barbara Dobreen.

Dan Gieruszak
Chair

Janice Hagan
Recording Secretary