

SAUGEEN VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Conservation through Cooperation

MINUTES

MEETING: Board of Directors
DATE: Thursday, May 28, 2015
TIME: 7:00pm
LOCATION: Administration Office, Formosa

CHAIR: Luke Charbonneau

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Robert Buckle, Maureen Couture, Barbara Dobreen, John Eccles, Brian Gamble, Wilf Gamble, Dan Gieruszak, Stewart Halliday, Steve McCabe, Mike Smith, Andrew White.

DIRECTORS ABSENT, WITH REGRET: Kevin Eccles, Dan Kerr, Sue Paterson

OTHERS PRESENT: Wayne Brohman, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer
Janice Hagan, Recording Secretary
Erik Downing, Manager, Environmental Planning & Regulations
Jim Penner, Manager, Forestry
Member of the Press

Chair Luke Charbonneau called the meeting to order at 7:42 pm, following the Source Protection Authority Board Meeting.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION #G15-36

Moved by Brian Gamble
Seconded by Mike Smith
THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

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

3. MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – March 26, 2015

MOTION #G15-37

Moved by Andrew White

Seconded by Barbara Dobreen

THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting, held on March 26, 2015, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

4. MINUTES OF THE FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING – March 26, 2015

MOTION #G15-38

Moved by Mike Smith

Seconded by Andrew White

THAT the minutes of the Forestry Committee, held on March 26, 2015, be received as presented.

Carried

5. PRESENTATION: LAKE HURON CENTRE FOR COASTAL CONSERVATION

Due to a last minute scheduling conflict, Pamela Scharfe was unable to attend the Board of Directors meeting.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Continued Implementation of Goal #2 of the Strategic Plan

Wayne Brohman presented the Review of Planning and Regulations Department and highlighted several areas to become priorities, including written department policies, and file tracking. Mr. Charbonneau commended Mr. Brohman on his efforts to improve relationships between the Planning & Regulations Department and the Public. Mr. Brohman will prepare a status report for the Board, July 23, 2015.

Communication to Municipalities where 50 metre buffer applies and the desire to commence dialogue on setting priorities around development of regulation mapping

The Board was made aware of correspondence that had been recently sent to the Municipalities regarding Regulation Mapping. The letter explained the importance of the mapping and encourages the Municipalities to designate a staff member to be a part of a working group which will be established for the purpose of providing updates to Councils. A copy of this letter, Re: Regulation Mapping, is appended to the office copy of these minutes.

Appropriateness of the 50 metre screening buffer

Erik Downing shared with the Board, the intent of the Planning & Regulation Department to survey all new files to determine the impact of the 50 metre screening area rule. The department will gather the data and he will present its findings to the Board in the new year.

Communication to municipalities regarding the necessity for SVCA to comment on Municipal Zoning by-laws.

The summary of the zoning comments query is as follows:

Municipality	Response:
Arran-Elderslie	
Brockton	
Chatsworth	
Grey Highlands	
Hanover	Eliminate
Howick	Keep
Huron-Kinloss	Eliminate
Kincardine	
Minto	
Morris-Turnberry	
Saugeen Shores	Eliminate
South Bruce	Eliminate
Southgate	Eliminate
Wellington North	
West Grey	Eliminate

Mr. Brohman would like to have a decision from the Board regarding zoning comments at the Board of Directors meeting, July 23, and a larger survey sample would be beneficial. Board members from municipalities that had not yet responded were encouraged to follow up with their municipalities.

Alternate Power Source for Remote Sensing Stations.

Mr. Brohman reviewed the report that had been submitted by Les McKay, Manager, Information Technology. SVCA staff plan to replace the hydro source in 2-3 of its Remote Sensing Stations with solar power this year to test the efficiency and workability of the new system. If this trial is successful, the remaining stations will be changed over in the following year.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Email from Grant Collins, Drainage Superintendent, Township of Huron-Kinloss expressing his appreciation to the SVCA for sponsoring a bus to enable the tour of the storm water management sites was **noted and filed**.

Email from Peg Schieck, Clerk's Assistant, Town of Minto, expressing appreciation on behalf of the Town of Minto for the presentation by the SVCA at the Council Meeting was **noted and filed**.

Letter from the Town of Hanover regarding SVCA Zoning Comments was **noted and filed**.

Letter from the Township of Huron-Kinloss regarding SVCA Zoning Comments was **noted and filed**.

Letter from the Municipality of South Bruce regarding SVCA Zoning Comments was **noted and filed**.

Email from the Township of Howick regarding SVCA Zoning Comments was **noted and filed**.

Letter from the Municipality of West Grey regarding SVCA Zoning Comments was **noted and filed**.

Letter from the Township of Southgate regarding SVCA Zoning Comments was **noted and filed**.

Letter from the Town of Saugeen Shores regarding SVCA Zoning Comments was **noted and filed**.

8. REPORTS

Finance Report #8a

MOTION #G15-39

Moved by Stewart Halliday

Seconded by Wilf Gamble

THAT the Financial Report to April 30, 2015 be accepted as distributed and further;

THAT the Accounts Payable, totaling \$410,056.21 be approved as distributed.

Carried

Program Reports #8b

MOTION #G15-40

Moved by Maureen Couture

Seconded by Robert Buckle

THAT the Program Report be adopted as presented.

Carried

Fish Stocking Report #8c

MOTION #G15-41

Moved by Barbara Dobreen

Seconded by Steve McCabe

THAT Authority Staff is directed to send a letter of appreciation to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, and in particular to Jody Scheifley, management biologist, Owen Sound Field office, in recognition of their efforts this year in stocking fish at the Allan Park, Durham, and Bell's Lake Conservation Areas.

Carried

Forestry Management Year End Report (2014) & Workplan (2015)

Mr. Brohman explained that this report is updated and presented each year by the Forestry Department and is evidence of how SVCA Staff take seriously the resources of our own property.

Conservation Ontario AGM

This report is for information purposes and highlights significant discussions from the Conservation Ontario Council Meeting attended by Wayne Brohman.

Bill 66: Proposed Great Lakes Protection Act

This report is for information purposes to share with the Board comments regarding the Proposed Great Lakes Protection Act. Mr. Brohman explained that this Board may have opportunity to give input into the Bill.

Children's Safety Village update

Mr. Brohman updated the Board on the Building & Property Committee's research on the SVCSV proposal to lease the Sulphur Spring Administration Building, Resource Centre, and surrounding property. Several issues and questions remain relating to the septic system, SVCA access to the Admin building, and operating costs. Mr. Charbonneau says that it is the intention of the Committee to resolve these issues before making recommendations to the Board.

Lockerby Dam Removal Tenders

SVCA received the following four tender submittals for removal of the Lockerby Dam:

- Van Driel Excavating	\$149,720.69
- Ackert Construction	197,846.00
- Moorefield Excavation	243,974.00
- Bridge Excavating	154,460.00

Jeff Graham, P. Eng., Engineering Consultants Ltd., has recommended that the low bidder VanDriel Excavating, be awarded the contract. The following documents are appended to the office copy of these minutes:

- Lockerby Dam Tender Results
- Letter of Recommendation, Engineering Consultants Ltd
- Lockerby Dam Removal Funding

MOTION #G15-42

Moved by Barbara Dobreen

Seconded by Steve McCabe

THAT, upon the recommendation of the consulting firm of G.S.S. Engineering, the firm of VanDriel Excavating Inc. of Clinton be approved as the successful tenderer and be awarded the contract for the Lockerby Dam Decommissioning, as per their tender received May 27, 2015 conditional upon the SVCA receiving the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry Work Permit and the Authority satisfactorily addressing the archaeological review related to the alternate access route.

Carried

A coffee break was called at 9:05pm.

Chair Luke Charbonneau called the meeting back to order at 9:15pm

9. Approximate Regulation & Screening Mapping on SVCA website.

Erik Downing gave a presentation on the new mapping that has been uploaded to SVCA website. He emphasized that the Regulation has not changed, but we have added a tool for the public to use to assist the public in the permit process. Mr. Charbonneau congratulated Mr. Downing and SVCA staff on this accomplishment.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Brohman reminded the Directors that he is available to attend Municipal Council meetings, to answer any questions that members may have regarding SVCA.
- Saugeen Bluffs RFP – There has been no response at this time. Decisions on the future of the Saugeen Bluffs campground should be made at the next Board meeting, July 23, 2015
- Property Committee will be meeting with the Saugeen Conservation Foundation to discuss the proposal to move the Maple Syrup Festival from the Bluffs to Sulphur Spring. The SVCF is suggesting that this would eliminate some of the costs, especially bussing and snow removal.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:40pm on motion of Maureen Couture.

Luke Charbonneau
Chair

Janice Hagan
Recording Secretary