

SAUGEEEN VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

MINUTES

Conservation through Cooperation

MEETING: Property & Building Committee
DATE: Tuesday March 9, 2021
TIME: 2:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Electronic

CHAIR: Paul Allen

MEMBERS PRESENT: Maureen Couture, Cheryl Grace, Don Murray, Diana Rae, Bill Stewart

OTHERS PRESENT: Jennifer Stephens, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer
Donna Lacey, Manager, Forestry & Lands
Janice Hagan, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

1. Selection of Chair

Diana Rae nominated Paul Allen as temporary chair. There were no other nominations. Paul accepted the nomination.

Motion #PBC21-01

Moved by Diana Rae

Seconded by Bill Stewart

THAT Paul Allen be appointed the temporary chair of the Property & Building Committee.

Carried

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion # PBC21-02

Moved by Don Murray

Seconded by Cheryl Grace

THAT the agenda for the Property and Building Committee meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried

3. Declaration of pecuniary interest

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

4. Minutes of the Property & Building Committee Meeting – February 19, 2019

MOTION # PBC21-03

Moved by Maureen Couture

Seconded by Diana Rae

THAT the minutes of the Property & Building Committee meeting February 19, 2019 be approved as circulated.

Carried

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

6. New Business

a. Proposed Amalgamation – Parks Committee & Property & Building Committee

Jennifer Stephens proposed that the Parks Committee amalgamate with the Property & Building Committee to become the Property and Parks Committee. She noted that the Property & Building Committee has been meeting infrequently which is problematic for staff in receiving direction. Combining the two committees would allow for more engagement by the directors in the activities of staff. Staff proposed that the purpose of the amalgamated committee would be to ensure maintenance of the Authority's assets, improve overall infrastructure, evaluate opportunities to increase revenues based on existing infrastructure, and to create and implement a 10-year master plan in accordance with budgetary resources.

After further discussion, the following motion carried:

MOTION #PBC21-04

Moved by: Cheryl Grace

Seconded by: Don Murray

THAT the Property and Building Committee recommends to the Board of Directors the amalgamation of the Property and Building Committee and the Parks Committee.

Carried

Maureen Couture left the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

b. Lyne Property Donation

Jennifer announced that a landowner had offered to donate her property to SVCA. The property is adjacent to SVCA properties in the Municipality of West Grey and is approximately 123 acres including a substantial amount of wet forest and swamp. Donna Lacey explained the historical connection and noted that she had been involved in consultation with the landowner regarding forest management and trail maintenance since 2002. Property taxes are negligible and would have little impact on the Forestry budget. Opportunities for revenue exist as the property donation includes a small cottage which could potentially be rented.

After discussion, the Committee passed the following motion:

MOTION #PBC21-05

Moved by: Cheryl Grace

Seconded by: Bill Stewart

THAT the Property and Building Committee recommends to the Board of Directors the acceptance of Part Lot 37, Concession 17, Normanby Township, West Grey, by donation.

Carried

7. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the amalgamated Committee will be Friday March 26, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. and will be conducted at the Saugeen Bluffs Campground.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m. on motion of Don Murray and Bill Stewart.

Paul Allen
Chair

Janice Hagan
Recording Secretary