

SAUGEEN VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Conservation through Cooperation

MINUTES

MEETING: Board of Directors
DATE: December 1, 2009
TIME: 1:00 pm
LOCATION: Neustadt Community Centre

CHAIR: Doug Freiburger

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Gord Campbell, Luke Charbonneau, Anne Eadie, Dan Gieruszak, Peter Hambly, Ron Hewitt, Tom Kuglin, Mark MacKenzie, Jack Riley, Manley Risk, Dan Sullivan, Ralph Winslade, Carl Zettel

DIRECTORS ABSENT, WITH REGRET: John Bell

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Coffey, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer
Dave Pybus, Senior Manager, Flood Forecasting & Land Management
Gary Senior, Senior Manager, Environmental Planning & Regulations
Jim Penner, Manager, Forestry
Jo-Anne Harbinson, Manager, Water Resources/Stewardship Services
Laura Molson, Manager, Accounting
Bonnie Sherman, Executive Secretary

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION #G09-100

Moved by Tom Kuglin
Seconded by Dan Gieruszak
THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

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

3. NEW BUSINESS

2009 Budget Update

A copy of a report entitled Budget Update is appended to the office copy of these minutes.

Following the 2009 Budget approval in February, 2009, some changes in the approved government funding were made which necessitates Board approval to some Capital Budget items.

MOTION #G09-101

Moved by Ralph Winslade

Seconded by Luke Charbonneau

THAT the following 2009 Capital Budget revisions be approved:

Durham Ice Management - \$38,879 (funded by the benefiting municipality \$12,210, and the province \$26,669)

Saugeen Bluffs Conservation Area Hydro Upgrades - \$8,738 (funded 100% from the Saugeen Parks Reserve)

Carried

2010 Budget Review

A copy of the 2010 draft Budget information package is appended to the office copy of these minutes.

It was agreed to defer the discussion on the Executive Committee Report on salary and benefit adjustments until later in the meeting.

The General Manager reviewed the proposed budget figures by department, highlighting any significant proposed changes. It was noted that this draft budget is based on the draft pressures list provided with this package.

Discussions were held regarding consideration of consolidating the Non-Revenue Producing Parks program with the Land Management program. Staff will follow up on this suggestion.

Some Directors would like to see some of the revenue from the revenue-producing parks spread out a little more throughout the watershed. One suggestion made was that the revenue-producing parks could help pay for some of the advertising of the non-revenue producing parks.

Regarding fertilizing the McBeath Pasture Farm, staff was requested to consider frost seeding the farm instead. Another option for the rental of pasture land would be to rent the property as is, with the rentor responsible for fencing, fertilizing, water, etc.

It was suggested that the Authority's Capital Project list be presented to municipal councils prior to the Authority's Budget Review meeting.

Following considerable discussion, it was agreed to adjust the draft budget by making the following list of changes:

- a) That Communications & Marketing be reduced from \$15,000 to \$5,000;
- b) That Advertising & Promotions in Land Management of \$1,500 be removed and that the planned publications be paid for by Revenue Parks;
- c) That the funding source for the scanning students (\$15,000) be changed from General Levy to the Power Camp Reserve;
- d) That the funding source for the warning system (\$11,000) in the parks be changed from General Levy to the Saugeen Parks Reserve;
- e) That the projected surplus from 2009 be used to offset the use of interest (\$30,000) for the 2010

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budget.

Executive Committee Report

The Directors returned to the discussion regarding the Executive Committee report on salary review. The following motion was introduced and carried:

MOTION #G09-102

Moved by Dan Gieruszak
Seconded by Peter Hambly

THAT the 2010 Salary Review Report presented to the Board of Directors on December 1, 2009 be approved for implementation on January 1, 2010.

Carried

Power Work Camp Reserve

A copy of a report entitled Power Work Camp Reserve is appended to the office copy of these minutes.

MOTION #G09-103

Moved by Tom Kuglin
Seconded by Anne Eadie

THAT the Authority establish a reserve to receive the lease fees from Valard Construction LP (Power Work Camp) for rental of land at the Headquarters Conservation Area, during the term of the lease, as per the lease agreement, and further

THAT transfers from the reserve shall be used for capital expenditures within the Land Management program on an as required basis, including but not limited to capital upgrades and development in Conservation Areas, improvements on other Conservation Lands, wetland acquisition and other priority capital projects.

Carried

4. OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:05pm.

Doug Freiburger
Chair

Bonnie Sherman
Executive Secretary