

SAUGEEN VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

MINUTES

Conservation through Cooperation

MEETING: Authority Meeting
DATE: Tuesday March 20, 2018
TIME: 1:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Administration Office, Formosa

CHAIR: Luke Charbonneau

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert Buckle, Maureen Couture, Mark Davis, Barbara Dobreen,
Kevin Eccles, Brian Gamble, Wilf Gamble, Dan Gieruszak, Sue Paterson,
Mike Smith, Andrew White

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: John Bell, Stewart Halliday, Steve McCabe

OTHERS PRESENT: John Bujold, Collins Barrow SGB LLP
Matt Farrell, Manager of Building & Planning, Municipality of Huron-Kinloss
Nick Bogaert, Planner, MHBC Planning Urban Design & Landscape Architecture
Wayne Brohman, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer
Erik Downing, Manager, Environmental Planning & Regulations
Laura Molson, Manager, Accounting
Jim Penner, Manager, Forestry
Gary Senior, Sr. Manager, Flood Warning & Land Management
Candace Hamm, Environmental Planning Coordinator
Rene Kleinecke, GIS Coordinator
Janice Hagan, Recording Secretary
Guests and Members of the Public

Chair Luke Charbonneau called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

1. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION #G18-42

Moved by Dan Gieruszak

Seconded by Kevin Eccles

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 Authority Meeting – February 13, 2018

MOTION #G18-43

Moved by Wilf Gamble

Seconded by Barbara Dobreen

THAT the minutes of the Authority meeting held on February 13, 2018, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Presentations

a. 2017 Audited Financial Statements

Mr. John Bujold, Collins Barrow SGB LLP, presented the Audit Report for the 2017 financial statements. It is the opinion of Collins Barrow that the financial statements of SVCA present fairly the financial position as at December 31, 2017 and are in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards. Mr. Bujold thanked SVCA staff involved in the audit for their assistance and cooperation in completing the audit.

MOTION #G18-44

Moved by Kevin Eccles

Seconded by Mark Davis

THAT the 2017 Audited Financial Statements, as prepared by Collins Barrow SGB LLP, of Walkerton, be adopted.

CARRIED

John Bujold left the meeting at 1:16 p.m.

b. Huron-Kinloss Comprehensive Zoning By-Law

Matt Farrell and Nick Bogaert presented to the Authority issues regarding mapping of environmentally protected lands. They told the Authority that residents of Huron-Kinloss had submitted comments regarding mapping discrepancies and were concerned about possible land devaluation. Matt requested that the Authority allocate funds to ensure up-to-date and consistent mapping. The Chair requested that staff research and report back to the Authority on how the process could be improved.

Matt and Nick left the meeting at 1:40 p.m.

c. February Flood Event

Gary Senior gave a presentation outlining the flooding issues since January. The areas of concern during the February flood event included Paisley, Durham and Minto due to ice jams that could have potentially caused serious damage and/or flooding in the respective community, as well as Chesley where the main bridge was severely damaged and will need to be replaced. He told the Authority that three locations [Paisley, Durham Upper Dam, Formosa office] simultaneously required 24 hour monitoring by SVCA staff and that there were over 440 cumulative hours for staff time during the flood event.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

a. Authority Motion Regarding Distribution of Conservation Authorities Funding Letter

Wayne reported that the Funding letter presented at the last Authority meeting had been circulated to Conservation Ontario, the watershed municipalities and counties and AMO per Motion #G18-33.

b. Regulation Mapping [Teeswater, Walkerton]

Erik Downing reviewed the regulation mapping approval process for both minor and major modifications specifically for Walkerton and Teeswater. Staff have scheduled public consultations for Teeswater (April 18) and Walkerton (May 2). After discussion the following motion was passed.

MOTION #G18-45

Moved by Dan Gieruszak

Seconded by Maureen Couture

THAT the Authority endorse the draft mapping for Teeswater and Walkerton for the purposes of public consultation.

CARRIED

A coffee break was called at 2:35 p.m. and the meeting was reconvened at 2:47 p.m. Kevin Eccles left the meeting.

6. Correspondence

- Letter from Reenie Morris, Horse Friends of Saugeen Bluffs, expressing her opinions on hunting at the Bluffs, was further discussed under Section 9a, Other Business, Saugeen Bluffs Hunting.

7. Reports

a. Finance Report

The GM/S-T presented the Finance report and noted that programs are on track. There was no further discussion.

MOTION #G18-46

Moved by Maureen Couture

Seconded by Mike Smith

THAT the Financial Report to January 31, 2018 be accepted as distributed and further;

THAT the Accounts Payable, totaling \$154,998.33 be approved as distributed.

CARRIED

b. Reserve Report

The GM/S-T presented the draft Reserve report and highlighted several items. He informed the Authority that

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funds were moved into the Stewardship reserve account for the purpose of future programing (note #19). He told the Authority that there would be room in the Saugeen Parks reserve fund for future infrastructure upgrades (note #16). After discussion the following motion was passed:

MOTION #G18-47

Moved by Mark Davis

Seconded by Wilf Gamble

THAT appropriations to and from reserves as at December 31, 2017 be approved as distributed.

CARRIED

c. Annual Report

The draft copy of the SVCA Annual Report for 2017 was distributed to the members for approval. The Chair congratulated staff for producing an excellent document. After discussion the following motion was passed:

MOTION #G18-48

Moved by Brian Gamble

Seconded by Dan Gieruszak

THAT the 2017 Annual Report be accepted as presented and authorized for distribution.

CARRIED

d. Program Report

The GM/S-T informed the Members that the birds at Sulphur Spring had all been re-homed and that signage would be placed on the building stating the enclosure would be closed. He told the Members that SVCA would be receiving \$25,000 funding from Great Lakes Guardian Fund for the Agricultural Outreach program.

After discussion the following motion was passed:

MOTION #G18-49

Moved by Maureen Couture

Seconded by Sue Paterson

THAT the Program Report be received as information.

CARRIED

e. Planning & Regulations Actions Items

The GM/S-T informed the Authority that there would be a File Tracking System demonstration at the next Authority meeting. There was no further discussion.

8. New Business

a. Agricultural Advisory Committee Appointments

The GM-S/T informed the Authority that only three of the organizations had put forward names for the Committee and he would like to defer the motion for appointments to the next Authority meeting.

9. Other Business

a. Saugeen Bluffs Hunting

At the request of the Chair and due to repeated media publications of letters from the community regarding hunting at the Saugeen Bluffs Conservation Area, the Authority passed the following motion to consent to reconsider the matter:

MOTION #G18-50

Moved by Brian Gamble

Seconded by Robert Buckle

Whereas Administration Resolution #31 states that “after a question has been decided, any Member who voted thereon may, with majority consent at any regular meeting of the Authority thereafter, move for reconsideration of the question”;

THAT the Authority agrees to reconsider the matter of hunting at the Saugeen Bluffs Conservation Authority.

CARRIED

The GM/S-T told the Authority that SVCA had received appeals to allow bow hunting at the Saugeen Bluffs CA. This would require an amendment to Motion #G16-72 which had established a no-hunting designation on the entire Saugeen Bluffs property. He reminded the Authority that bow hunting commences October 1st, that the campground closes to campers after the Thanksgiving holiday, and that the grounds are used by school children for sporting activities during the month of October. He also read a letter from Mr. Jim Leask, Horse Friends of the Bluffs, supporting the no-hunting decision. This letter is appended to the office copy of the minutes.

During discussion the following motion was proposed and a recorded vote was requested:

MOTION #G18-51

Moved by Andrew White

Seconded by Maureen Couture

That the Authority maintain status quo of Motion #G16-72

The recorded vote was as follows:

Robert Buckle	Nay
Wilf Gamble	Yea
Brian Gamble	Nay
Mark Davis	Yea
Dan Gieruszak	Nay
Barbara Dobreen	Nay
Sue Paterson	Yea
Andrew White	Yea
Mike Smith	Nay
Maureen Couture	Yea
Luke Charbonneau	Nay

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The result of the vote was 6 to 5 against. Therefore, **Motion #G18-51 was DEFEATED.**

Further, the following motion was proposed:

MOTION #G18-52

Moved by Maureen Couture

Seconded by Mark Davis

That the Authority obtain a legal opinion and the view of MNRF on all available options produced by staff regarding hunting at the Bluffs campground.

DEFEATED

After further discussion the following motion was passed:

MOTION #G18-53

Moved by Mike Smith

Seconded by Brian Gamble

THAT Authority Motion #G16-72, which established a 'No Hunting' designation for all of the Saugeen Bluffs Conservation Area, be amended to allow bow hunting; and further,

THAT the campground portion of the Saugeen Bluffs Conservation Area continues to be designated as a no hunting area; and further,

THAT bow hunting is hereby permitted in the northerly portion of the property between November 1st and March 31st of each year; AND FURTHER,

THAT SVCA staff place appropriate signage on the property.

A recorded vote was taken for the motion with the following results:

Robert Buckle	Yea
Wilf Gamble	Nay
Brian Gamble	Yea
Mark Davis	Nay
Dan Gieruszak	Yea
Barbara Dobreen	Yea
Sue Paterson	Nay
Andrew White	Nay
Mike Smith	Yea
Maureen Couture	Nay
Luke Charbonneau	Yea

The result of the vote was 6 to 5 in favour. Therefore **Motion #G18-53 was CARRIED.**

b. Memorandum of Understanding – Planning Services Update

The GM/S-T presented the final draft of the MoU for Huron County. It was noted that there were three change requests made to the MoU document by Huron County:

1. SVCA may establish fees for the services provided which will be collected directly from the applicant.
2. SVCA will respond to general inquiries and participate in pre-consultation meetings with the applicant.
3. Clarification that SVCA will not be providing comments to the county with respect to Natural Heritage.

Authority members noted that some member municipalities are interested in continuing to receive comments on Natural Heritage as it may reduce the number of EIS studies required. The Chair clarified that the mandate of SVCA as specified by PPS 3.1 is not to provide Natural Heritage comments, unless the municipality or county passes a motion requesting SVCA to provide this added service.

After discussion the following motion was passed:

MOTION #G18-54

Moved by Maureen Couture

Seconded by Mike Smith

THAT the Authority authorizes the Chair and GM/S-T to sign the Memorandum of Understanding for Planning Services with the County of Huron.

CARRIED

c. Planning & Regulations Customer Service Update

There was no discussion.

d. News Articles

The GM/S-T submitted articles from local newspapers regarding the SVCA for the purpose of keeping the Authority Members up to date on current events.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m. on motion of Dan Gieruszak.

Luke Charbonneau
Chair

Janice Hagan
Recording Secretary