



Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority

Minutes – Board of Directors Meeting

Date: Thursday October 19, 2023, 1:00 p.m.

Location: Administration Office, Formosa, ON

Chair: Barbara Dobreen

Members present: Paul Allen, Larry Allison, Kevin Eccles, Bud Halpin, Steve McCabe (virtual), Greg McLean, Dave Myette, Mike Niesen, Sue Paterson, Moiken Penner (virtual), Jennifer Prenger, Bill Stewart, Peter Whitten

Members absent: Tom Hutchinson

Staff present: Matt Armstrong, Erik Downing, Janice Hagan, Donna Lacey, Laura Molson, Ashley Richards

1. Land Acknowledgement

The Land Acknowledgement was read by Mike Niesen:

We begin our meeting today by respectfully acknowledging the Anishinaabeg Nation, the Haudensaunee, the Neutral, and the Petun peoples as the traditional keepers of this land. We are committed to moving forward in the spirit of reconciliation with First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples.

The agenda for the Authority was amended to remove the Section 28 Hearing as the proponent has requested an adjournment.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion #G23-94

Moved by Bill Stewart

Seconded by Sue Paterson

THAT the agenda for the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority meeting, September 21, 2023, be adopted as amended.

Carried

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest relative to any item on the agenda.

4. Adoption of minutes

4.1 Authority Special meeting – September 21, 2023

Motion #G23-95

Moved by Bud Halpin

Seconded by Bill Stewart

THAT the minutes of the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority Special meeting, September 21, 2023, be adopted as presented.

Carried

4.2 Authority meeting – September 21, 2023

Motion #G23-96

Moved by Paul Allen

Seconded by Greg McLean

THAT the minutes of the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority meeting, September 21, 2023, be adopted as presented.

Carried

5. Reports for information

5.1 General Manager's report

There was no discussion.

5.2 Program report

There was no discussion.

5.3 Approved Committee minutes

5.3.1 Executive Committee –September 6, 2023

There was no discussion.

5.4 Correspondence

Correspondence from Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority regarding support for the Right to Repair concept, was noted and filed.

6. Matters arising from the minutes

6.1 2024 Draft Budget Update

The revised 2024 draft Budget was presented with a proposed decrease in the general levy from 9.07% to 7.42%. The budget was approved for circulation to the member municipalities for 30 days.

Motion #G23-97

Moved by Bill Stewart

Seconded by Dave Myette

THAT the SVCA Board of Directors endorse the 2024 SVCA draft budget in principle; and further

THAT staff be directed to circulate the draft budget to the Authority's member municipalities for a 30-day review period and accommodate the provision for a delegation if solicited.

Carried

6.2 SVCA Programs and Services

Ashley Richards reported that Category 2 packages have been circulated to affected municipalities and correspondence packages are being compiled related to additional structures requiring agreements. Staff have engaged with all fifteen watershed municipalities for discussion regarding Category 3 cost apportioning agreements are in process for endorsement by municipalities. Staff will present a report at the November Board meeting indicating willingness of municipal participation and execution of agreements.

7. New business

7.1 Forest products tender results Fall 2023

Forestry staff have marked trees for removal in the Township of Proton as part of the SVCA Forest management program. Three areas have been identified for the tree removal and tenders were created with 2 bids received for each one. The Authority directed staff to award the following tenders.

Motion #G23-98

Moved by Paul Allen

Seconded by Bill Stewart

THAT SVCA Tender SVCA_01_2023, submitted by Moggie Valley of Holland Centre in the amount of \$32,000 be accepted; and further

THAT all remaining tender deposit cheques be returned immediately upon said acceptance.

Carried

Motion #G23-99

Moved by Larry Allison

Seconded by Sue Paterson

THAT SVCA Tender SVCA_02_2023, submitted by Moggie Valley of Holland Centre in the amount of \$8,500 be accepted, and further

THAT all remaining tender deposit cheques be returned immediately upon said acceptance.

Carried

Motion #G23-100

Moved by Bill Stewart

Seconded by Peter Whitten

THAT SVCA Tender SVCA_03_2023, submitted by Moggie Valley of Holland Centre in the amount of \$8,000 be accepted; and further

THAT all remaining tender deposit cheques be returned immediately upon said acceptance.

Carried

7.2 Violation Approach report

Staff recommend process improvements to management of violations. The Directors discussed the staff report and noted concerns regarding the Section 28 Hearing appeal process. Staff were directed to implement the proposed violation approach and to return to the next meeting with a refined process for consideration around applicant's recourse in the event of a dispute.

Motion #G23-101

Moved by Greg McLean

Seconded by Bill Stewart

THAT Environmental Planning and Regulations (EPR) staff manage violation files in accordance with the proposed compliance approval process.

Amendment:

Moved by Jennifer Prenger

Seconded by Kevin Eccles

THAT Environmental Planning and Regulations (EPR) staff manage violation files in accordance with the proposed compliance approval process in principle; and further

THAT staff will bring back a report to the next meeting with a refined process.

Carried

7.3 Permits issued for endorsement

Motion #G23-102

Moved by Larry Allison

Seconded by Bill Stewart

THAT the Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourse applications (#23-180 to 23-262), pursuant to Ontario Regulation 169/06, as approved by staff, be endorsed.

Carried

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m. on the motion of Kevin Eccles and Mike Niesen.

Barbara Dobreen
Chair

Janice Hagan
Recording Secretary