



Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority

Minutes – Board of Directors

Date: Thursday July 20, 2023, 1:00 p.m.
Location: Administration Office, Formosa, ON
Chair: Barbara Dobreen
Members present: Paul Allen, Larry Allison, Kevin Eccles, Bud Halpin, Tom Hutchinson, Steve McCabe, Greg McLean, Dave Myette, Mike Niesen, Sue Paterson, Moiken Penner, Jennifer Prenger, Bill Stewart, Peter Whitten
Staff present: Erik Downing, Nicole Gibson, Janice Hagan, Donna Lacey, Elise MacLeod, Laura Molson, Ashley Richards, Brandi Walter

Chair Barbara Dobreen called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

1. Land Acknowledgement

The Land Acknowledgement was read by Bud Halpin:

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.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion #G23-62

Moved by Bill Stewart

Seconded by Paul Allen

THAT the agenda for the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority meeting, July 20, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

3. Closed Session – to discuss matters related to identifiable individuals.

Motion #G23-63

Moved by Greg McLean

Seconded by Moiken Penner

THAT the Authority move into Closed Session, In Camera to discuss matters related to personal matters about identifiable individual(s); and further

THAT Laura Molson and Janice Hagan remain in the meeting.

Carried

Motion #G23-66

Moved by Moiken Penner

Seconded by Dave Myette

THAT the Authority adjourn from Closed Session, In-Camera, and rise and report.

Carried

Chair Dobreen reported that only the items pertaining to personal matters about identifiable individuals were discussed in the Closed Session and that staff were given direction. The following motion carried in open session:

Motion #G23-67

Moved by Bill Stewart

Seconded by Sue Paterson

That Erik Downing be appointed Acting General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer effective July 12, 2023; and that staff proceed as directed in the Closed Session; and further

THAT the Executive Committee be the liaison with management to provide direction to interim staff as required.

Carried

4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

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

5. Adoption of Authority meeting minutes – May 18, 2023

Motion #G23-68

Moved by Greg McLean

Seconded by Larry Allison

THAT the minutes of the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority meeting, May 18, 2023, be adopted as presented.

Carried

6. Reports for information

6.1 2023 Workplan update

There was no discussion.

6.2 Finance Report

There was no discussion.

6.3 Program Report

There was no discussion.

6.4 Approved Committee minutes

- 6.4.1 Executive Committee – April 6, 2023
- 6.4.2 Executive Committee – May 4, 2023
- 6.4.3 Water Resources Committee – May 4, 2023
- 6.4.4 Water Resources Committee – June 5, 2023

There was no discussion.

6.5 News Articles for Members' information

There was no discussion.

6.6 Correspondence

There was no discussion.

Steve McCabe joined the meeting at 1:36 p.m.

7. Matters arising from the minutes

7.1 SVCA Category 3 Programs and Services

The deadline for negotiation and finalization of agreements for Category 3 Programs and Services is January 1, 2024, and some SVCA watershed municipalities have yet to respond to requests for discussion. Due to the complexity and challenges of the agreements, staff recommend that an extension to the deadline be submitted to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. It was noted that the non-mandatory programs and services will not increase the municipal general levy but rather funds will be collected via the cost apportioning agreements.

Motion #G23-69

Moved by Bill Stewart

Seconded by Peter Whitten

THAT Saugeen Conservation Valley Conservation Authority Board of Directors direct staff to commence negotiations with its watershed municipal councils pertaining to the Category 3 Cost Apportioning Agreements; and

THAT the Board of Directors grant staff the authority to request an extension from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to the January 1, 2024, deadline; and further

THAT the Board of Directors directs staff to bring back a Stewardship Business Case to the October 19th, 2023 meeting, along with an estimated budget.

Carried

7.2 Federal Hazard Identification and Mapping Program (FHIMP) – Budget allocation

Staff are seeking approval to amend the approved FHIMP budget for the three flood hazard mapping projects already awarded as opportunities to include additional modelling and more

in-depth analysis of flood spill areas has been recognized. After discussion the following resolution carried:

Motion #G23-70

Moved by Bill Stewart

Seconded by Paul Allen

THAT the FHIMP Durham Creek flood hazard mapping project budget be approved up to \$50,000 plus HST; and further

THAT the FHIMP Town of Saugeen Shores flood hazard mapping project budget be approved up to \$80,000 plus HST.

Carried

8. New Business

8.1 Water Resources – Proposed Staffing Plan

Staff have identified a significant need for staffing resources in the three main programs of the Water Resources department, including a Field Assistant (full time, summer student), a Water and Erosion Infrastructure Technician (modification of existing contract position) and a Water Field Services Coordinator (full-time, three-year contract). It was noted that if these positions are not approved, then funding will be needed to outsource the activities.

Motion #G23-71

Moved by Peter Whitten

Seconded by Moiken Penner

THAT the proposed Water Resources staffing plan be endorsed and incorporated into the 2024 SVCA budget.

Carried

8.2 NWMO – Year Three Scope of Work negotiation

SVCA is completing the Year Two scope of work for NWMO and recommend a continuance of the program for Year 3, as a more in-depth understanding of water quality benefits the conservation authority and expanding our knowledge of nutrient runoff and sediment quality in the Teeswater sub watershed. The program is completely funded by NWMO and accordingly there are no costs to the Authority.

Motion #G23-72

Moved by Larry Allison

Seconded by Paul Allen

WHEREAS Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority entered into a Service Level Agreement to complete years one and two of the NWMO's Environmental Media Baseline Monitoring (EMBP) Program (water quality and hydrology components);

BE IT RESOLVED THAT SVCA staff are directed to enter into a renewed scope of work for NWMO EMBP Year 3, January to December 2024; and further

THAT staff are authorized to hire the necessary staff to carry out the work, as specified in the renewed scope of work, provided that no costs are borne by the Authority.

Carried

8.3 Permits issued for endorsement

Permits issued by SVCA staff are endorsed by the Board of Directors. There was no discussion on the staff report.

Motion #G23-73

Moved by Bill Stewart

Seconded by Jennifer Prenger

THAT the Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourse applications (23-084 - 23-179, save 23-158, 23-150), pursuant to Ontario Regulation 169/06, as approved by staff, be endorsed.

Carried

Tom Hutchinson joined the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

8.4 Section 28 Permit Application: Proposed Southampton Seniors Care Facility

Brandi Walter presented Staff Report #8.4. SVCA had issued a permit for the renovation and expansion of the Southampton Seniors Care Facility in March 2018. The permit expired in 2020 without any construction taking place during that time and resubmission of the application was necessary. The amount of work is anticipated to go beyond the 24-month time, and a 60-month permit is requested. Staff are satisfied that the conditions for floodproofing will be met and that there will be no impact on flood elevations on adjacent properties, therefore recommend that the permit be approved with conditions. After discussion the following motion carried:

Motion #G23-74

Moved by Paul Allen

Seconded by Bud Halpin

THAT the SVCA Board of Directors approve permit application number 23-126 for reconstruction of the Southampton Seniors Care Centre, including construction of a new building, and to carry out associated excavation, filling, and grading in the one-zone regulatory floodplain; and

THAT the SVCA Board of Directors approve permit application 23-126 with conditions noted on Schedule 2 of the attached draft permit; and

FURTHER THAT the Board of Directors approve permit application number 23-126 for a validity period of 60 months.

Carried

8.5 Agricultural Advisory Committee – Member appointment

Motion #G23-75

Moved by Steve McCabe

Seconded by Tom Hutchinson

THAT Adam Dales be appointed to the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority Agricultural Advisory Committee for the 2023 calendar year.

Carried

8.6 Terms of Reference Approval – Agricultural Advisory Committee

Motion #G23-76

Moved by Bud Halpin

Seconded by Bill Stewart

THAT the proposed Terms of Reference for the Agricultural Advisory Committee be endorsed.

Carried

9. Closed Session – to discuss matters related to litigation or potential litigation affecting the Authority, advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, and personal matters about an identifiable individual.

Motion #G23-77

Moved by Greg McLean

Seconded by Bill Stewart

THAT the Authority move to Closed Session In Camera to discuss matters related to litigation or potential litigation affecting or may affect the Authority, including a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the Authority and to discuss personal matters regarding identifiable individual(s); and further

THAT Laura Molson, Erik Downing, Elise MacLeod, Madeline McFadden, and Janice Hagan remain in the meeting as required.

Carried

Motion #G23-82

Moved by Sue Paterson

Seconded by Bill Stewart

THAT the Board of Directors adjourn from Closed Session, In Camera, and rise and report.

Carried

Chair Dobreen reported that only the items pertaining to the reasons for the Closed Session were discussed. Report 5.1 – Varney Pond update was removed from the Closed session for discussion in the open session.

Elise MacLeod presented an update on the closure of the Varney Pond and noted that staff are waiting for a response from both the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) and the Department of

Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) to comment on operational procedures. SVCA has received a DRAFT assessment from D.M. Wills after an inspection of the water and erosion infrastructure which identified potential safety concerns. Key recommendations include undertaking a Public Safety Risk Assessment and refraining from filling the pond until appropriate permissions have been granted from relevant agencies, including DFO, MNRF, MECP.

Motion #G23-83

Moved by Jennifer Prenger

Seconded by Moiken Penner

THAT the Varney Pond Update –Infrastructure Inspection report be received for information;
and

THAT the agenda be amended to reflect Report 5.1 being removed from the Closed Session.

Carried

10. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:51 p.m. on the motion of Greg McLean and Moiken Penner.

Barbara Dobreen
Chair

Janice Hagan
Recording Secretary