



## Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority

### Minutes – Executive Committee Meeting

Date: Thursday, March 5, 2026, 9:00 a.m.  
Location: Virtual  
Chair: Tom Hutchinson  
Members present: Barbara Dobreen, Gregory McLean, Steve McCabe, Sue Paterson  
Staff present: Erik Downing, Ashley Richards, Izabela Polowa

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

#### **1. Adoption of Agenda**

##### **Motion #EC26-08**

Moved by Steve McCabe

Seconded by Sue Paterson

*THAT the agenda of the Executive Committee Meeting, March 5, 2026, be adopted as circulated.*

**Carried**

#### **2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

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

#### **3. Adoption of Minutes**

##### **3.1 Executive Committee, February 5, 2026**

##### **Motion # EC26-09**

Moved by Barbara Dobreen

Seconded by Greg McLean

*THAT the minutes of the Executive Committee February 5, 2026 be adopted as circulated.*

**Carried**

#### **4. New Business - None**

#### **5. Closed Session**

##### **Motion # EC26-10**

Moved by Sue Paterson

Seconded by Greg McLean

*THAT the Executive Committee proceed into Closed Session, in camera, to address matters relating to a human resources matter and;*

*THAT the General Manager/Secretary Treasurer and Acting Corporate Services Manager join as required.*

**Carried**

Rise and Report: The Board rose from closed session at 10:06 a.m. and reported that only matters related to an identifiable individual were discussed, direction was given to General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer and Acting Manager of Corporate Services.

**6. Other Business**

The General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer provided an update on the flood outlook associated with the spring freshet. With forecasts indicating significant rainfall and rising temperatures, there was potential for a Flood Watch to be issued over the weekend. Due to ongoing snowmelt and anticipated weather conditions, SVCA staff continued to closely monitor watershed conditions and flood control infrastructure.

Director Dobreen inquired about potential concerns related to snowmelt at the downstream end of the Durham Dam. The General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer advised that, while flowing water is gradually breaking down ice, conditions remain stable. It was noted that the risk of issues in Durham are typically greater during freeze-up periods with extreme cold, rather than during the spring freshet.

**7. Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:13 a.m. following a motion by Sue Paterson and seconded by Steve McCabe.

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Tom Hutchinson  
Chair

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Izabela Polowa  
Recording Secretary