



SAUGEEN

MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

July 17, 2019 | 2:00 p.m.
Board Room | Saugeen Municipal Airport

APPROVED

PRESENT: Dan Gieruszak, Tom Hutchinson, Laura Johnston, Dave Schmidt, Rob Olds, Susan Kirkpatrick, Dave Ramsey, April Marshall, Jack Zeinstra, Kelani Stam, Jonathan Zettel

REGRETS: Rebecca Hergert, Dave Hocking

CALL TO ORDER

D. Gieruszak opened the meeting at 2:02 pm and welcomed attendees.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by, **DAVID SCHMIDT** Seconded by **KELANI STAM**

THAT the Agenda of July 17, 2019 Regular Meeting be approved as printed and circulated.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

4. DELEGATIONS

None

5. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES

Moved by **DAVID SCHMIDT**, Seconded by **KELANI STAM**

THAT the Minutes of the June 19, 2019 Regular Meeting be approved. **CARRIED**

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There is a willingness on the part of Grey County to establish signage for the SMA and is looking for feedback on where signage should be located.

Tom Hutchinson recommended the corner of Grey Road 3 and Grey Road 4. He noted a roundabout is going to be put in there.

David Schmidt recommended the intersection of 10th Street and Grey Road 28.

April Marshal noted Hanover is working on signage for 2020.

7. CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING ACTION

A letter from Mr. Englishmen dated May 26, 2019 was discussed.

All issues related to governance of SMA will be reviewed this year. Bylaw infractions will be sent to Brockton. Unauthorized use taxiways and runways should be reported to Transport Canada.



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Gieruszak noted a need to protect the safety of those flying in and out and the board's continued effort to do that.

8. MANAGER'S REPORT

The interim manager reported revenue of \$8,800 from the hay field.

He has yet to receive a bill for service to the fuel farm but noted fuel line hoses show no signs of deterioration. He will continue investigating ways to bring in more fuel sales.

Gieruszak noted revenue is dependent on how well fuel sells, and if SMA can provide larger planes/jets with fuel it could generate significant revenue.

The restaurant in the airport was discussed. Comments on it once being a good spot for breakfast and a desire to return to that. Kitchen may need updates.

MOTION: To spend \$2,500 to buy fertilizer for hay fields. Moved by **DAVID SCHMIDT** and seconded by **KELANI STAM**.

9. FINANCE REPORT

Susan Kirkpatrick recommended funds from hay field be put into a rainy-day fund. She noted there is currently about \$1,200 in the Action fund.

David Schmidt said it was an excellent idea and Kelani Stam supported this.

10. MARKETING AND PROMOTIONS UPDATE

Helicopter rides for Sights and Sounds.

There was discussion about branding the airport's restaurant. It might be a good idea to keep the name the same despite any new ownership.

April Marshall asked the room if SMA is ready for promotional opportunities citing examples with Warton Airport, Made in Grey and Hanover Travel. Dan Gieruszak said the airport is very nearly ready and the timing is quite good.

David Schmidt brought forward a news article from the KW Record about funding airports and advocated for money to be spent at SMA in order to boost traffic. Challenges at the KW Airport could result in positive spin-offs for SMA.

Dave Ramsey called for more content to populate social media channels. The initial 3-month social media contract term expires and will be a month-to-month contract moving forward.

There was discussion about SMA hosting an antique car/plane show.



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Dan Gieruszak asked if it made sense to designate parking spots for those from the public watching planes come and go. He noted the general public doesn't know they are allowed to come here.

April Marshall reminded the room the last weekend in September is Culture Days. All events are free, and they will be looking for SMA to participate, weather permitting.

11. COPA 54 BRIEF

There was no meeting since the last meeting. There is discussion about bring the Snowbirds in 2020. Teamed up with Gord Price to help with this.

There were about 75 kids at SMA for COPA for Kids.

MOTION: to accept reports. Moved by **DAVID SCHMIDT** and seconded by **KELANI STAM**.

12. NEW BUSINESS

David Schmidt gave KW Record article to Kelani.

Dan Gieruszak mentioned an article in the Economist on the future of aviation.

Kelani Stam asked if a new vacuum cleaner could be purchased. Rob Olds said it is possible, but noted there is a central vacuum system.

There was discussion on getting carpets cleaned. Rob Olds said they have been recommended to take out the carpet and use laminate.

IN CAMERA

Moved by **DAVID SCHMIDT**, Seconded by **KELANI STAM**

To move into closed session to review personal matters about an identifiable individual under the *Municipal Act, 2001* s. 239 (1).

CARRIED

Moved by **KELANI STAM**, Seconded by **DAVID SCHMIDT**

To move out of closed session at 3:30 p.m.

CARRIED

Moved by **KELANI STAM** Seconded by **DAVID SCHMIDT**, that the Chair should seek legal council on matters covered during the in camera session and report back to the Commission.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: August 22 2:00pm at the Saugeen Municipal Airport