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Mr. Scherzer,

I am writing to provide an update on the Planning Services agreements between SVCA and upper and lower tier watershed municipalities and more specifically as those services relate to Natural Heritage commenting by SVCA.

As you know, Grey County council asked SVCA to continue providing Natural Heritage commenting as part of its services. Last year, under direction of the Authority Members, upper and lower tier municipalities were notified that SVCA would no longer provide Natural Heritage commenting in order to concentrate on its core mandate. At its February 19 Authority meeting the Members voted to reconsider the matter of Natural Heritage commenting at its March meeting. At the March 19 Authority meeting the following motion was passed:

“Moved by: Barbara Dobreen

Seconded by: Paul Allen

Whereas motions G16-80 and G18-69 are interpreted to indicate that SVCA cease providing Natural Heritage comments under its Planning Services Agreements with upper and lower tier municipalities;

Be it resolved that Natural Heritage comments in the Planning process should continue to be provided to those counties and municipalities whose councils specifically request the continuation of the provision of Natural Heritage commenting.”

Grey County has previously provided a council motion requesting that SVCA continue to provide Natural Heritage commenting in the provision of its planning services. Accordingly, the requirement to provide such a motion has been met.

Staff will be preparing a draft Planning Services Memorandum of Understanding shortly for your review.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions on this issue or require further clarification.

Regards,

Wayne Brohman
General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer
Saugeen Conservation



Watershed Member Municipalities

Municipality of Arran-Elderslie, Municipality of Brockton, Township of Chatsworth, Municipality of Grey Highlands, Town of Hanover, Township of Howick, Municipality of Morris-Turnberry, Municipality of South Bruce, Township of Huron-Kinloss, Municipality of Kincardine, Town of Minto, Township of Wellington North, Town of Saugeen Shores, Township of Southgate, Municipality of West Grey