

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, April 18, 2019

Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Boardroom  
Morrison Dam Conservation Area

### DIRECTORS PRESENT

Ray Chartrand, Doug Cook, Adrian Cornelissen, Bob Harvey, George Irvin, Dave Jewitt, Mike Tam, Marissa Vaughan

### DIRECTORS ABSENT

Alex Westman

### STAFF PRESENT

Bev Brown, Geoff Cade, Abbie Gutteridge, Davin Heinbuck, Davin Heinbuck, Brian Horner, Daniel King, Mary Lynn MacDonald, Judith Parker, Meghan Tydd-Hrynyk

### OTHER PRESENT

Bob Montgomery, CKNX Radio  
Adam Skillen, Skillen Investment Management

### CALL TO ORDER

Chair George Irvin called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

#### **MOTION #BD 23/19**

**Moved by Dave Jewitt  
Seconded by Marissa Vaughan**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the agenda for the April 18, 2019 Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Board of Directors meeting be approved.”**

**Carried.**

### DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest at this meeting or from the previous meeting.

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DISCLOSURE OF INTENTION TO RECORD PROCEEDINGS

None

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

**MOTION #BD 24/19**

**Moved by Doug Cook  
Seconded by Bob Harvey**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on March 21, 2019 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”**

**Carried.**

BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTES

None

PROGRAM REPORTS

1. (a) Development Review

Meghan Tydd-Hyrnyk, Planning & Regulations Officer presented the Development Review report pursuant to Ontario Regulation 147/06 Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses. Through the application process, proposed developments within regulated areas are protected from flooding and erosion hazards. Staff granted permission for *5 Applications for Permission* and *8 Minor Works Permits*.

1. (b) Violation/Appeals Update

Staff have initiated discussion with a landowner in the Municipality of Bluewater Poplar Beach area regarding a notice of violation issued for a seawall.

**MOTION #BD 25/19**

**Moved by Ray Chartrand  
Seconded by Dave Jewitt**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors affirm the approval of applications as presented in Program Report # 1 - Development Review.”**

**Carried.**

2. Meeting Provincial Priorities for Reducing Regulatory Burden

General Manager Brian Horner provided a report seeking endorsement of the Board of Directors for staff to investigate streamlining of planning and development approval process. Conservation Ontario (CO) is working to identify recommendations for solutions that will address issues identified by the new government around housing supply, while still protecting natural hazards management and plan review activities required to protect the health and safety of Ontario's watersheds and residents. The CO working group identified three key solutions: Improve client

service and accountability; increase speed of approvals and reduce ‘red tape’ and regulatory burden. It was noted by staff that the ABCA timing for permits falls within the limits but is committed to continuous improvement.

**MOTION #BD 26/19**

**Moved by Ray Chartrand  
Seconded by Marissa Vaughan**

**“WHEREAS the provincial government intends to increase the supply of housing and streamline the land use planning and development approval process to achieve this goal; and**

**WHEREAS the conservation authorities play an important role in the planning and development review process with respect to watershed protection and hazard lands; and**

**WHEREAS conservation authorities support and can help deliver the Government’s objective not to jeopardize public health and safety or the environment;**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors endorse the three key solutions developed by the Conservation Ontario working group: to improve client service and accountability; increase speed of approvals; and reduce “red tape” and regulatory burden; and**

**FURTHER, THAT staff be directed to work with Conservation Ontario and our clients to identify additional improvements; and implement these solutions as soon as possible.”**

**Carried.**

### 3. Investment Income Update

Adam Skillen, of Skillen Investment Management presented an update on the investment income. After hearing the information on performance, the directors decided any changes to the portfolio could be reviewed when an update is presented in November.

### 4. Profit/Loss Statement

Brian Horner presented the financial statement for January through March 2019 with comparables to the 2019 budget.

### PRESENTATION

Davin Heinbuck, Water Resources Coordinator provided a presentation on the ABCA Flood Forecasting & Warning Program. The conservation authority is responsible for collecting and interpreting weather forecasts and modelling data from gauges, volunteer rain gauge readers, snowcourse surveys and ice measurements/ice quality readings. MNRF provides early notice of

approaching weather systems. Municipalities are then informed of potential flooding through a safety message, flood watch or flood warning communication. During a flooding event, staff will carry out river watch keeping a log for future reference and Parkhill Dam may be operated if needed.

#### GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Brian Horner provided a written report with a brief update on the progress of various projects, staff training, upcoming meetings or events and general activities over the previous month.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### **MOTION #BD 27/19**

**Moved by Doug Cook  
Seconded by Bob Harvey**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation meeting held March 28, 2019, the Pedestrian Bridge Community Working Group meeting held March 28, 2019; the Source Protection Committee meeting held March 22, 2019 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”**

**Carried.**

#### CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Reference: Thank you  
File: A.5.1  
Brief: A note of appreciation from Roger Ratz for the service he has received from Nathan Schoelier, ABCA Stewardship Technician in undertaking conservation work on his farm.
- b) Reference: Section 39 Transfer Payment Funding Cut  
File: F.6  
Brief: Correspondence from MNRF Assistant Deputy Minister Monique Rolf von den Baumen advising that the budgeted transfer payment of \$113,000 for Section 39 Eligible Natural Hazard Management Grant has been reduced to \$58,390.52 for the 2019-20 fiscal year.

##### **MOTION #BD 28/19**

**Moved by Doug Cook  
Seconded by Ray Chartrand**

**“RESOLVED, THAT a letter of response be sent by the Chair to Hon. John Yakabuski and Hon. Rod Phillips expressing the Board’s concerns in delivering the core flood management program with a 50% reduction in funding.”**

**Carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

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George Irvin  
Chair

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Judith Parker  
Corporate Services Coordinator

*Copies of Program Reports are available upon request.  
Contact Judith Parker, Corporate Services Coordinator.*