

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, December 17, 2015

**Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Boardroom
Morrison Dam Conservation Area**

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Ray Chartrand, Doug Cook, Dave Frayne, Bob Harvey, George Irvin, Don Shipway, Mike Tam

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Wayne Hall, Burkhard Metzger

STAFF PRESENT

Andrew Bicknell, Bev Brown, Geoff Cade, Brian Horner, Denise Iszczuk, Ian Jean, Judith Parker, Melissa Prout, Alec Scott, Meghan Tydd-Hrynyk

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mike Tam called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION #BD 96/15

**Moved by Ray Chartrand
Seconded by Don Shipway**

“RESOLVED, THAT the agenda for the December 17, 2015 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.

DISCLOSURE OF INTENTION TO RECORD PROCEEDINGS

None

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOTION #BD 97/15

**Moved Doug Cook
Seconded by Dave Frayne**

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on November 26, 2015 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”

Carried.

BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTES

None

PROGRAM REPORT

1 (a) Development Review

Andrew Bicknell, Regulations Coordinator, 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 3 *Minor Works Permits* to construct works within regulated areas.

(b) Violation/Appeals Update

Geoff Cade, Supervisor of Water and Planning advised that a structure was built below the top of bank on the beach. The municipality has issued a stop work order and ABCA staff have issued a violation notice. The parties involved are working together with the landowner to have the structure removed.

MOTION #BD 98/15

**Moved by Dave Frayne
Seconded by Don Shipway**

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

Carried.

2. Parkhill and Morrison Dam Safety Review

Alec Scott Water & Planning Manager provided further information on the Parkhill and Morrison Dams safety review project approved in Motion #BD 94/15 at the November 26, 2015 Board meeting. Following discussions with the consultant and a review of expenditures to date, there is additional work that could be completed within the project budget.

MOTION #BD 99/15

**Moved by Dave Frayne
Seconded by Ray Chartrand**

“RESOLVED, THAT Motion #BD 94/15 be rescinded, and

FURTHER, THAT Exp Services Inc. be retained to complete updates on the OMSS manuals for Parkhill and Morrison Dams, complete a structural stability analysis for

Morrison Dam and a geotechnical stability analysis for Parkhill Dam at a total price of \$20,000 plus HST, and

FURTHER, THAT staff proceed to enter into an agreement with Exp Services Inc. and complete the additional work.”

Carried.

3. ABCA Financial Reserves

General Manager Brian Horner, reviewed the current policy on maintaining balances in the ABCA reserves and brought forward a recommendation on managing appropriations to and from the Stewardship Endowment Fund so that it grows annually at a rate to cover future property carrying costs.

MOTION #BD 100/15

Moved by George Irvin

Seconded by Bob Harvey

“RESOLVED, THAT to ensure adequate growth of investment funds, if annual earnings on the growth of the capital does not exceed the current Consumer Price Index, appropriations from the Stewardship Endowment Fund should not be made to reduce current levy amounts, and

FURTHER, THAT if the annual earnings on the growth of the capital exceed the current Consumer Price Index, this excess could be used to reduce current Project Levy amounts.”

Carried.

4. Fall 2015 Tree Program

Ian Jean, Forestry & Land Stewardship Specialist gave an overview of the fall tree program. Just over 1,700 trees were sold through the program. ABCA also supplied trees for the 5000 Trees Project which is a community initiative in the Grand Bend area following the tornado in the summer of 2014. Their goal is to plant 5,000 trees by 2020 and to provide related education.

PRESENTATION

Denise Iszczuk and Melissa Prout, ABCA Conservation Educators gave an overview of the 2016 education program. The overall youth participation was 6,805 from the watershed and 1,125 non-watershed students. Due to the Elementary Teacher Federation of Ontario job action, there was a decrease in field trips to conservation areas and more requests for staff to present at in-school programs. This also affected attendance at Camp Sylvan with schools choosing to attend next spring instead. Summer day camps were popular with a 50% increase. New soil programs were introduced because 2015 was International Year of Soils. Staff have increased programming with high school students as well. There are 37 partners engaged in helping deliver outdoor education. It was noted that bussing costs can be a barrier for schools, because the transportation fee can be more than the program delivery fee sometimes. However there is a strong need to connect kids within nature, in their community, so that they can return with their family and share that connection.

George Irvin left the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Brian Horner presented the General Manager's report. Highlights were given on the progress of various projects, staff training and development, upcoming meetings and activities held over the previous month. This report is distributed to the municipalities for their councillors' information.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Reference: Best Wishes
File: A.5.1
Brief: Best wishes for the coming year was sent to the Board from past director Ute Stumpf.
- b) Reference: Conservation Ontario Governance
File: A.7.1
Brief: Correspondence was received from Maitland Valley Conservation Authority and Sault Ste Marie Conservation Authority offering comments on Conservation Ontario governance in regards to voting delegates.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOTION #BD 101/15

**Moved by Don Shipway
Seconded by Bob Harvey**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors go into Committee of the Whole at 4:10 p.m. to discuss property and personal matters with Kate Monk, Brian Horner and Judith Parker remaining in attendance.”

Carried.

MOTION #BD 102/15

**Moved by Don Shipway
Seconded by Dave Frayne**

“RESOLVED, THAT Committee of the Whole rise and report at 4:20 p.m.”

Carried.

MOTION #BD 103/15

**Moved by Dave Frayne
Seconded by Ray Chartrand**

“RESOLVED, THAT the information provided on the property and personal matters be received by the Board of Directors.”

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

The Striking Committee which is comprised of the Chair, Vice Chair and Past Chair, will meet on January 21, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

Mike Tam
Chair

Judith Parker
Corporate Services Coordinator

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