



MINUTES



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, December 20, 2007

Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Boardroom
Morrison Dam Conservation Area

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Paul Hodgins, Jim Ginn, George Irvin, Lawrence McLachlan, Bob Norris, Bill Siemon, Bill Weber

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Adrian Debruyn, Dave Frayne

OTHERS PRESENT

Pat Bolen, Exeter TA

STAFF PRESENT

Andrew Bicknell, Cathie Brown, Geoff Cade, Judith Parker, Tom Prout, Alec Scott

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Weber called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the final meeting of the year.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION #BD 151/07

**Moved by Bob Norris
Seconded by Paul Hodgins**

“RESOLVED, THAT the agenda for the December 20, 2007 Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Board of Directors Meeting be approved.”

Carried.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOTION #BD 152/07

Moved by Bill Siemon

Seconded by George Irvin

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors meetings held on November 22, 2007 and the motions therein be approved as amended.”

Carried.

BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTES

Proposed Ausable River Drain

Geoff Cade, Water & Planning Supervisor updated the Board on the Hearing of the Drainage Referee for the proposed Ausable River Drain which would see the river through the Hay Swamp Provincially Significant Wetland Complex become a Municipal Drain. On November 26 and 27th, ABCA staff attended the Hearing which was intended to discuss and seek direction on a proposed Terms of Reference as prepared by the Drainage Engineer. The Terms of Reference are intended to provide direction for the many studies required to address concerns with the proposed drainage works. The Drainage Referee recognized that there has been \$175,000 expended to date for reports and studies.

During the Hearing it was determined that one of the original signatories of the valid petition has sold their property and the purchaser indicates they do not wish to be party to the drainage works. Subsequently, the Drainage Referee directed the remaining signatories to meet with the Drainage Engineer and the Municipality of Bluewater to formulate whether they wanted to proceed or withdraw the petition. Another Hearing before the Drainage Referee will be held during the last week of February.

PROGRAM REPORTS

1. Development Review

The Development Review report pursuant to Ontario Regulation 147/06 *Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses*, was prepared by Andrew Bicknell, Regulations Coordinator. Through the application process, proposed developments within regulated areas are protected from flooding and erosion hazards. Staff granted permission for 8 *Applications for Permission* and 4 *Minor Works* applications.

Violation Pursuant to Ontario Regulation 147/06

Andrew Bicknell, Regulations Coordinator advised the Board of a concern with the construction of a sheet steel seawall in the Municipality of Bluewater that was installed contrary to the *Application for Permission* that was previously approved by the ABCA. On more than one occasion, staff had advised the landowner and contractor to stop work until the ABCA's concerns were addressed. A recent site visit confirmed that the work did not stop and the seawall is now complete. It is recommended to law charges against the landowner and the contractor.

MOTION #BD 153/08

**Moved by Bill Siemon
Seconded by Lawrence McLachlan**

“RESOLVED, THAT ABCA Board of Directors support the recommendation of staff and proceed to lay a violation charge pursuant to Ontario Regulation 147/06.”

Carried.

2. Ontario Regulation Mapping Updates

Tracey Boitson, GIS/CAD Information Systems Specialist reported that a protocol for updates to Section 28 Mapping-Ontario Regulation 97/04 (147/06 for ABCA) was developed by the Peer Review and Implementation Committee for Generic Regulation Mapping. As recommended by the committee a database has been created to track changes and updates to the map sheets. A revised set of regulation maps will be provided to municipalities affected by changes in 2007. On a semi-annual basis, the Board of Directors will be presented with a report of where and why any edits to regulation limits are made.

MOTION #BD 154/07

**Moved by Jim Ginn
Seconded by George Irvin**

“RESOLVED, THAT the update on Ontario Regulation Mapping be received as presented.”

Carried.

3. Conservation Education Program Update

Julie Hicks, Conservation Education Specialist gave a presentation on the programs and special events delivered by the education department over 2007.

MOTION #BD 155/07

**Moved by Bob Norris
Seconded by Lawrence McLachlan**

“RESOLVED, THAT the update on the conservation education program be received as presented.”

Carried.

4. Source Protection Authority/CA Agreement

Cathie Brown, Project Manager for Drinking Water Source Protection Project presented a draft agreement between the Source Protection Authority and conservation authority providing for delivery of services by the ABCA staff and use of assets of the conservation authority to the Source Protection Authority thereby fulfilling the work of the Source Protection Committee.

MOTION #BD 156/07

**Moved by Bill Siemon
Seconded by Paul Hodgins**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors authorize signing the agreement between the Ausable Bayfield Source Protection Authority and the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority to provide services and use of assets.”

Carried.

5. DFO Partnership Agreement Renewal

Tom Prout, General Manager advised that the current agreement with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans for delivery of a Level 2 partnership agreement under Section 35 of the *Fisheries Act* is due for renewal. This agreement provides direct benefits to our member municipalities and landowners through enhanced service in the review and approval of projects. The partnership works well and both parties are interested in renewing the agreement.

Bill Siemon commented that the conservation authority does not have a positive image in delivering this program. Tom Prout responded that there could be better communication to landowners about the drain classification system. However, the conservation authority is mediating situations with the municipality and landowners at a local level, which is more effective for those involved.

MOTION #BD 157/07

Moved by Jim Ginn

Seconded by Bob Norris

“RESOLVED, THAT the ABCA renew its Level 2 partnership agreement with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Ontario Great Lakes Area, Fish Habitat Management Section.”

Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Drinking Water Source Protection

Cathie Brown presented the minutes of the inaugural meeting of the Source Protection Committee held on October 25, 2007 and the Joint Management Committee meeting held on December 11, 2007.

Water Response Team

Alec Scott reported that for the winter months, the Upper Ausable, Lower Ausable and Parkhill Creek watersheds moved into a Low Water Level 1 Advisory along with the Bayfield River watershed which remains at a Level 1.

MOTION #BD 158/07

Moved by Bill Siemon

Seconded by Paul Hodgins

“RESOLVED, THAT the committee reports be received as presented.”

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Reference: Thank you
File: A.5.1
Brief: Thank you extended to Davin Heinbuck from the Stratford Field Naturalists for the informative presentation on the sinkhole study in West Perth.
- b) Reference: 2008 Biennial Tour
File: A.7.4.1
Brief: Preliminary notice of the 2008 Biennial Conservation Tour hosted by Nickel District Conservation Authority on September 7-10th.
- c) Reference: Per Diem
File: A.10.1
Brief: Tom Prout advised that the per diem for the representative from Municipality of Bluewater will be sent directly to the municipality who, in turn, will issue the per diem at a rate equivalent to what other Bluewater municipal councillors receive for sitting on Boards and Committees.
- d) Reference: Huron County Economic Development Task Force
File: A.5.5
Brief: Tom Prout advised that he has been invited to sit on the County of Huron Warden's Economic Development Task Force.

MOTION #BD 159/07**Moved by Bob Norris****Seconded by Lawrence McLachlan**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors support the appointment of Tom Prout, ABCA General Manager on the Huron County Economic Development Task Force to represent the environmental sector.”

Carried.

- e) Reference: Canadian Framework for Community Action
File: A.7.36
Brief: A copy of the *Lake Huron-Georgian Bay Watershed Canadian Framework for Community Action* was distributed. Mari Veliz, Healthy Watersheds Coordinator represented the ABCA on the steering committee to develop this document.
- f) Reference: Agreement from the Condominium Lands
File: L.2.8.1
Brief: Correspondence from Little, Inglis & Price requesting the ABCA discharge the Agreement from the Condominium Lands at the property comprising Huron Standard Condominium Plan No. 7 at Oakwood Links, Grand Bend.

MOTION #BD 160/07

**Moved by Bill Siemon
Seconded by Paul Hodgins**

“RESOLVED, THAT the ABCA Board of Directors approve signing the Application to the Registrar for Huron to remove the Agreement from the Condominium Lands. “

Carried.

- g) Reference: Alternative Land Use Services
File: A.5.1
Brief: Copy of correspondence to Conservation Ontario from the Canadian Federation of Agriculture endorsing the Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS) as a model of ecological service delivery.
- h) Reference: Bayfield River Valley Trail Association
File: R.19.1
Brief: Thank you to the ABCA and progress report from the volunteer organization working to create a walking trail along the Bayfield River Valley from Bayfield to Clinton.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Tom Prout reported that the ABCA has a surplus 1999 Ford Taurus station wagon and a 2000 GMC Safari Van.

MOTION #BD 161/07

**Moved by Bill Siemon
Seconded by Lawrence McLachlan**

“RESOLVED, THAT the staff proceed with advertising for sale, the 1999 Ford Taurus and 2000 GMC Safari Van.”

Carried.

2. The Property Management Committee and Striking Committee will meet prior to the next meeting of the Board which will be the Annual Meeting on January 17, 2008.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOTION #BD 162/07

**Moved by Lawrence McLachlan
Seconded by Jim Ginn**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors go into Committee of the Whole at 5:03 p.m. to discuss property matters with Tom Prout and Judith Parker in attendance.”

Carried.

MOTION #BD 163/07

**Moved by Bob Norris
Seconded by Paul Hodgins**

“RESOLVED, THAT Committee of the Whole rise and report at 5:12 p.m.”

Carried.

MOTION #BD 164/07

**Moved by George Irvin
Seconded by Bill Siemon**

“RESOLVED, THAT the staff proceed with the property matters as discussed.”

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Bill Weber
Chairman

Judith Parker
Corporate Services Coordinator

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

