



MINUTES



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, December 15, 2011

**Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Administration Centre
Morrison Dam Conservation Area**

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Dave Frayne, Jim Ginn, Paul Hodgins, Bill Siemon, Don Shipway, Lorie Scott, Ute Stumpf, Mike Tam, Janisse Zimmerman

STAFF PRESENT

Andrew Bicknell, Cathie Brown, Geoff Cade, Brian Horner, Kate Monk, Judith Parker, Tom Prout, Alec Scott, Julie Stellingwerff

OTHERS PRESENT

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CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Dave Frayne called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION #BD 98/11

**Moved by Don Shipway
Seconded by Paul Hodgins**

“RESOLVED, THAT the agenda for the December 15, 2011 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.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOTION #BD 99/11

**Moved by Lorie Scott
Seconded by Bill Siemon**

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on, November 17, 2011 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”

Carried.

BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTES

Proposed 2012 Budget

Tom Prout, General Manager reported that he or Brian Horner, Financial Services Supervisor, are being invited to attend municipal council meetings to answer questions on any projects or programs included in the proposed 2012 budget.

Brian Horner presented the fee schedule and pay grid as reported in the proposed 2012 budget for approval.

MOTION #BD 100/11

**Moved by Lorie Scott
Seconded by Paul Hodgins**

“RESOLVED, THAT the proposed Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority 2012 Fee Schedule for providing services as per Section 21(m.1) of the *Conservation Authorities Act* and *Policies and Procedures for Charging of Conservation Authority Fees, June 13, 1997* be approved as presented.”

Carried.

MOTION #BD 101/11

**Moved by Bill Siemon
Seconded by Janisse Zimmerman**

“RESOLVED, THAT proposed the 2012 pay grid reflecting a 2% increase be approved as presented.”

Carried.

PROGRAM REPORTS

1 (a) Development Review

Andrew Bicknell, Regulations Coordinator prepared the report on the Development Review 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 three *Applications for Permission* and three *Minor Works* applications.

1 (b) Violations update pursuant to O. Reg 147/06

- (i) Geoff Cade advised there is a court date of February 7th for the violation charges against the landowner and contractor in regards to the unauthorized work undertaken to fill and grade within the ravine area along the lakeshore in Green Acres subdivision.

- (ii) A new violation has arisen in the Municipality of Lambton Shores. The municipal officials have levied a stop work order on a building permit issued for a renovation where further work was undertaken beyond what permission was granted. Staff are hoping to work toward a resolution with the landowner.

MOTION #BD 102/11

**Moved by Lorie Scott
Seconded by Ute Stumpf**

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

Carried.

2. Conservation Strategy

Tim Cumming, Communications Specialist circulated draft copies of *The Path Forward - Your Community Conservation Strategy for Ausable Bayfield Watersheds*. Over 2010 and 2011, a group of 34 interested individuals took part as a community team to develop the Conservation Strategy that will guide the ABCA over the next 20 years. The final product is a six panel pamphlet expressing the philosophy of how our watershed community can work together creating awareness and taking action for healthy watersheds. The print product will also showcase a new logo, mission and vision statement and tag line. Upon approval by the Board, *The Path Forward* will be unveiled at the March 15th Awards Evening and the Conservation Strategy Team will be invited to attend for recognition of their commitment to the project.

MOTION # BD 103/11

**Moved by Lorie Scott
Seconded by Mike Tam**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors appreciate the input of the Conservation Strategy Team in developing *The Path Forward - Your Community Conservation Strategy for Ausable Bayfield Watersheds*, and

FURTHER, THAT the document be approved as presented and scheduled for release on March 15, 2012.”

Carried.

3. Flood Message Terminology

Alec Scott, Water & Planning Manager advised that there has been recent discussion among conservation authorities about the need for consistent flood message terminology that is meaningful to the general public and emergency coordinators. ABCA staff will work with neighbouring conservation authorities in southwestern Ontario to ensure consistency.

MOTION #BD 104/11

**Moved Jim Ginn
Seconded by Don Shipway**

“RESOLVED, THAT starting in 2012 the ABCA change its flood messaging information to be consistent with that approved at Conservation Ontario, and

FURTHER, THAT this be reinforced with our member municipalities at the time of requests for updating the 2012 ABCA Flood Emergency Plan, and also at the annual Planning for Flood Emergencies meeting hosted by the ABCA in early March.”

Carried.

4. Maitland Watershed Resiliency Project

Kate Monk, Stewardship and Conservation Lands Supervisor reminded the directors how Maitland Valley Conservation Authority had requested funding from the ABCA in 2010 to jointly fund a watershed resiliency staff person. The Board agreed to contribute \$500 towards the project. During 2011 MVCA hired the consulting firm of Appropriate Development to conduct a study to gauge the feasibility of a \$7.5 million capital campaign to support the Maitland Watershed Resiliency Project and renewal of the Wawanosh Nature Centre. A copy of the executive summary and recommendations was circulated as the findings may have relevance to the ABCA and the Foundation.

MOTION #BD 105/11

Moved by Lorie Scott

Seconded by Janisse Zimmerman

“RESOLVED, THAT report be received as presented.”

Carried.

5. Conservation Education Program Update

Julie Stellingwerff, Conservation Education Specialist gave a summary of the day camps, presentations and workshops, nature programs and special events presented throughout 2011.

MOTION #BD 106/11

Moved by Lorie Scott

Seconded by Jim Ginn

“RESOLVED, THAT the report be received as presented.”

Carried.

PRESENTATION

Tracey McPherson, GIS/CAD Info Systems Specialist gave an online presentation on how the directors can assist in the voting process for funding through the *Shell Foundation Fuelling Change Program*. The Ausable Bayfield Base Mapping project was approved for \$10,000 and is on the short list for \$25,000 of funding if there are enough website voters for the project. Supporters can go to the ABCA website at abca.on.ca and find the link for voting.

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

Tom Prout provided a written report with a brief update on the progress of various projects, staff training and development, upcoming events and general activities over the previous month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**MOTION #BD 107/11**

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

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Friends of the South Huron Trail meeting held on November 4, 2011; and the Source Protection Committee meeting held on October 25 and 26th, 2011 and the motions therein be approved as presented.”

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Reference: Eastern Flowering Dogwood
File: S.29.2.10
Brief: Follow-up from Ministry of Natural Resources that the habitat regulation for eastern flowering dogwood under the *Endangered Species Act, 2007* has been finalized.
- b) Reference: Minister of Environment
File: A.5.8
Brief: Copy of letter from Honourable Jim Bradley, Minister of the Environment to Dick Hibma, Chair of Conservation Ontario, advising the ministry looks forward to working with conservation authorities and other stakeholders in protecting the environment and human health in communities across Ontario.
- c) Reference: Generic Regulations
File: W.5.2
Brief: Update from Ministry of Natural Resources on reviewing the individual conservation authority generic regulations to ensure conformity and posting the amendments to Environmental and Regulatory Registry.
- d) Reference: Source Water Protection
File: A.7.1
Brief: Copy of a Conservation Ontario publication *Protecting Ontario's Drinking Water - Waterloo Study* of a cost-benefit analysis for source water protection beneficial management practices.
- e) Reference: Sewage Treatment Bypasses
File: A.5.1
Brief: An article from *Better Farming, October 2011* with a survey of 2011 statistics on municipal sewage treatment spills and bypasses.

- f) Reference: Source Protection Programs Branch
File: L.9.57
Brief: Correspondence from Ministry of Environment advising that Mary Anne Covelli joined the Source Protection Programs Branch as Director effective December 1, 2011.
- g) Reference: Conservation Strategy
File: C.5.6.3
Brief: Letter of appreciation from Paul Mennill, a Conservation Strategy team member, to Tim Cumming for providing excellent communication support in developing the *Path Forward* document.
- h) Reference: Thank you
File: A.5.1
Brief: A note of thanks from Linda Branderhorst that the ABCA has the South Huron Trailmobile available with a volunteer driver to those who can't walk the nature trail.
- i) Reference: Communities in Bloom
File: A.5.1
Brief: A note of appreciation from the Lambton Shores Community in Bloom Committee to Kari Jean for her presentation at Port Franks. Also to Dale Cable and Cathy Fraser for being ambassadors of Rock Glen Conservation Area when the judges toured the area.

NEW BUSINESS

The date for a Property Management Committee meeting was set for January 26, 2012 . The Striking Committee will meet on February 2, 2012.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOTION #BD 108/11

**Moved by Don Shipway
Seconded by Lorie Scott**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors go into Committee of the Whole at 4:25 p.m. to discuss a legal matter with Tom Prout, Alec Scott, Kate Monk and Judith Parker remaining in attendance.”

Carried.

MOTION #BD 109/11

**Moved by Paul Hodgins
Seconded by Jim Ginn**

“RESOLVED, THAT Committee of the Whole rise and report at 4:42 p.m.”

MOTION #BD 110/11

**Moved by Lorie Scott
Seconded by Don Shipway**

“RESOLVED, THAT staff proceed with the legal matter as discussed.”

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:44 p.m.

Dave Frayne
Vice - Chairman

Judith Parker
Corporate Services Coordinator

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

