

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**Thursday, December 19, 2013**

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

### DIRECTORS PRESENT

Dave Frayne, Paul Hodgins, Don Shipway, Ute Stumpf, Mike Tam, Janisse Zimmerman

### DIRECTORS ABSENT

Burkhard Metzger, Joe Steffler, Lorie Scott

### OTHERS PRESENT

Scott Nixon, Exeter TA

### STAFF PRESENT

Andrew Bicknell, Bev Brown, Geoff Cade, Brian Horner, Tracey McPherson, Kate Monk, Judith Parker

### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dave Frayne called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m., welcomed all those in attendance.

### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

#### **MOTION #BD 118/13**

**Moved by Ute Stumpf  
Seconded by Paul Hodgins**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the agenda for the December 19, 2013 Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Board of Directors meeting be approved.”**

**Carried.**

### DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

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

### DISCLOSURE OF INTENTION TO AUDIO/VIDEO RECORD MEETING

There were no disclosures.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES**MOTION #BD 119/13**

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

**“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on November 21, 2013 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”**

**Carried.**

BUSINESS OUT OF MINUTES1. 2014 Proposed Budget

General Manager Tom Prout announced that the 2014 proposed budget had been circulated to the member municipalities for their information. Upon request, staff are available to attend a council meeting to answer any questions.

PROGRAM REPORT1. 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 five *Applications for Permission* and one *Minor Works Permits* and 62 *Applications for Permission* to construct works within areas regulated by the ABCA specific to Industrial Wind generation.

1. b) Violation/Appeals Update

Geoff Cade, Supervisor of Water & Planning advised there are no updates at this time, but staff are anticipating three hearings in the near future under Ontario Regulation 147/06.

**MOTION #BD 120/13**

**Moved by Janisse Zimmerman  
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. CO Whitepaper Communication Bulletin

Tom Prout reported on the status of the Conservation Ontario Whitepaper. The purpose of the Whitepaper was to initiate dialogue with the Ontario government about the roles and responsibilities for managing Ontario's watershed and redefine relationships between conservation authorities and key provincial ministries. Conservation Ontario (CO) and conservation authorities have been sharing the

Whitepaper with member municipalities who are requesting to be part of any formal dialogue. CO has had preliminary discussions with the Province and will be further defining five key interrelated points for further conversations. Municipal councils can contact the ABCA to receive more information.

### 3. Ontario Reg 147/06 Mapping Updates

Tracey McPherson, GIS/IT Coordinator presented two mapping updates on regulation limits in the Generic Regulations Mapping. Any changes to the map sheets is brought to the Board of Directors annually for approval. For 2013 changes were in the Grand Bend area to adjust top of bank according to 2010 DEM and in Municipality of Bluewater a tiled watercourse was removed from the regulations.

**MOTION #BD 121/13**

**Moved by Paul Hodgins**

**Seconded by Mike Tam**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors approve the updates to the mapping sheets pursuant to Ontario Regulation 147/06 as presented.**

**Carried.**

### PRESENTATION

Tom Prout gave a slideshow presentation prepared by Cooperators Insurance for the A.D. Latornell Symposium and the Conservation Ontario Council meeting. The focus was on the who, what and why of addressing climate change risks in the insurance industry. The relevance of sharing the information is not to promote Cooperator`s Insurance, but it is the only company discussing this approach. A chart of natural catastrophies compiled between 1980 - 2012 shows that geophysical, meteorological, flooding, and heatwave/cold/drought type events is elevating in the last 30 years. In comparing the overall losses and insured losses, the global trends are that uninsured losses are increasing substantially. In Canada, the frequency of major events is increasing as well. Delivering floodplain regulations is the least popular service that the conservation authority provides, however it is the best service for society.

A calculation for recent catastrophic losses is \$85.5M in Slave Lake; \$67M in Alberta and \$43.8M in Toronto. The US government`s National Flood Insurance Program Debt has a \$20B shortfall. This reflects the number of people in the US, who can`t get insurance elsewhere. Finding collaboration and accountability with this issue involves many stakeholders eg, reinsurers, insurers, governments, academia, individuals and society. Collaborative efforts to build resiliency into watershed, soils and cities is the approach for the future. The insurance industry cannot solve the issue with products alone. There needs to be mitigation and adaptation to create a resilient society prepared for dealing with the climate change risks... *An ounce of prevention.*

### GENERAL MANAGER`S REPORT

This was the final General Manager`s report for Tom Prout. His remarks focused on the value the conservation authority movement has been to society as a grassroots organization since 1946. CAs are the only remaining agencies that can assist landowners with programs, services and connecting with the provincial and federal governments on environmental issues.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chairman Frayne advised that the HR Committee report would be deferred to Committee of the Whole later in the meeting.

**MOTION #BD 122/13**

**Moved by Don Shipway  
Seconded by Ute Stumpf**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Property Management Committee meeting held on November 18, 2013, and the motions therein be approved as presented.”**

**Carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Reference: *Great Lakes Protection Act, 2013*  
File: A.8.34  
Brief: Notice from Minister of Environment, Honourable Jim Bradley, that the *Great Lakes Protection Act, 2013* has passed second reading. A newsletter from the Ministry of Environment was also received, highlighting actions the Ontario government has taken in restoring and protecting the Great Lakes.
- b) Reference: CO Insurance Broker Review  
File: A.7.1/A.24  
Brief: Notice from the Conservation Ontario Insurance Committee, that effective October of 2013, Marsh Canada Limited will be replacing Aon as the new broker for Conservation Ontario and the authorities insurance coverage.
- c) Reference: Cameron Gillies Diversion Channel  
File: W.3.16.1  
Brief: Correspondence from Municipality of North Middlesex in response to the request that Cameron Gillies Diversion Channel be included in the drainage report. Council are recommending that Spriet Associates research the most economical solution to include the future maintenance to the diversion channel in accordance to the *Drainage Act* at the expense of the ABCA.
- d) Reference: Risk Management Official  
File: Z.7.1  
Brief: Correspondence from the municipalities of Central Huron and North Perth expressing interest in participating in the proposed regional approach to implement Part IV of the Ontario *Clean Water Act*.

- e) Reference: Water Sampling Project  
File: F.6  
Brief: Resolutions from the municipalities of South Huron and Central Huron advising they do not support sharing the project costs in the Bluewater Shoreline Residents Association and Bayfield ratepayers Association Water Sampling Project for 2014.
- f) Reference: Lake Erie Phosphorus Management Processes  
File: W.11.1  
Brief: Copy of the final report prepared by Soil Resource Group on *Analysis of Historical Lake Erie Phosphorus Management Processes*.

#### NEW BUSINESS

The Striking Committee set a meeting date of January 16, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.

#### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

##### **MOTION #BD 123/13**

**Moved by Don Shipway  
Seconded by Ute Stumpf**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors go into Committee of the Whole at 4:20 p.m. to discuss personnel matters with Tom Prout and Judith Parker remaining in attendance.”**

**Carried.**

Tom Prout left the Committee of the Whole prior to the Human Resources Committee report.

##### **MOTION #BD 124/13**

**Moved by Paul Hodgins  
Seconded by Ute Stumpf**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors rise and report at 4:40 p.m.”**

**Carried.**

##### **MOTION #BD 125/13**

**Moved by Don Shipway  
Seconded by Mike Tam**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors approve the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee, and**

**FURTHER, THAT if the job offer is accepted be the recommended candidate for General Manager/Secretary Treasurer, the start date be January 6, 2014.”**

**Carried.**

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

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Dave Frayne  
Chairman

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Judith Parker  
Corporate Services Coordinator

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

