

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, July 17, 2014

Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Boardroom  
Morrison Dam Conservation Area

### DIRECTORS PRESENT

Les Falconer, Paul Hodgins, Don Shipway, Lorie Scott, Ute Stumpf, Janisse Zimmerman

### DIRECTORS ABSENT

Dave Frayne, Burkhard Metzger, Mike Tam

### STAFF PRESENT

Andrew Bicknell, Bev Brown, Geoff Cade, Brian Horner, Kate Monk, Judith Parker, Rachael Scholten, Alec Scott, Brock Spencer, Mari Veliz

### OTHERS PRESENT

Scott Nixon, Exeter TA

### CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Lorie Scott called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. and welcomed everyone attending.

### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

### **MOTION #BD 74/14**

**Moved by Janisse Zimmerman**

**Seconded by Ute Stump**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the agenda for the July 17, 2014 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 75/14**

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

**“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on June 19, 2014 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 2 *Applications for Permission* and 9 *Minor Works Permits*.

1. (b) Violation/Appeals Update

Geoff Cade reported that staff have met with the municipality and other agencies who have concerns with the opening of Windmill Lake Wake & Eco Park in Central Huron. The owners have built structures and done excavating without permits

**MOTION #BD 76/14**

**Moved by Paul Hodgins  
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. Five Year Budget

Brian Horner, General Manager presented the five year budget for approval. At this time, funding for the Drinking Water Source Protection Project and the Weston Family Environmental Leaders of Tomorrow Program at Camp Sylvan is unknown and may impact future budgets. Based on the programs and projects proposed over the next five years, the general levy increase is 3.64% and the new or ongoing projects show an increase of 8.04%.

**MOTION #BD 77/14**

**Moved by Paul Hodgins  
Seconded by Janisse Zimmerman**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the staff be directed to use a 2% levy increase in preparing the 2015 budget.”**

**Carried.**

**MOTION #BD 78/14**

**Moved by Les Falconer  
Seconded by Ute Stumpf**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the proposed five year budget for the period 2015-2019 be approved as presented.”**

**Carried.**

**3. 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Financial Statement**

Brian Horner presented the profit & loss statement to June 30, 2014 with comparatives to the 2014 budget.

**4. MacNaughton Morrison Trail 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Kate Monk, Stewardship, Lands & Education Manager gave an update on the activities and events undertaken throughout the year to celebrate the milestone. A volunteer committee has produced a new South Huron Trail information brochure, two nature videos identifying the wildflowers and trees along the trail, newspaper column series highlighting how the trail changes through the seasons. A celebration is being held Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> with breakfast by the Exeter Lions Club, guided hikes and fitness challenge along the trail and a landowner appreciation ceremony.

**PRESENTATION**

Mari Veliz, Healthy Watersheds Supervisor gave a presentation on the information gathering project to document water quality improvements from agricultural BMPs. The study was done along the lakeshore north of Bayfield in the Gully Creek watershed and the Ridgeway Drain watershed in the Zurich area and looked at cover crops, conservation tillage, water and sediment control basins and nutrient management, to measure the effect of BMPs on phosphorus concentrations under low and high flow events.

Typically during heavy rainfall events, high flows erode the channels leading to sediment being carried into the watercourse. To help landowners assess their properties, staff walked the farms with the landowner to map drainage patterns and determine some remedial measures. A systematic approach to dealing with pollutants through best management practices is to Avoid, Control, Trap/Treat (ACT).

Evaluation includes regular water sampling data collection. In the past staff didn't know the landscape surrounding the sample location, so now there is more data for analysis (eg. corn field). Local volunteers have been trained as citizen scientists to increase the data collection during storm events (eg. Bayfield Beach). Soil health information is now available in the watershed report card. There is a better understanding of water quality indicators under wet and dry conditions. Community outreach and water quality monitoring are the main objectives of the ABCA healthy watersheds program.

#### GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### **MOTION #BD 79/14**

**Moved by Janisse Zimmerman  
Seconded by Paul Hodgins**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Human Resources Committee meeting held July 3, 2014 and the motions therein be approved as presented.”**

**Carried.**

#### CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Reference: Ontario Regulation 147/06 Appeal  
File: W.5.2.5.1  
Brief: Daniel Pascoe, Registrar/Mediator for the Office of the Mining and Lands Commissioner advised that the appeal by Goodison Fisheries for approval to develop within a regulated area pursuant to Ontario Regulation 147/06 has been dismissed once the “Consent to Dismiss without Costs” has been executed by both parties.
- b) Reference: Ontario Regulation 147/06 Appeal  
File: W.5.2.5.1  
Brief: Order to file documentation was received from Daniel Pascoe, Registrar for the Office of the Mining and Lands Commissioner that an appeal has been filed by appellant John Carter for development within a regulated area pursuant to Ontario Regulation 147/06.
- c) Reference: Letter of Concern  
File: W.5.1  
Brief: A letter was received from William and Katherine Windsor of Ailsa Craig. As neighbours to a new development site, they are concerned with water run-off and site grading design that may potentially flood their property. ABCA will suggest an on-site meeting with the project engineer.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Alec Scott introduced the new staff member Brock Spencer, who has been hired as Water Resources Engineer.
2. Directors were reminded to RSVP for the July 24<sup>th</sup> Watershed Bus Tour being planned by staff for the Boards of the ABCA, Foundation and Huron Tract Land Trust. Projects and points of interest in the southern portion of the watershed will be visited.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

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Lorie Scott  
Vice Chair

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Judith Parker  
Corporate Services Coordinator

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