

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, July 18, 2013

Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Boardroom
Morrison Dam Conservation Area

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Dave Frayne, Paul Hodgins, Burkhard Metzger, Don Shipway, Joe Steffler, Ute Stumpf, Janisse Zimmerman

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Lorie Scott, Mike Tam

STAFF PRESENT

Andrew Bicknell, Davin Heinbuck, Brian Horner, Kate Monk, Judith Parker, Tom Prout, Rachael Scholten

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dave Frayne called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. and asked for a moment's silence in memory of Bill Siemon, former director representing the Municipality of Huron East.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION #BD 72/13

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

“RESOLVED, THAT the agenda for the July 18, 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 73/13

Moved by Janisse Zimmerman

Seconded by Ute Stumpf

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on June 20, 2013 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”

Carried.

BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTES

Don Shipway asked for clarification of Motion #BD 62/13 as it relates to newly adopted ABCA policy where applicants are now required to obtain a permit for drainage works under Ontario Regulation 147/06.

PROGRAM REPORTS

1. a) Development Review

Andrew Bicknell, Regulations Coordinator prepared and 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 two *Applications for Permission* and four *Minor Works Permit*.

1. b) Violation/Appeals Update

No updates.

MOTION #BD 74/13

Moved by Burkhard Metzger

Seconded by Paul Hodgins

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

Carried.

2. Standing Committee Appointments

Tom Prout, General Manager reported that Joe Steffler has been appointed by the Municipality of Huron East to replace the late Bill Siemon. Mr. Siemon served on four of the ABCA Standing Committees, so a recommendation was presented to fill the positions until the end of 2013.

MOTION #BD 75/13

Moved by Don Shipway

Seconded by Ute Stumpf

“RESOLVED, THAT Joe Steffler be appointed to the Clinton Conservation Area Management Committee and the Property Management Committee, and

FURTHER, THAT Paul Hodgins be appointed to the Striking Committee and,

FURTHER, THAT Janisse Zimmerman be appointed as an alternate to the Drinking Water Source Protection Joint Management Committee.”

Carried.

3. Fee Schedule Amendment

Tom Prout presented the report prepared by Julie Stellingwerff, Conservation Education Specialist requesting an increase in conservation education program fees. This would help recover delivery costs and be in line with program fees charged by neighbouring conservation authorities.

MOTION #BD 76/13

Moved by Joe Steffler

Seconded by Burkhard Metzger

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board approve revising the 2013 ABCA Fee Schedule effective immediately, as presented.”

Carried.

4. Proposed Five Year Budget

Brian Horner, Financial Services Supervisor presented the proposed 2014-2018 budget. The 5 year increase projected for the general levy is 3.82% which includes amounts for specific amortization approved in 2011. The project levy five year increase is projected at 8.37%. Phased and on-going projects are proposed to increase the levy by 3.94% while new projects, identified as needing to be done but not prioritized, make up the remainder of the project levy increase. Directors asked that staff bring back a report with comparisons to the member municipalities' projected budget increases.

MOTION #BD 77/13

Moved by Paul Hodgins

Seconded by Janisse Zimmerman

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors direct staff to prepare the 2014 budget with a 2% increase.”

Carried.

MOTION #BD 78/13

Moved by Paul Hodgins

Seconded by Ute Stumpf

“RESOLVED, THAT the projected five year budget report be received as presented.”

Carried.

5. Parkhill Dam-Cameron Gillies Diversion Channel

Tom Prout reported on behalf of Alec Scott, Water & Planning Manager on the Parkhill Dam-Cameron Gillies diversion channel cleanout and emergency repairs. The cleanout of the channel was included as

a project in the approved 2013 budget. However, following high water flows in April of 2013, damage to the control structure was discovered during inspections by staff. There was buckling and separation of the culverts through the structure and erosion and slumping of the upstream embankment. The culvert has been in place for approximately 45 years. Staff feel that the repairs are an emergency situation, as complete failure of the diversion channel control structure could lead to a risk of flooding in downtown Parkhill. It is proposed that the emergency repair work and the cleanout be combined into one project and the total estimated value is \$83,575. An application to provincial WECI funding was not successful for the channel cleanout. Application for the emergency repair was submitted for ranking under the WECI program. Don Shipway inquired whether the diversion channel could be added to the drainage report with adjacent landowners being assessed for future maintenance costs.

MOTION #BD 79/13**Moved by Janisse Zimmerman****Seconded by Ute Stumpf**

“RESOLVED, THAT the ABCA request the Municipality of North Middlesex to include the Cameron Gillies Diversion Channel in the drainage report and cost-sharing assessment schedule under the *Drainage Act*.”

Carried.**MOTION #BD 80/13****Moved Janisse Zimmerman****Seconded by Joe Steffler**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Cameron Gillies Diversion Channel cleanout and the emergency repairs for the Cameron Gillies Diversion Channel control structure be combined into one project for completion in 2013, and

FURTHER, THAT the project proceed with the understanding that if WECI grant funding is not available, the equivalent funds to replace the grant will come out of the Maintenance and Repair Reserves for Flood and Erosion Control Structures, and

FURTHER, THAT the non-grantable share of the Emergency works be taken out of the Maintenance and Repair Reserves for Flood and Erosion Control Structures, with repayment to the reserve being included as part of the 2014 ABCA budget.

Carried.**6. Quarterly Financial Statement**

Brian Horner presented the Statement of Profit and Loss to June 30, 2013 with comparison to budget and 2012 actuals.

MOTION #BD 81/13**Moved by Don Shipway****Seconded by Paul Hodgins**

“RESOLVED, THAT the quarterly financial statement be received as presented.”

Carried.

PRESENTATION

Davin Heinbuck, Land & Water Technologist gave an informative slide show on the recent flooding scenarios in southern Alberta and Toronto. In Alberta the weather system patterns brought above average precipitation of 80-340 mm across the basins. Other complications were the surface runoff from the mountains and hillsides. Alberta experienced flooding in 2005 and a subsequent report with recommendations for addressing future flooding issues was never acted upon by the government. The impact to the infrastructure in southern Alberta will be the costliest in Canadian history and estimates are \$3-5 billion. There is a call to action that development now be banned in the floodway and new flood mapping standards with flood way and flood fringe areas denoted. By comparison Ontario has been recognized internationally as having the best planning tools with regulations in place since the mid 1980s so that development does not take place in flood prone areas.

The recent flooding event in Toronto was considered localized in comparison to Hurricane Hazel event in 1954. A moist frontal wave brought 126 mm of precipitation that had the Don River flowing 2 ½ times over the critical level. A provincial committee will be looking at future changes to floodplain limits. The need is more immediate in urban centres where ongoing development is altering the landscapes.

The Ontario Conservation Authority's role in floodplain management is to maintain:

- ▶ flood and erosion control structures;
- ▶ mapping of flood limits;
- ▶ watershed based flood forecasting and warning system
- ▶ accurate polling of streamgauges for warning municipalities of flooding conditions
- ▶ emergency contingency plan
- ▶ a regulatory role whereby municipalities do not issue building permits without conservation authority approval and floodproofing conditions.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Tom Prout provided a written report dedicated to floodplain management because of the significant flooding in Alberta and Toronto. Fortunately in Ontario we have had floodplain regulations for years. The flooded communities in Alberta are the result of short-sighted politicians, willing developers and a society of people who think they know better and have the right to do what they want, not Mother Nature. It will be the taxpayers across Canada who will pay for the aftermath. An estimated \$5 billion compared to \$300 million in a 2006 recommendation for infrastructure improvements. The Insurance Board of Canada recognizes conservation authority regulations as preventing significant losses in Ontario due to flooding.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MOTION #BD 82/13

Moved by Janisse Zimmerman

Seconded by Don Shipway

“RESOLVED, THAT Dave Frayne be appointed as the liaison to the Source Protection Committee, and

FURTHER, THAT the minutes of Source Protection Committee meeting held on June 26, 2013 and the motions therein be approved as presented.”

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Reference: Rotary Group Study Exchange
File: A.5.1
Brief: Tom Prout reported that the Grand Bend Rotary Club hosted a Group Study Exchange student from South Korea interested in environment and climate change. The ABCA provided an information session on programs and services.
- b) Reference: A.D. Latornell Symposium
File: P.7.3
Brief: Notice of upcoming 20th A.D. Latornell Conservation Symposium on November 20-22 at Alliston, Ontario. The theme is Resilience – the Ability to Adapt to Change.
- c) Reference: Stewardship Network Conference
File: A.5.1
Brief: An invitation for Mari Veliz, ABCA Healthy Watersheds Supervisor, to submit an abstract to the Stewardship Network Conference Planning Committee for presentation at the *Science, Practice and Art of Restoring Native Ecosystems* conference at Michigan State University for 300-400 people in the Great Lakes region.
- d) Reference: Ontario Professional Planners
File: A.5.1
Brief: Invitation for Mari Veliz to make a presentation at the SWOD OPPI dinner meeting on July 31, 2013 regarding projects undertaken for a Healthy Lake Huron.
- e) Reference: Funding Announcements
File: F.22.1
Brief: ABCA was successful in receiving Environment Canada funding of \$225,000 over 3 years for the Ausable River Recovery Strategy Implementation project and \$120,310 for implementation of the Lake Huron Georgian Bay Framework. OMAF and MRA New Directions Research Program funding of \$199,000 over 3 years was also approved.
- f) Reference: Camp Sylvan Conservation Education Program
File: C.17.6.23
Brief: Some teacher feedback comments for the Weston Family Environmental Leaders of Tomorrow program at Camp Sylvan were shared with the Board.
- g) Reference: WECI Program Funding
File: W.3.16
Brief: Update from Ministry of Natural Resources on status of approving projects WECI

funding. The ABCA grant request was not approved at this time but is on a waiting list for projects under the funding line.

h) Reference: Bill Steenstra

File: A.5.1

Brief: A letter to the Board from watershed resident Bill Steenstra regarding environmental standards as they relate to removal of a hardwood forest prior to the extraction of aggregates in the township of Colborne. The particular location is outside of the ABCA watershed but a response will be sent to Mr. Steenstra.

NEW BUSINESS

There will be no ABCA Board of Directors meeting held in August.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Dave Frayne
Chair

Judith Parker
Corporate Services Coordinator

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

