



MINUTES



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, June 16, 2011

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

DIRECTORS PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Andrew Bicknell, Geoff Cade, Brian Horner, Kate Monk, Judith Parker, Tom Prout, Alec Scott

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ginn called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION #BD 49/11

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

“RESOLVED, THAT the agenda for the June 16, 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 50/11

**Moved by Bill Siemon
Seconded by Dave Frayne**

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on, May 19, 2011 and the motions therein be approved as presented.”

Carried.

BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTES

None

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 seven *Applications for Permission* and seventeen *Minor Works* applications.

MOTION #BD 51/11

**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.

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

Geoff Cade, Water & Planning Supervisor reported there were no further updates at this time.

2. Section 29- Conservation Authorities Act

Kate Monk, Stewardship & Conservation Lands Supervisor gave an update on the Conservation Pass for Hunting program. Hunting is permitted at ABCA conservation forests but not at conservation areas. Hunting passes are sold by contacting the administration office. Revenue from the sale of passes supports property maintenance expenses. There are currently 273 active passes to hunt on ABCA forested tracts where hunting is permitted. Enforcement officers continue to patrol ABCA lands for prohibited off-road vehicle use in Hay Swamp, Ausable Gorge, Parkhill Conservation Area and Ausable River Cut Conservation Area.

MOTION #BD 52/11

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

“RESOLVED, THAT the update on enforcement of Section 29 of the Conservation Authorities Act be received as presented.”

Carried.

3. Sinkhole Area Water Quality Sampling

Alec Scott, Water & Planning Manager requested direction from the Board in regards to continuing with the water quality sampling program of the sinkhole areas of West Perth and Huron East. A reduced sampling program was approved as a project in the 2011 ABCA budget at \$6000. However the Municipalities of West Perth and Huron East objected to the costs when receiving the invoice for the first installment of the project levy. Bill Siemon indicated that Huron

East Council thought the province should cover the cost of sampling through the Drinking Water Source Protection program as was done in previous years. Jim Ginn indicated that funding from DWSP for sinkhole monitoring was not approved in the 2011-2012 budget by the Ministry of Environment because it is considered 'out of scope.' Alec Scott commented that without the continual monitoring there will be a gap in water quality data in the future.

MOTION #BD 53/11

**Moved by Bill Siemon
Seconded by Mike Tam**

“RESOLVED, THAT due to the lack of support by the Municipalities of Huron East and West Perth, the Sinkhole Area Water Quality Sampling project be discontinued for 2011, and

FURTHER, THAT the Municipalities of Huron East and West Perth be asked to pay their share of costs for the sinkhole monitoring that was undertaken to date, and

FURTHER, THAT the Municipalities of Huron East and West Perth be asked to consider funding a sinkhole water quality monitoring program in the 2012 budget.”

Carried.

4. Walker Drain Area 1 Erosion Control Project

Alec Scott gave an update on the Walker Drain Area 1 Erosion Control Project that was included in the approved 2011 budget. The work involves repair of an eroding bank affecting a municipal sports field along the Walker Drain in Grand Bend. Tenders for the construction will be called during the week of June 20th with a closing date of July 12, 2011.

MOTION #BD 54/11

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

“RESOLVED, THAT Dave Frayne be appointed to attend the tender opening on July 12, 2011 for the Walker Drain Area 1 Erosion Control Project, and

FURTHER, THAT a report on the tenders be brought to the July 21, 2011 Board of Directors meeting.”

Carried.

5. Spring Tree Planting Update

Kate Monk reported on behalf of Ian Jean, Forestry & Stewardship Specialist on the tree planting program this spring. There were a total of 61,000 trees planted with a longer than usual planting season because of wet weather. Planting projects consisted mainly of farm windbreaks and watercourse buffers.

PRESENTATION

Geoff Cade gave a report on a one day workshop he and Andrew Bicknell attended hosted by the Ministry of Natural Resources. The session was a technical training on regulating shorelines of Great Lakes and large inland lakes under the *Conservation Authorities Act Section 28* regulations. The ABCA Shoreline Management Plan was approved in 1994 and updated in 2000. Identified in the Plan are Lakeshore Area 1 (hazard area for annual bank recession because of erosion at the toe) and Lakeshore Area 2 (area that can be developed subject to conditions of the structure being moveable). The Shoreline Management Plan needs to be updated because of different development pressures whereby there are more long term residences versus seasonal cottages. Considerations when reviewing development along the shoreline are the area available for a septic bed thereby dictating the size of the structure; are sewers going to be available in the future; is moisture from the septic systems adding to the stress or instability of the bank.

An aerial photo of Melena Heights subdivision was shown of a cottage that had to be relocated back from the top of bank in 2009. In the same photo is a new construction where the structure was built well back from the slope away from potential erosion concerns.

Tom Prout commented that other factors contributing to erosion along the shoreline bluffs are the soil types, prevailing winds and orientation of the lakes. In the long term, costs to regulatory agencies and municipalities would be reduced or eliminated if minor variances, severances and certain developments were denied in stressed areas.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MOTION #BD 55/11

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

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Arkona Lions Museum Management Committee meeting held on May 12, 2011 and the Source Protection Committee meeting held on April 27, 2001 and the motions therein be approved as presented.”

Carried.

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.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Reference: Thank you
File: A.5.1
Brief: A note of appreciation from Andrew and Nancy Bicknell for the donation in memory of her father.
- b) Reference: Thank you

File: A.5.1.

Brief: A note of appreciation from Rebecca Swick for having access to the ABCA on-site resource library to do research.

- c) Reference: Regulatory Compliance Training

File: P.7.6

Brief: Letter of congratulations and certificate to Carol Noonan, ABCA Patrol Officer, for successfully completing the Basic Law Enforcement/Conservation Authority Compliance Training Level 1.

- d) Reference: Port Franks Ice Management Study

File: W.4.2.4.1

Brief: Resolution from the Municipality of Lambton Shores requesting the ABCA proceed with the Port Franks Ausable River Ice Management Study in 2011.

MOTION #BD 56/11

Moved by Dave Frayne

Seconded by Paul Hodgins

“RESOLVED, THAT the Ausable Bayfield Conservaton Authority proceed with the update to the Port Franks Ice Management Study at an estimated cost of \$40,510 plus HST with WECI funding of 50% and the Municipality of Lambton Shores contributing the remaining 50% of the costs.”

Carried.

- e) Reference: McGuffin Hills Bridge

File: L.4.162

Brief: Duly executed documents of the land transfer by Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority to the Municipality of North Middlesex of Part Lot 6, Concession 5, East of Centre Road.

- f) Reference: Rural Ontario Institute

File: A.7.2.21

Brief: Copy of the 2010-2011 Annual Report of the Rural Ontario Institute.

- g) Reference: A.D. Latornell Symposium Program

File: P.7.3

Brief: Mari Veliz, ABCA Healthy Watersheds Coordinator will be presenting at the Latornell Symposium on the topic of agricultural best management practices at the farm and subwatershed scale, examining environmental and economic effects.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOTION #BD 57/11

Moved by Lorie Scott

Seconded by Bill Siemon

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors go into Committee of the Whole at 12:00 noon with Kate Monk, Alec Scott, Geoff Cade, Tom Prout and Judith Parker remaining in attendance.”

Carried.

MOTION #BD 58/11

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

“RESOLVED, THAT Committee of the Whole rise and report at 12: 20 p.m.”

Carried.

MOTION #BD 59/11

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

“RESOLVED, THAT in regards to the Municipality of Bluewater re-zoning application #R01-06, the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority staff be authorized to proceed with an appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board, subject to the decision of the Municipality of Bluewater Council in approving the proposed re-zoning as recommended by the Bluewater Planning Advisory Committee.”

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:23 p.m.

Jim Ginn
Chairman

Judith Parker
Corporate Services Coordinator

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

