

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, March 19, 2015

Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Boardroom
Morrison Dam Conservation Area

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Doug Cook, Dave Frayne, Wayne Hall, George Irvin, Don Shipway, Ute Stumpf, Mike Tam

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Ray Chartrand, Burkhard Metzger

STAFF PRESENT

Jenna Allain, Geoff Cade, Bev Brown, Brian Horner, Kate Monk, Judith Parker, Alec Scott

OTHERS PRESENT

Bob Montgomery, KKNX Radio
Jeremy Giles, CA, MacNeill Edmundson LLP

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mike Tam called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION #BD 22/15

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

“RESOLVED, THAT the agenda for the March 19, 2015 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.

DISCLOSURE OF INTENTION TO RECORD PROCEEDINGS

None

ADOPTION OF MINUTES**MOTION #BD 23/15****Moved by Doug Cook
Seconded by Ute Stumpf**

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on February 19, 2015 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”

Carried.

BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTES**Wind Generation & CA Responsibilities**

Geoff Cade, Supervisor of Water & Planning provided an overview for the new directors on the conservation authority's responsibilities under the *Green Energy Act* for wind energy generation projects. The *Green Energy Act* removed “conservation of lands” from the *Conservation Authorities Act* regulation Section 28(1). Therefore the conservation authority does not issue permits for construction of turbines within regulated areas. Wind energy companies do require permits from the ABCA for installation of transmission lines, roadway access, transmission substations and lay-down yards. Once an *Application for Permission* is submitted, staff review the construction and determine if it meets the policy. A map was shown of the wind generation projects within the ABCA watershed.. To date there have been 338 turbine related applications approved. The majority have been for watercourse crossings and transmission lines. There are 437 turbines in the ABCA watershed.

PROGRAM REPORT**1. (a) Development Review**

On behalf of Andrew Bicknell, Geoff Cade 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 4 *Minor Works Permits* to construct works within regulated areas.

1. (b) Violation/Appeals Update

Staff reported charges have been issued to the landowner of an ongoing violation issue in the Municipality of Bluewater.

MOTION #BD 24/15**Moved by Dave Frayne
Seconded by Don Shipway**

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

Carried.

2. 2014 Audited Financial Statement

General Manager Brian Horner introduced Jeremy Giles CA with MacNeill Edmundson Professional Corp. The 2014 audited financial statement was presented for the Board's review.

MOTION #BD 25/15

Moved by George Irvin

Seconded by Don Shipway

“RESOLVED, THAT the audited 2014 Financial Statement be approved as presented.”

Carried.

3. Appointment of Risk Management Officials

Jenna Allain, Program Supervisor for the Drinking Water Source Protection Project reported that the *Clean Water Act, 2006* enabled municipalities to enter into an agreement with a Source Protection Authority for the enforcement of Part IV of the Act. Once an agreement has been entered into, the SPA is required to appoint Risk Management Officials (RMO) and Risk Management Inspectors (RMI) to carry out required Part IV power enforcement tasks. Since the conservation authority serves as the Source Protection Authority under regulation 284/07 of the Act, the conservation authority is ultimately responsible for appointing the RMO and RMI.

MOTION #BD 26/15

Moved by Dave Frayne

Seconded by Doug Cook

“RESOLVED, THAT Jenna Allain, Mary Lynn MacDonald, Tim Cumming and Donna Clarkson be appointed as Risk Management Officials and Risk Management Inspectors as required under Sections 48 (1-3) of the *Clean Water Act, 2006*, and

FURTHER, THAT a certificate of appointment be issued as required by Section 48(3) of the Act.”

Carried.

4. DWSP Stewardship Funding Update

Kate Monk, Stewardship, Land and Education Manager gave the final report for the Early Action and Early response phases of the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program for the Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley source protection region. Conservation authorities have been delivering the stewardship program since 2007. Landowners in our region's wellhead protection areas have received over \$1 million in grants to complete their stewardship projects. These projects eliminated or managed potential drinking water threats to protect municipal drinking water sources. There were 314 projects completed.

5. Flood Emergency Planning Meeting

Alec Scott, Water & Planning Manager reported on the recent flood emergency response planning meeting held in Exeter. There were 20 attendees representing seven watershed municipalities as well as staff or CEMC from three counties. Dave MacPherson with the Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry gave a presentation on the 2013 Muskoka flooding event.

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. This report is distributed to the municipalities for their councillors' information.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**MOTION #BD 27/15**

**Moved by Doug Cook
Seconded by Ute Stumpf**

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Human Resources Management Committee be referred to Committee of Whole for personal matters.”

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

a) Reference: Director & Officer's Insurance

File: A.24

Brief: Notice from Marsh Canada, the Authority's insurance carrier, that effective April 1, 2015, Chubb Insurance will be responsible for the Director and Officers' liability insurance coverage under the policy. Directors are to complete a form as part of the changeover.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**MOTION #BD 29/15**

**Moved by Ute Stumpf
Seconded by Wayne Hall**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors go into Committee of the Whole at 3:50 p.m. for the purpose of receiving and discussing information on a personal matter, with Brian Horner and Judith Parker remaining in attendance.”

Carried.

MOTION #BD 30/15

**Moved by George Irvin
Seconded by Ute Stumpf**

“RESOLVED, THAT Committee of the Whole rise and report at 4:05 p.m.”

Carried.

MOTION #BD 31/15

**Moved by Ute Stumpf
Seconded by Doug Cook**

“RESOLVED, THAT the report and minutes of the Human Resources Management Committee meeting held February 26, 2015 and the motions therein be approved as presented.”

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Dave Frayne extended a thank you to ABCA staff from the Huron Stewardship Committee.
2. Don Shipway expressed appreciation to Brian Horner and Alec Scott from the Council of North Middlesex for the presentation made on programs and services offered by the ABCA.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Mike Tam
Chair

Judith Parker
Corporate Services Coordinator

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