



# MINUTES



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, November 22, 2007

Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Boardroom  
Morrison Dam Conservation Area

### DIRECTORS PRESENT

Adrian DeBruyn, Dave Frayne, George Irvin, Lawrence McLachlan, Bob Norris, Bill Siemon, Bill Weber

### DIRECTORS ABSENT

Jim Ginn, Paul Hodgins

### OTHERS PRESENT

Pat Bolen, Exeter TA

### STAFF PRESENT

Bev Brown, Cathie Brown, Tim Cumming, Ian Jean, Kate Monk, Judith Parker, Tom Prout, Alec Scott

### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Weber called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

**MOTION #BD 136/07**

**Moved by Bill Siemon  
Seconded by Bob Norris**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the agenda for the November 22, 2007 Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Board of Directors Meeting be approved.”**

**Carried.**

### DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

George Irvin indicated that the Project Levy increase reported in the minutes of November 13, 2007 should read 30.8% instead of 28%.

**MOTION #BD 137/07**

**Moved by George Irvin  
Seconded by Adrian DeBruyn**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors meetings held on October 18, 2007 and November 13, 2007 and the motions therein be approved as amended.”**

**Carried.**

BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTES1. 2008 Proposed Levies and Budget

Cathie Brown, Financial Services Supervisor distributed the replacement pages for the 2008 budget proposal and outlined the revisions. Tom Prout provided the information, as directed by the Board, following the Budget Committee meeting on November 13, 2007. The new projects proposed for 2008 levy total is \$101,750 and were presented in order of priority. Also identified were the ongoing projects proposed for 2008 and projects that are being completed in phases. The proposed 2008 General Levy increases by \$80,800. The sources of impact are attributed to compliance with the pay equity review, 3% consumer price index increase, implementation of an information technology strategy as well as the commitment to increase from 1 ½ time position to 2 staff in the education department.

DISCUSSION

Chairman Bill Weber asked the Board members for their comments and input on the budget as presented. George Irvin responded that the proposed project levy at a 30% increase and general levy at 14% increase is not acceptable. He suggested that the Board should be looking at a 10% levy increase.

Lawrence McLachlan inquired what the project levy was over the past two years. Tom Prout responded that it was \$291,430 in 2006 and \$244,751 in 2007. The project levy proposed for 2008 is \$320,045.

Chairman Weber asked staff to comment in the impacts to programs if some of the new projects were deferred. Staff identified the projects that are legislated or could be phased over two years. In some cases, the projects could be deferred but the other sources of funding may not be available the following year.

After discussion, the following revisions to the proposed project levy were decided upon:

1. Defer the Administration Centre Boardroom Upgrade. . . . . (\$5,000)
2. Defer the Waterfowl Inventory & monitoring Plan. . . . . (\$6,000)
3. Phase over two years the Core Dataset Upgrades. . . . . (\$7,500)

4. Defer the Boundary Marking. . . . . (\$5,000)
5. Phase over two years the Flood Forecasting & Warning System Assessment. . . (\$7,500)
6. Increase the partnership contribution for Kime Tract Parking Lot. . . . . (\$2,500)
7. Increase partnership contribution for Rock Glen CA trail resurfacing. . . . . (\$2,500)
8. Increase partnership contribution for Thedford CA ecosystem restoration. . . . . (\$2,500)

With these revisions, the project levy was reduced by \$58,250 to \$276,545. The proposed general levy is \$653,279.

**MOTION #BD 138/07**

**Moved by Lawrence McLachlan**

**Seconded by George Irvin**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the proposed 2008 Budget be recommended for approval by the Board of Directors, and**

**FURTHER, THAT the member municipalities be advised of the 2008 proposed project levy, general levy and budget and provided with the supplementary information for review.”**

**Carried.**

The Board of Directors asked staff to prepare a report with recommendations on reallocating on-going projects from the project levy category of the budget to the general levy.

## PROGRAM REPORTS

### 1. Development Review

The Development Review report pursuant to Ontario Regulation 147/06 *Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses*, was prepared by Andrew Bicknell, Regulations Coordinator. Through the application process, proposed developments within regulated areas are protected from flooding and erosion hazards. Staff granted permission for 8 *Applications for Permission* and 3 *Minor Works* applications.

### 2. 2007 Fall Tree Planting Program Update

Ian Jean, Forestry & Land Stewardship Specialist presented a report on the fall tree planting program. ABCA staff planted six windbreak projects totally 1343 trees. Projects were in Huron East (3), Bluewater (1), Middlesex Center (1) and Goderich (1). Landowners purchased and planted an additional 708 trees at their sites for a total of 2051 balled and burlap evergreens. This is an increase of 408 trees from the fall of 2006.

**MOTION #BD 139/07**

**Moved by Dave Frayne**

**Seconded by Bob Norris**

**“RESOLVED, THAT Program Reports # 1 and 2 be received for information as presented.”**

**Carried.**

### 3. Position Paper on Climate Change

Tim Cumming, Communications Specialist reported that he had received no comments on the Position Paper on Climate Change reviewed by the Directors at the last Board meeting. There were ten action items identified and recommended as ways to prepare our watersheds and its residents for future impacts from climate change.

**MOTION #BD 140/07**

**Moved by Bill Siemon**

**Seconded by Lawrence McLachlan**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the ABCA Position Paper on Climate Change and the action items identified be adopted as presented.”**

**Carried.**

### 4. Great Canadian Hideaway

Tom Prout circulated the 2008 rates for the Great Canadian Hideaway campground at Parkhill Conservation Area. A stipulation of the lease agreement is that the Board of Directors approve the proposed rates, thereby ensuring that the fees remain comparable to the marketplace.

**MOTION #BD 141/07**

**Moved by Bob Norris**

**Seconded by Dave Frayne**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the 2008 rates for Great Canadian Hideaway be approved as circulated.”**

**Carried.**

### 5. Port Franks Ice Management Project Engineering Fees

Alec Scott, Water & Planning Manager advised that Totten Sims Hubicki Associations have provided the ABCA with a new work plan and schedule for completing the environmental permitting phase of the Port Franks Ice Management Project. The revised work plan will increase the total cost of the required engineering work to \$47,723 plus GST, an increase of \$13,068 above the current engineering agreement.

**MOTION #BD 142/07**

**Moved by George Irvin**

**Seconded by Adrian DeBruyn**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the total cost of the engineering agreement with TSH for the environmental permitting phase of the Port Franks Ice Management Project be increased from \$34,655 plus GST to \$47,723 plus GST to incorporate additional costs for the increased scope of this phase of the project.”**

**Carried.**

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Arkona Lions Museum Management Committee

**MOTION #BD 143/07**                         **Moved by Dave Frayne**  
   **Seconded by George Irvin**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Arkona Lions Museum Management Committee meeting of November 1, 2007 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”**

**Carried.**

Clinton Conservation Area Management Committee

**MOTION #BD 144/07**                         **Moved by Bill Siemon**  
   **Seconded by Lawrence McLachlan**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Clinton Conservation Area Management Committee meeting of October 30, 2007 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”**

**Carried.**

Drinking Water Source Protection Joint Management Committee

Cathie Brown, Project Manager presented the draft minutes from the meeting held October 30, 2007. Mary Lynn MacDonald has been hired as Facilitator for coordinating the Working Groups.

**MOTION #BD 145/07**                         **Moved by Bill Siemon**  
   **Seconded by Dave Frayne**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the draft minutes of the Joint Management Committee meeting held on October 30, 2007 be received as circulated.”**

**Carried.**

Water Response Team

Alec Scott presented the minutes from the Ausable Bayfield Water Response Team e-conference on November 9, 2007. It is recommended that the Ausable River and Parkhill Creek watersheds remain in a Low Water Level 2 condition and the Bayfield River watershed move to a Low Water level 1 condition.

**MOTION #BD 146/07**                         **Moved by Lawrence McLachlan**  
   **Seconded by George Irvin**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Ausable Bayfield Water Response Team e-conference and the motions therein be approved as presented.”**

**Carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Reference: Young Conservationist Professional  
File: P.7.5  
Brief: Congratulations is extended to Kari Killins, ABCA Aquatic Biologist for completing the Young Conservationist Professional program and successfully graduating at the A.D. Latornell Symposium.
  
- b) Reference: Old Ausable Channel Management Plan  
File: W.7.24.1  
Brief: The Grand Bend Community Foundation approved the grant application in support of the Old Ausable Channel Management Plan and invite a representative to attend the cheque presentation event on December 1st.
  
- c) Reference: Species at Risk Stewardship Fund Agreement  
File: W.7.24.1  
Brief: Confirmation of funding from the Ministry of Natural Resources Species at Risk Stewardship Fund towards protecting species at risk in the Old Ausable Channel.
  
- d) Reference: Thanks  
File: A.5.1  
Brief: Thank you to forestry staff from Bruce & Chris Cameron for their help when participating in the fall tree program.
  
- e) Reference: Municipality of West Perth  
File: A.5.5  
Brief: Notice from Municipality of West Perth of staffing changes. Will Jaques has been hired as Chief Administrative Officer and Hazel Soady-Easton as Clerk.
  
- f) Reference: Municipality of Brockton  
File: A.5.5  
Brief: Copy of resolution from the Municipality of Brockton, asking the province to support their resolution to the province that conservation authorities receive sustainable funding for delivering source water protection programs.
  
- g) Reference: Ausable River Drain  
File: L.2.15.1  
Brief: Tom Prout circulated a copy of the ABCA Board resolution passed in 2002 stating that the ABCA does not agree to pay 50% of the Cost Benefit Study or the Environmental

Appraisal for the Ausable River drainage works terms of reference as proposed by the drainage engineer. The Board was asked to reconfirm their position as a Hearing has been called by the Drainage Referee and the ABCA has been invited to make presentation.

**MOTION #BD 147/07**                      **Moved by Lawrence McLachlan**  
**Seconded by Dave Frayne**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors reconfirm their support for Motion #MC17/02 and make presentation at the upcoming Hearing before the Drainage Referee for the Ausable River Drain project.”**

**Carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

George Irvin asked Bill Weber if Lambton Shores had received results from the new water quality testing set up that was installed at Grand Bend this summer. Bill Weber responded that council had not received the report as of yet.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

**MOTION #BD 148/07**                      **Moved by Dave Frayne**  
**Seconded by Bob Norris**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors go into Committee of the Whole at 3:46 p.m. to discuss property and personal matters with Tom Prout, Kate Monk and Judith Parker in attendance.”**

**Carried.**

**MOTION #BD 149/07**                      **Moved by Bill Siemon**  
**Seconded by Adrian DeBruyn**

**“RESOLVED, THAT Committee of the Whole rise and report at 4:10 p.m.”**

**Carried.**

**MOTION #BD 150/07**                      **Moved by Bill Siemon**  
**Seconded by Jim Ginn**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the staff proceed with the property matters as discussed.”**

**Carried.**

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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Bill Weber  
Chairman

Judith Parker  
Corporate Services Coordinator

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

