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You are receiving this newsletter as you have expressed interest in finding out about shoreline issues and progress and participation opportunities as part of the 2015-2017 Update of the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA) Shoreline Management Plan.



Thank you for your interest in the Shoreline Management Plan (SMP) Update.

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Shoreline Management Plan (SMP) newsletter surpasses 100 subscribers
Thanks for your interest in local shoreline management issues. There are now more than 100 people subscribing to the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA) Shoreline Management Plan (SMP) Update newsletter.

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Closing of comment period less than two months away for Draft Consultant Recommendation Report

Thank you for comments to date – If you have not yet provided your comments on Draft Consultant Recommendation Report, you are invited to provide written comments until December 1, 2016

Shoreline property owners and other interested people have started to provide written comments to us on the *Draft Consultant Recommendation Report*. We thank you for review of the document and your interest in the Report and for having provided your written comments.

The Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA) released this report on September 1, 2016 for 90 days of public review and written comments. The comment period continues until December 1, 2016.

Status of Draft Consultant Recommendation Report

One question we have received is, “*Are the proposed recommendations in the Draft Consultant Recommendation Report being implemented by ABCA at this time?*”

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How you can continue to be engaged

In addition to keeping you up-to-date through this newsletter, the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority plans to hold two public open houses in 2017 – one in the north of the watershed and one in the south of the watershed. It is expected the two open houses will take place in late spring or early summer. The locations will also be selected to be in close proximity to the shoreline.

After the date is set, ABCA staff will send out notice of the public events to all subscribers to the newsletter and post on the website.

Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority has not made any policy changes at this time and has not accepted the recommendations proposed by the Consulting Team at this time.

The Process Moving Forward

The Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority, and the Steering Committee for the Shoreline Management Plan Update, will consider your written comments on the *Draft Consultant Recommendation Report*, along with the consultants' recommendations, before the commencement of local policy development and SMP updates in 2017.

Reviewing the Report

Shoreline property owners and other interested people are invited to review the [Draft Consultant Recommendation Report](#) document, download it for free, and provide written comments to ABCA.

To reach the web page, click on the [Shoreline Management icon](#) on the abca.on.ca home page or use the search tool on the home page for the Shoreline Management page.

About the Shoreline Management Plan Update

Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority's first Shoreline Management Plan was approved in 1994. It was created to help address shoreline hazards related to flooding, erosion, and dynamic beaches in ABCA watersheds. That plan, created with the help of the community, has reduced damage along the shoreline during severe storms and high water events. This plan was last updated in 2000. It is time to update this important plan again.

ABCA started the Update work in 2015 and had originally planned to complete the update of the Shoreline Management Plan (SMP) before the end of 2016.

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You may download the [Draft Consultant Recommendation Report](#) now on the [Shoreline Management Plan page](#) at

abca.on.ca. Posted on the website are:

- [Consultant Recommendation Report](#)
- [Draft Hazard Maps - Appendix C](#)
- [Appendices](#) (apart from maps, which are posted above)

A printed copy of the document is also available for review inside the office of ABCA, at 71108 Morrison Line, east of Exeter, for people who do not have convenient access to the Internet. Copies are also available for the public to review at a number of local shoreline libraries.

Forwarding Your Comments to ABCA

Following review of the *Draft Consultant Recommendation Report* document, you may provide your written comments by email to Alec Scott or Geoff Cade at ABCA through the [staff contacts page](#) of the ABCA website at abca.on.ca. You may also provide your comments by mail, marked 'Draft Consultant Recommendation Report – Written Comments' to Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority, 71108 Morrison Line, RR 3 Exeter, Ontario, N0M 1S5, Attention Geoff Cade.

In order to provide greater opportunity for public review and comments on the *Draft Consultant Recommendation Report*, and consideration of comments, completion of an Updated Shoreline Management Plan and development of local policies is now not expected until later in 2017. Public events originally proposed for 2016 are to take place in 2017.

What is a Shoreline Management Plan?

A Shoreline Management Plan supports solutions to current and future issues and problems along the shoreline. The primary focus of the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Shoreline Management Plan is to address the shoreline hazards for flooding, erosion, and dynamic beaches and their impact on shoreline development.

About the Report

The *Draft Consultant Recommendation Report* document is based on current scientific knowledge and provincial policies and was prepared by the consulting team.

The consulting team was led by Karen Wianecki, of Planning Solutions Inc., Judy Sullivan, of Aqua Solutions 5 Inc., and Robin Davidson-Arnott, University of Guelph. Additional input was provided by Billy Singh, of Terraprobe Inc., and Ryan Mulligan, of Queen's University.

To learn more, visit the [Shoreline Management Plan](#) page at abca.on.ca.

This update is needed to meet our commitment to provide a consistent and up-to-date guide for development and municipal land use planning along the shoreline. The Shoreline Management Plan should reflect current mapping, legislation, policies, guidelines, technical information related to shoreline hazards, and current land use trends along the Lake Huron shoreline.

The Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority has invited a Steering Committee, with representation from diverse shoreline and industry interests, to oversee the process to develop the Updated Shoreline Management Plan.

We have also retained the services of an experienced consulting team to assist with technical work. The consulting team has prepared the *Draft Consultant Recommendation Report* which is currently posted for public review and written comments until December 1, 2016.

Thank you

Thank you again for your interest in shoreline management issues and for the time you have taken to review reports to date and for providing written comments, on the *Draft Consultant Recommendation Report*, for the consideration of ABCA and the Steering Committee.

If you have not yet provided written comments on the *Draft Consultant Recommendation Report*, you are invited to do so during the current comment period which continues until December 1, 2016.

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