

# Proposed Steps for Moving Forward in the Update of Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Shoreline Management Plan (2000)

Excerpt from a report presented to the ABCA Board of Directors, February 16, 2017

Task	Description	Proposed Time Line
1	Respond to those who provided specific technical or process questions in the comments and that have not already been dealt with. This may require a response from outside consultants.	February to April 2017
2	Engage a coastal engineer to update the document "Considerations for Shore Protection Structures" 1994 including providing direction for information required to accompany applications for shore protection to ensure that the shoreline ecosystem and processes are not impacted and negative impacts on other shoreline properties are not created. Staff recommend that a proposal be requested from Baird Coastal Engineers (who authored the original report) for completing this work and this information be provided at the March 2017 Board meeting.	March 2017
3	Post all comments and replies to the web site.	March 2017
4	Dissolve the current Steering Committee and thank them for their service during early engagement on the project and technical work and invite them to continue to participate in public engagement opportunities which take place through 2017 and 2018	March 2017
5	Arrange for presentations to the Board by consultants and / or staff on climate change, coastal processes, recession rate updates and shoreline protection	March to May 2017
6	In consultation with shoreline municipalities, develop a process for moving forward with any proposed revisions to development guidelines which may come from Task 9(ii)	March to September 2017
7	<p>Schedule 2 public open houses ( with a specific time for presentations ) for June 2017 with the following objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Seek input by written comments on the following topics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- shoreline issues including those identified in the initial survey</li> <li>- ideas on a process to move forward to update the 2000 SMP including development guidelines</li> </ul> </li> <li>ii) Provide information on the existing SMP 2000 document and development policies</li> <li>iii) Have consultants provide information on requirements for reviewing shore protection applications to ensure that impacts to adjacent properties do not take place</li> <li>iv) Provide information on updated methods for determining recession rates along the shoreline and the results</li> <li>v) Provide information on current Provincial polices and ABCA responsibilities applicable to the Lake Huron Shoreline</li> </ul>	June 2017

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8	Depending on the response from the June open houses, schedule 2 more open houses for August ( <i>would require a report going back to the Board in July with recommendations</i> ) to provide a summary of what was learned from the June open houses and what is proposed to take place over the winter	August 2017
9	Subject to the outcome of the summer open houses i) Finalize the update of Considerations for Shore Protection Structures and present this to the ABCA Board ii) Form a committee of CA staff and municipal planning staff to review the information from the summer meetings and make recommendations on development policies that need to be updated to account for changes to development pressures since the original SMP was developed. Present this information to the ABCA Board and Lakeshore Municipalities for comment. iii) Prepare a draft of an updated SMP which includes new technical information as well as proposed changes to development guidelines iv) Get direction from the Board for presenting revised development policies and draft SMP to the public v) Have any draft development policies reviewed by legal counsel to ensure proposals are within the authority of the ABCA	September 2017 to May 2018
10	In the summer of 2018, the results of discussions on development policies and the new draft of the SMP will be presented at public open houses	June to August 2018
11	Present the results of public meetings and possible revisions to the development guidelines and draft SMP to the ABCA Board who will decide on whether to approve of new policies and the new SMP or take some other action	September to November 2018

**Staff Recommendation:**

That, the ABCA Board authorize staff to complete Tasks 1 to 5 as noted above, in preparation for organizing Public Information Open Houses in June 2017, and

That, staff regularly report on any changes or updates to the remaining proposed tasks.

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***This recommendation was approved by the Board of Directors on February 16, 2017 (Motion #BD 16/17)***