

# MINUTES

#### **ANNUAL MEETING**

# Thursday, February 19, 2015

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

#### **DIRECTORS PRESENT**

Ray Chartrand, Doug Cook, Dave Frayne, George Irvin, Burkhard Metzger, Don Shipway, Ute Stumpf, Mike Tam,

# **DIRECTORS ABSENT**

Wayne Hall

# STAFF PRESENT

Andrew Bicknell, Bev Brown, Geoff Cade, Brian Horner, Judith Parker, Alec Scott, Ross Wilson

## CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mike Tam called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

#### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

**MOTION #BD 01/15** 

**Moved by Ute Stump** 

Seconded by Ray Chartrand

"RESOLVED, THAT the agenda for the February 19, 2015 Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Annual 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

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## ADOPTION OF MINUTES

**MOTION #BD 02/15** 

Moved by Doug Cook Seconded by Don Shipway

"RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on December 18, 2014 and the motions therein be approved as circulated."

Carried.

# BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTES

# **Director Terms of Appointment**

General Manager Brian Horner advised, that the member municipalities were all contacted to confirm the terms of appointment for directors to the Board of Directors.

# **PRESENTATION**

Davin Heinbuck, Lands & Water Technologist gave an overview of the flood forecasting and warning system. Data is gathered from the streamgauge network and 20 volunteers report regularly with rain gauge readings. Staff conduct snow surveys between November and May to determine snow depth and water content. Ice measurement data is gathered to determine potential ice jam issues. Meteorological information resources are the Weather Network, Accuweather, Intellicast, NOOA, MNRF Extranet and CoCoHRS.

The flood forecasting data is then put into the forecasting model for analysis. In response to a potential flooding event, the conservation authority communicates any flood messaging to the municipal flood coordinators. Staff undertake river watch duties for reporting conditions. The ABCA has one dam at Parkhill to operate for flood control when warranted.

#### **ELECTIONS**

Chairman Tam asked for a motion to appoint a Chairperson for the Elections.

**MOTION #BD 03/15** 

Moved by Dave Frayne Seconded by Ute Stumpf

"RESOLVED, THAT Brian Horner be appointed as chairperson for the election proceedings."

Carried.

Mike Tam departed the Chair and Brian Horner outlined the procedures prior to conducting the elections.

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# Appointment of Scrutineers

**MOTION #BD 04/15** 

Moved by Ute Stumpf Seconded by Don Shipway

"RESOLVED, THAT Geoff Cade and Andrew Bicknell be appointed as scrutineers."

Carried.

The positions of Chair and Vice Chair were declared vacant.

#### Election of Chair

Nominations were called for the position of Chair for 2015.

Ute Stumpf nominated Mike Tam for Chair. Mr. Horner called for nominations two more times.

**MOTION #BD 5/15** 

Moved by Don Shipway Seconded by Burkhard Metzger

"RESOLVED, THAT nominations for the position of Chair of the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority be closed."

Carried.

Mike Tam accepted his nomination and Mr. Horner declared Mike Tam, representative for the Municipality of West Perth as Chair of the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority for 2015.

#### Election of Vice Chair

Nominations were called for the position of Vice Chair for 2015.

Don Shipway nominated Ute Stumpf as Vice Chair.

Dave Frayne nominated Burkhard Metzger as Vice Chair.

Ute Stumpf nominated Dave Frayne as Vice Chair.

Mr. Frayne and Mr. Metzger declined their nomination.

MOTION #BD 6/15

Moved by Don Shipway Seconded by Ray Chartrand

"RESOLVED, THAT nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority be closed."

Carried.

Ute Stumpf accepted her nomination with thanks for the support. Mr. Horner declared Ute Stumpf representative for the Municipalities of Adelaide-Metcalf and Middlesex Centre as Vice Chair of the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority for 2015.

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Mike Tam assumed the Chair and thanked the directors for their support.

<u>APPOINTMENTS</u>

Appointment of Auditor

**MOTION #BD 7/15** 

Moved by Doug Cook Seconded by Ute Stumpf

"RESOLVED, THAT the firm of MacNeill Edmunson of London be appointed as the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority auditor for 2015."

Carried.

**Appointment of Solicitors** 

**MOTION #BD 8/15** 

Moved by Don Shipway Seconded by George Irvin

"RESOLVED, THAT the firms of Little, Masson & Reid, Exeter; Little, Inglis, Price & Ewer, London; Barry Card, London; and Raymond & McLean, Exeter be the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority solicitors for 2015."

Carried.

Appointment of Financial Institution

**MOTION #BD 9/15** 

Moved by Ute Stumpf Seconded by Burkhard Metzger

"RESOLVED, THAT the Bank of Montreal, Exeter Branch be appointed as the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority's financial institution for 2015."

Carried.

#### PROGRAM REPORTS

# 1. (a) Development Review

Andrew Bicknell, Regulations Coordinator 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 12 *Applications for Permission* and two *Minor Works Permits* and 40 *Applications for Permission* to construct works within areas regulated by the Authority specific to industrial wind generation for Northalnd Power Inc. Grand Bend Wind Limited Partnership and NextEra Energy Canada, ULC for Varna Wind Inc.; Kerwood Wind Inc.; Bornish Wind Inc; and Jericho Wind Inc.

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# 1. (b) Violation/Appeals Update

Geoff Cade, Supervisor of Water & Planning reported there was one violation that would be referred to Committee of the Whole as it is a legal matter.

George Irvin commented that the Municipality of Bluewater is in an appeal process with a wind energy company and declared a conflict of interest on Program Report # 1- Development Review. Geoff Cade offered to do a presentation at the next Board meeting on the conservation authorities responsibilities under the *Green Energy Act* in regards to wind generation projects.

**MOTION #BD 10/15** 

Moved by Doug Cook Seconded by Ray Chartrand

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

Carried.

# 2. Use of Historical Aerial Photography

Alec Scott, Water & Planning Manager advised that the County of Huron has approached the ABCA to request copies of aerial photography scans with the purpose of providing the images free of charge to the public on their website in the future. Throughout it's history the ABCA has acquired watershed aerial photography from provincial initiatives or as a project of the Authority. The Provincial projects will have a copyright on the photos unless over 50 years old.

**MOTION # BD 11/15** 

Moved by Ute Stumpf Seconded by Burkhard Metzger

"RESOLVED, THAT all scanned historic aerial photography in Huron County be provided to Huron County on the following conditions,

THAT Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority be given credit for providing the scans of the photography, and

FURTHER, THAT the County seeks proper permissions from the Province, to provide free of charge to the public, those images on which the Province holds copyright, and

FURTHER, THAT if any improvements to the digital images are made, such as geo-referencing, the ABCA will be provided with a copy of the improved image at no charge."

Carried.

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#### 3. Unaudited Profit/Loss Statement

Brian Horner presented the unaudited statement of profit and loss from January through December 2014 for the Board's information. The audited financial statement will be available at the next Board meeting.

**MOTION #BD 12/15** 

Moved by Ray Chartrand Seconded by Doug Cook

"RESOLVED, THAT the profit and loss statement for 2014 be received as presented."

Carried.

#### 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 or events and general activities over the previous month.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**MOTION #BD 13/15** 

Moved by Dave Frayne Seconded by Ute Stumpf

"RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation meeting held on January 19, 2015; Joint Management Committee meeting held on February 6, 2015; the Striking Committee meeting held on January 15, 2015 and the motions therein be approved as presented."

Carried.

**MOTION #BD 14/15** 

Moved by Ute Stumpf Seconded by Burkhard Metzger

"RESOLVED, THAT the resignation of Ted Jones from the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation Board of Directors be accepted with regrets, and

FURTHER, THAT the ABCA Board of Directors express their appreciation for his 26 years of service as a volunteer Director, and

FURTHER, THAT Tom Prout be appointed to the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation Board of Directors."

Carried.

**MOTION #BD 15/15** 

Moved by Ray Chartrand Seconded by Ute Stumpf Page 7 February 19, 2015

"RESOLVED, THAT George Irvin be named as the alternate representative to Conservation Ontario Council."

Carried.

**MOTION #BD 16/15** 

Moved by Dave Frayne Seconded by George Irvin

RESOLVED, THAT Burkhard Metzger be appointed as the alternate representative on the Drinking Water Source Protection Joint Management Committee."

Carried.

**MOTION #BD 17/15** 

Moved by Dave Frayne Seconded by Ute Stumpf

"RESOLVED, THAT Doug Cook be appointed as a municipal representative to the Ausable Bayfield Water Response Team."

Carried.

# **CORRESPONDENCE**

a) Reference: Invitation

File: A.5.2

Brief: Invitation to attend the Maitland Valley CA Annual Meeting on February 25, 2015

b) Reference: Lake Huron Centre for Coastal Conservation

File: A.7.30

Brief: The Lake Huron Centre for Coastal Conservation annual report for 2013/2014 was

received.

c) Reference: Source Protection Plans

File: L.9.57

Brief: Correspondence from the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Hon. Glen Murray advising of the approval of Ausable Bayfield and Maitland Valley Source Protection Plans with an effective date for implementation of April 1, 2015.

d) Reference: Thank you

File: A.5.1

Brief: A note of thanks from Lorie Scott of the Port Franks Garden Club to Melissa Prout, Conservation Educator, for making a presentation at their meeting recently.

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e) Reference: Gary Bean Securities Ltd.

File: F.23.2.1

Brief: Correspondence advising that Gary Bean Securities Ltd. will be joining international financial services company, Raymond James Ltd as one of their independent agency offices. Effective April 27, 2015 the firm will be operating under the trade name Skillen Investment Management.

#### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOTION #BD 18/15 Moved by Ute Stumpf

Seconded by Don Shipway

"RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors go into Committee of the Whole at 11:30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving information on property and legal matters with Alec Scott, Geoff Cade, Andrew Bicknell, Brian Horner and Judith Parker remaining in attendance."

Carried.

**MOTION #BD 19/15** 

Moved by Don Shipway Seconded by Ute Stumpf

"RESOLVED, THAT Committee of the Whole rise and report at 12:01 p.m.

Carried.

**MOTION #BD 20/15** 

Moved by George Irvin Seconced by Dave Frayne

"RESOLVED, THAT staff proceed as directed on the property matter."

Carried.

**MOTION #BD 21/15** 

Moved by Ute Stumpf Seconded by Doug Cook

"RESOLVED, THAT the information presented on the legal matter be

received."

Carried.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Dave Frayne reported that the snowshoe activity sponsored by the ABCA at Winterfest in Exeter was a success.

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2.	Brian Horner reported that repairs have been made to the lower level furnace, however the part is no longer available. This expense was not included in the 2015 budget and quotes have been requested for replacing the furnace.	
ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 12:06 p.m.		
Mike Chair		Judith Parker Corporate Services Coordinator

Contact Judith Parker, Corporate Services Coordinator.

Copies of Program Reports are available upon request.