

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS EMAIL VOTE

**Monday December 1, 2025  
Vote Via Email**

### ERO #025-1257 – AUSABLE BAYFIELD CONSERVATION AUTHORITY RESPONSE

At the November 23, 2025 Board of Directors Meeting, the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA) Board approved Resolution #BD 80/25, regarding Bill 68 and ERO Posting #025-1257, to be distributed widely across the province. Further to that resolution, the Board asked ABCA staff to prepare a response to posting #025-1257 on the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO), regarding the proposed consolidation of Ontario's 36 conservation authorities into 7 conservation regions. In the posting, the Province posed five questions and requested feedback. The ABCA Response is attached.

The deadline for comments on the ERO posting is December 22, 2025, but staff preferred to have their comments in well ahead of the deadline. As the ABCA Board does not meet again until their regular meeting on December 18, 2025, staff requested an email vote, recommending that the ABCA response be approved, and that staff be directed to submit the response to the ERO posting.

An email was sent out to Directors on Monday, December 1, 2025, requesting that votes be received by the end of the day on December 3, 2025. All nine Directors provided votes affirming staff's recommendation.

### **MOTION #BD 84/25**

**Moved by Dave Jewitt  
Seconded by Ray Chartrand**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Board of Directors approves the ABCA response to ERO #025-1257 Proposed boundaries for the regional consolidation of Ontario's conservation authorities as presented, and**

**“FURTHER, THAT the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Board of Directors directs staff to submit the response to ERO #025-1257.”**

**Carried.**

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Ray Chartrand  
Chair

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Abigail Gutteridge  
Secretary