AUSABLE BAYFIELD CONSERVATION
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MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, April 17, 2025
Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Boardroom
Morrison Dam Conservation Area

DIRECTORS PRESENT
Ray Chartrand, Adrian Cornelissen, Joey Groot, Steve Herold, Jaden Hodgins, Dave Jewitt, Dave Marsh, Wayne Shipley, Marissa Vaughan

STAFF PRESENT
Elizabeth Balfour, Christie Brown, Andrew Bicknell, Geoff Cade, Tina Crown, Abbie Gutteridge, Davin Heinbuck, Brian Horner, Daniel King, Erik Strahl, Mari Veliz

CALL TO ORDER
Chair Ray Chartrand called the meeting to order at 10:30a.m., welcomed everyone in attendance, and read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION #BD 27/25 **Moved Dave Jewitt**
Seconded by Wayne

"RESOLVED, THAT the agenda for the April 17, 2025 Board of Directors 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
None.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOTION #BD 28/25 **Moved by David Marsh**
Seconded by Marissa Vaughan

"RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on March 20, 2025, and the motions therein be approved as amended."

Carried.

BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTES
None.

PROGRAM REPORTS

1. (a) Development Review
Andrew Bicknell, Senior Regulations coordinator, presented the Development Review report pursuant to Ontario Regulation Ontario Regulation 41/24 *Prohibited Activities, Exemptions and Permits*. Through the application process, proposed developments within regulated areas are protected from flooding and erosion hazards. Staff granted permission for 7 *Application for Permission* and 5 *Minor Works Applications.*

(b) Violation/Appeals Update
Geoff Cade reported that there were no updates on ongoing violations at the current time, but noted that there may be some updates next month due to an upcoming lawyers meeting.

MOTION #BD 29/25 **Moved by Steve Herold**
Seconded by Jaden Hodgins

"RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors affirm the approval of applications as presented in Program Report # 1 – a) Development Review and receive the verbal Violations and Appeals update as presented."

Carried.

2. 1st Quarter Profit and Loss Statement
Tina Crown, Financial Services Coordinator, presented the financial statement for January through March 2025 with comparables to the 2025 budget. To date, everything is on track with what was projected in the budget.

MOTION #BD 30/25 **Moved by Wayne Shipley**
Seconded by Joey Groot

"RESOLVED, THAT the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Board of Directors receive the 1st Quarter Profit and Loss Statement as presented."

Carried.

STAFF PRESENTATION

Christie Brown, Water Resources Technologist, and Daniel King, Water Resources Engineer, presented on the recent flooding events in the watershed and explained operations to the Board of Directors. This included the operation of the Parkhill Dam gates during the second rain event, which happened at the beginning of April. Board members commented on the liability and risk associated with operation of the Parkhill Dam, and it was noted that it may be beneficial to have ABCA's insurer, Glenn Sheppard of Marsh Insurance in to speak to the Board.

MOTION #BD 31/25 **Moved by Wayne Shipley**
Seconded by Jaden Hodgins

"RESOLVED, THAT the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Board of Directors receive the presentation *March and April Flood Events Retrospective* as presented."

Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MOTION #BD 32/25 **Moved by David Marsh**
Seconded by Joey Groot

"RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Joint Management Committee meetings held on January 15, 2025 and January 31, 2025, and the minutes of the Source Protection Committee meeting held on March 26, 2025 and the motions therein be approved as circulated."

Carried.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Chair Chartrand reported that Conservation Ontario held its Annual General Meeting on April 14, 2025 in Toronto. He noted that they held an election and that the new Chair is David Barton who is the Mayor of the Township of Uxbridge, as well as the Vice Chair of Toronto Region Conservation Authority Board of Directors, and the new Vice Chair of Conservation Ontario is Ed McGugan who is a Councillor for the Township of Huron-Kinloss and Chair of the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority Board of Directors.

2. Davin Heinbuck, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer reported that congratulatory letters were recently sent out to local MPPs regarding their recent election and appointments.

3. Davin Heinbuck informed the Board that Scouts Canada will potentially be divesting several properties in the ABCA watershed including Camp Sylvan/Thomas Tract during "Phase 1", and Camp Attawandaron during "Phase 2." Thomas Tract, in particular, was noted in the original *Transfer/Deed of Land* when gifted to Scouts Canada, that it was to be conveyed to the ABCA should Scouts Canada choose to dispose of the land. ABCA staff have drafted a letter to Scouts Canada noting this, as well as our interest in the other properties.

MOTIONS #BD 33/25 **Moved by Joey Groot**
Seconded Adrian Cornelissen

"RESOLVED, THAT the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Board of Directors endorse the letter drafted by staff to be sent to Scouts Canada regarding the Thomas Tract, as well as our interest in other properties that comprise Camp Sylvan and Camp Attawandaron."

Carried.

4. Davin Heinbuck informed the Board that the Ontario Throne Speech was delivered, and that conservation authorities are noted, and there is a call for further standardization and consistency.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
None.

ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

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Ray Chartrand
Chair

Abigail Gutteridge
Secretary

Copies of program reports are available upon request.
Contact Abigail Gutteridge, Corporate Services Coordinator