



# MINUTES



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, April 10, 2008

Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Boardroom  
Morrison Dam Conservation Area

### DIRECTORS PRESENT

Adrian deBruyn, David Frayne, Jim Ginn, Paul Hodgins, George Irvin, Lawrence McLachlan, Bob Norris, Bill Siemon, Bill Weber

### OTHERS PRESENT

Pat Bolen, Exeter TA

### STAFF PRESENT

Tracey Boitson, Geoff Cade, Judith Parker, Tom Prout, Alec Scott

### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Lawrence McLachlan called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

**MOTION #BD 41/08**

**Moved by Bob Norris  
Seconded by Bill Siemon**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the agenda for the April 10, 2008 Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Board of Directors meeting be approved.”**

**Carried.**

### DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

### ADOPTION OF MINUTES

**MOTION #BD 42/08**

**Moved by Bill Siemon  
Seconded by Adrian Debruyn**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the ABCA Board of Directors Meeting held on March 20, 2008 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”**

**Carried.**

BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTES

(i) Cost Sharing for Port Franks Ice Management Project

Alec Scott, Water & Planning Manager updated the Directors on the status of the request by Lambton Shores for the Board to review the formula for special benefitting cost share agreements on flood and erosion control structures. At present, the Municipality of Lambton Shores staff are searching out past municipal drain reports for the Ausable River Cut. to possibly reduce its share of the Port Franks Ice Management Project. By consensus, the Board agreed to defer a decision on the recommendations made at the March 20, 2008 Board of Directors meeting.

(ii) Draft Succession Plan Framework

As input for development of the draft Succession Plan, Tom Prout, General Manager facilitated a discussion with the Directors to identify the values the organization should demonstrate. Following the brainstorming session the Board determined that the organization should be able to communicate/listen, be fair and open-minded, co-operative and respectful. Enthusiasm, productivity and dedication, as well as participating in training and development opportunities will help strengthen the human resources of an organization. It was suggested that the title of the strategy be changed to better reflect the intent of the document. The Board’s input will be incorporated into the report and brought back to a future meeting.

PROGRAM REPORTS

1. 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 three *Minor Works Permits*.

2. ABCA Green Team

On behalf of the ABCA Green Team, Tracey Boitson updated the Board on the ideas that have been researched or initiated by the ABCA Green Team. The team’s purpose is to explore areas of the office and operations that can be made “Greener” as well as demonstrate to other organizations what can be achieved.

**MOTION #BD 43/08**

**Moved by Dave Frayne  
Seconded by Jim Ginn**

**“RESOLVED, THAT Program Report # 1 and 2 be received as presented.”**

**Carried.**

### 3. Group Home & Auto Insurance Program

Tom Prout advised that AON Reed Stenhouse Inc., the insurance broker for conservation authorities, is now prepared to extend personal home and auto group insurance to CA staff. The program is voluntary and there is no cost to the ABCA. The insurer requires the Board to provide a Letter of Appointment and agreement with the Marketing Plan before the plan will be offered to staff. The Board questioned whether staff should be encouraged to support local insurance agencies. It is recommended by the General Manager that the ABCA appoint AON Reed Stenhouse as the Broker for personal home and auto group insurance program and agreement with the Marketing Plan.

**MOTION #BD 44/08**

**Moved by Bob Norris**

**Seconded by Jim Ginn**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the recommendation be approved as presented.”**

**Tie Vote - Motion Lost.**

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### Source Protection Committee

Jim Ginn, Liaison on the Source Protection Committee, presented the minutes of the Source Protection Committee meeting held on February 27, 2008.

**MOTION #BD 45/08**

**Moved by Bill Weber**

**Seconded by Adrian Debruyn**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Source Protection Committee meeting held on February 27, 2008, and the motions therein be approved as presented.”**

**Carried.**

### CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Reference: Thank you  
File: A.5.1  
Brief: Thank you from the Lake Smith Conservationists for the donation towards their fundraising dinner.
- b) Reference: *Is the Coast Clear* Conference  
File: A.5.1  
Brief: Invitation to attend the one day conference *Is the Coast Clear* exploring Lake Huron's coastal environment on May 23, 2008 at Port Elgin. The theme is Making Waves: Current and emerging issues on Lake Huron and motivating action.
- c) Reference: Thames Talbot Land Trust

File: A.5.1

Brief: Invitation to attend a presentation on June 13, 2008 at King's College in London by environmentalist Bill McKibben author of *Deep Economy: the Wealth of Communities and the Durable Future*.

d) Reference: Arkona Lions Museum

File: R.11.1.1

Brief: Request from the Arkona Historical Society to host the Lambton County Historical Society meeting on June 26th in the Museum at Rock Glen Conservation Area.

**MOTION #BD 46/08**

**Moved by Bill Siemon**

**Seconded by Bob Norris**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the gate fee at Rock Glen CA be waived on June 26, 2008 for those attending the Lambton County Historical Society meeting.”**

**Carried.**

e) Reference: Strathroy Sno-Blizzards

File: R.15.14.3

Brief: Invitation to attend the snowmobile club's landowner appreciation night. Adrian Debruyne will attend on behalf of the ABCA.

f) Reference: 2007 Annual Report

File: C.5.2.1.

Brief: Compliments from Gayle Wood, CAO for Lake Simcoe Region CA for the excellent quality of the 2007 ABCA Annual Report.

g) Reference: London Community Foundation

File: A.37.17

Brief: Notice from London Community Foundation to the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation approving a grant application in the amount of \$5,000 towards the *Sylvan Scouts Camp Prairie Restoration Project*.

h) Reference: Drainage Information

File: A.5.1.

Brief: Thank you to Davin Heinbuck for attending the ROMA/OGRA convention on Toronto and participating in the Drainage Information Room.

i) Reference: RBC Community Day

File: A.7.1

Brief: Request from Conservation Ontario for interest in participating in the Royal Bank of Canada free conservation areas day on June 8. The RBC will help cover up to 75% of the one day projected lost admission fees across the province.

**MOTION #BD 47/08**

**Moved by Dave Frayne  
Seconded by George Irvin**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the ABCA participate in the RBC sponsored  
Community Day at Rock Glen Conservation Area.”**

**Carried.**

- j) Reference: South Gullies Project  
File: A.9.1.  
Brief: Notice that the EcoAction proposal for funding towards the South Gullies Watershed Water Quality Improvement Project was approved at \$6,300.
- k) Reference: Ontario Soil & Crop Improvement Assoc.  
File: S.1  
Brief: Data received from OSCIA indicates funding has been provided for 768 projects between 2005 and March 31, 2008 adopting best management practices within the ABCA watershed.
- l) Reference: Healthy Headwaters Initiative  
File: A.9.1  
Brief: The collaborative of Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation, Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority and Middlesex Stewardship Council has received funding of \$225,000 over 3 years to undertake wetland creation and enhancement projects.
- m) Reference: Per Diem Rate  
File: A.10.2  
Brief: Approval was received from the Ontario Municipal Board to have a single per diem rate of \$75 per meeting with an annual increase based on the consumer price index commencing in 2009.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Legal advice is forthcoming on a groyne installation issue in the Municipality of Bluewater.
2. The Water Response Team will meet on April 28, 2008 at 9:30 a.m.
3. The Property Management Committee will meet on May 15, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE****MOTION #BD 48/08**

**Moved by Jim Ginn  
Seconded by George Irvin**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors go into Committee of the Whole at 2:25 p.m. to discuss legal and property matters with Tom Prout, Alec Scott, Geoff Cade and Judith Parker in attendance.”**

**Carried.**

**MOTION #BD 49/08**

**Moved by Bob Norris  
Seconded by Adrian Debruyn**

**“RESOLVED, THAT Committee of the Whole rise and report at 3:00 p.m.”**

**Carried.**

**MOTION #BD 50/08**

**Moved by Jim Ginn  
Seconded by Bill Weber**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the Board approve the staff recommendation and proceed with the legal matter discussed.”**

**Carried.**

**MOTION #BD 51/08**

**Moved by Jim Ginn  
Seconded by Bill Siemon**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the staff proceed with the property matter as discussed.”**

**Carried.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

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Lawrence McLachlan  
Chairman

Judith Parker  
Corporate Services Coordinator

*Copies of Program Reports are available upon request.  
Contact Judith Parker, Corporate Services Coordinator.*

