



MINUTES



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wednesday April 25, 2007

Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Boardroom
Morrison Dam Conservation Area

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Adrian deBruyn, Dave Frayne, Jim Ginn, Paul Hodgins, George Irvin, Lawrence McLachlan, Bill Siemon, Bill Weber

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Bob Norris

OTHERS PRESENT

Nina Lieshout, Exeter TA
Bob Montgomery, CKNX Radio

STAFF PRESENT

Cathie Brown, Geoff Cade, Kate Monk, Judith Parker, Tom Prout, Alec Scott

CALL TO ORDER

Bill Weber welcomed those attending and called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION #BD 34/07

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

“RESOLVED, THAT the agenda for the April 25, 2007 Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Board of Directors Meeting be approved.”

Carried.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOTION #BD 35/07

**Moved by Adrian DeBruyn
Seconded by Paul Hodgins**

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on March 15, 2007 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”

Carried.

BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTES

1. As directed by the Board of Directors, staff reviewed the Stephen Wildlife Area Timber Harvest tender results and signed a Timber Sale Agreement with the successful bidder, Miller Wood Products of South Huron. Kate Monk, Stewardship & Conservation Lands Supervisor advised that the logging operation will commence after July 15, 2007.

MOTION #BD 36/07

**Moved by Jim Ginn
Seconded by Lawrence McLachlan**

“RESOLVED, THAT the information on the Stephen Wildlife Area timber harvest be received as presented.”

Carried.

PROGRAM REPORTS**1. Development Review**

The Development Review report pursuant to Ontario Regulation 147/06 Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses, was prepared by Andrew Bicknell, Regulations Coordinator. Through the application process, proposed developments within regulated areas are protected from flooding and erosion hazards. Staff granted permission for six *Applications for Permission* and six *Minor Works* applications. George Irvin inquired why the property descriptions include reference to the former township name. Alec Scott replied that planning staff would look into the matter, but indicated the property information used in this report, relates to the legal descriptions as determined by the land registry office.

2. Flood Emergency Planning Workshop

Ross Wilson, Water Resources Technologist prepared a summary of the Flood Emergency Planning Workshop hosted by the ABCA for municipal, county and emergency response personnel within the watershed jurisdiction.

3. Flood Forecasting & Warning Communications Exercise

Ross Wilson provided a synopsis of a recent communication exercise that evaluated the effectiveness of the ABCA 2007 Flood Contingency Plan if a Flood Warning Bulletin was released to municipalities for a mock flooding event.

MOTION #BD 37/07

**Moved by Dave Frayne
Seconded by Bill Siemon**

“RESOLVED, THAT the three program reports be received as information.”

Carried.

4. Conservation Ontario Storm Water Management & Climate Change

Alec Scott, Water & Planning Manager presented the outcomes of a Conservation Ontario meeting that he was invited to attend, along with other conservation authority staff, to discuss the CA role as it relates to stormwater management and issues of climate change. The context of the discussions were to recommend the best approach for moving forward to solutions with other agencies. The CA role in climate change mitigation and adaptation as it relates to urban stormwater management is in the review of land use planning applications. Conservation Ontario has requested that all CA staff participating at this initial meeting be asked to sit on a Conservation Ontario Stormwater Management and Climate Change Committee. Chairman Bill Weber asked whether Conservation Ontario reimburses the cost of individual CA staff serving on a CO committee. Tom Prout replied that each CA covers this cost.

MOTION #BD 38/07

**Moved by Jim Ginn
Seconded by Lawrence McLachlan**

“RESOLVED, THAT Board of Directors appoint Alec Scott, ABCA Water & Planning Manager to participate on the Conservation Ontario Stormwater Management and Climate Change Committee.”

Carried.

5. Quarterly Financial Statement

Cathie Brown, Financial Services Supervisor circulated for review, the first quarter Financial Statement to March 31, 2007.

MOTION #BD 39/07

**Moved by Dave Frayne
Seconded by Paul Hodgins**

“RESOLVED, THAT the first quarter financial statement be received and brought back to the next Board of Directors meeting for discussion.”

Carried.

6. Bayfield River Valley Trail

Kate Monk, Stewardship & Conservation Lands Supervisor provided an update on the status of the proposed Bayfield River Valley Trail. Staff of the ABCA have met with the community volunteers and the Municipality of Bluewater as the trail project is being developed. The Board of Directors must consider how much involvement the ABCA should put towards this long term project.

MOTION #BD 40/07

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

“RESOLVED, THAT the ABCA become a partner in the Bayfield Valley Trail Project by providing assistance with project management, mapping, construction and public education, and

FURTHER, THAT the ABCA provide financial services for the Bayfield River Valley Trail Group in accordance with the ABCA financial procedures, and

FURTHER, THAT the ABCA financial contribution be determined through the yearly budget process, and

FURTHER, THAT this project be considered Special Benefitting to the Municipality of Bluewater.”

Carried.

HEARING

MOTION #BD 41/07

**Moved by Dave Frayne
Seconded by Adrian DeBruyn**

“RESOLVED, THAT the ABCA Board of Directors adjourn the regular Board of Directors meeting at 1:55 p.m. and convene as a Hearing Committee pursuant to Ontario Regulation 147/06 - Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alteration to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation to consider Application #2007-15.”

Carried.

Chairman Bill Weber provided the procedures for conducting the Hearing and Andrew Bicknell, Regulations Coordinator introduced the applicant, Kurt Mahon, and spokesperson, Barry Mahon. Also attending was Real Estate agent Howard Culligan. Mr. Bicknell presented the location of the residential site on a 25 acre parcel of land in the Municipality of West Perth. The proposed building site is within the flood plain in close proximity to an adjacent identified wetland. The location would also be susceptible to in excess of 0.59 metres (23 inches) of flooding during the regulatory flood event as determined by available flood line mapping. Estimates also indicate the roadway would be susceptible to flooding. Based on the current ABCA flood plain management policy and 2005 Provincial Policy Statement, the application to construct a new residential dwelling does not meet current policies and its objectives to minimize property damage, social disruption and risk to life. Therefore, staff recommend that Application #2007-15 be denied.

Barry Mahon addressed the Hearing on behalf of the applicant, Kurt Mahon. He circulated information on the proposed septic treatment system and indicated that the proposed residence will be constructed with the basement floor at ground level. The property was purchased in 2005 and he indicated there was no information provided by the municipality or the real estate agent

Chairman Bill Weber provided the procedures for conducting the Hearing and Andrew Bicknell, Regulations Coordinator introduced the applicants, Rainer and Beate Urbanski. Mr. Bicknell identified the location of the application which is at Harbourside Trailer Park in Port Franks. The subject property is between Mud Creek and Riverside Drive within the floodway of the flood plain. The applicants wish to increase the size of an existing building by renovating the washrooms which represents a 21% increase in size and adding a second storey that is an additional 116% increase in size. Based on the current ABCA policy and 2005 Provincial Policy Statement for flood plain management, the application to modify an existing structure located within the floodway does not meet the current policies and its objectives to minimize property damage, social disruption and risk to life. Therefore, staff recommend that Application #2007-14 be denied.

Beate Urbanski addressed the Hearing and circulated drawings of the proposed renovations. They are wanting to upgrade the facilities at the trailer park to meet the needs of the campers and provide a wheelchair accessible washroom. The second storey would be for a recreation room. They operate a seasonal park open between May and October.

MOTION #BD 46/07

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

“RESOLVED, THAT Application #2007-14 be approved as presented for renovation of an existing washroom structure and the addition of a second storey at 1,242 square feet.”

Carried.

MOTION #BD 47/07

**Moved by Dave Frayne
Seconded by Paul Hodgins**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Hearing regarding Application #2007-14 be closed at 3:25 p.m.”

Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation

MOTION #BD 48/07

**Moved by Dave Frayne
Seconded by Adrian DeBruyn**

“RESOLVED, THAT minutes of the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation meeting held March 12, 2007 and the motions therein be approved as presented.”

Carried.

Personnel Management Committee**MOTION #BD 49/07****Moved by Bill Siemon
Seconded by Lawrence McLachlan**

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Personnel Management Committee meeting held April 12, 2007 and the motions therein be approved as presented”

Carried.

Property Management Committee**MOTION #BD 50/07****Moved by George Irvin
Seconded by Jim Ginn**

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Property Management Committee meeting held March 15, 2007 and the motions therein be approved as presented.”

Carried.

Source Water Protection Management Committee

Cathie Brown presented the draft minutes from the March 27, 2007 management committee meeting. She advised that the draft regulations for the *Clean Water Act* have been posted on the EBR website for commenting. The Management Committee is requesting endorsement from the Board of Directors that the regulation be revised to permit 16 members on the Source Protection Committee instead of 13, as currently stated in the draft regulation. A list of the nominees for the Source Protection Committee will be brought to the August Board of Directors meeting.

MOTION #BD 51/07**Moved by Jim Ginn
Seconded by Bill Siemon**

“RESOLVED, THAT the ABCA Board of Directors endorse the comments of the Source Water Protection Management Committee, in response to the Phase I proposed regulations of the *Clean Water Act*, to clarify the participating municipalities and propose the Source Protection Committee consist of 16 members.”

Carried.

MOTION #BD 52/07**Moved by George Irvin
Seconded by Dave Frayne**

“RESOLVED, THAT the draft minutes of the Source Water Protection Management Committee meeting held March 27, 2007 be approved as presented.”

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Reference: Transport Canada
File: W.4.2.3.1
Brief: A response from the office of the Minister of Transport in regards to ABCA concerns with delays in the approval process of the Navigable Waters Protection Program during the Armstrong West Erosion Control project. Transport Canada is conducting a review of the *Navigable Waters Protection Act* legislation and delivery process.
- b) Reference: Capital Assets
File: F.4.
Brief: Information that financial reporting for conservation authorities in regards to tangible capital assets will be changing in 2009.
- c) Reference: Thank you
File: A.5.1
Brief: Thank you from the Lake Smith Conservationists for the donation in support of their fundraising event.
- d) Reference: Director Appointment
File: A.10.1
Brief: Resolution from the Municipality of Huron East appointing Bill Siemon as their representative on the ABCA Board of Directors.
- e) Reference: Invitation
File: R.15.14.3
Brief: Invitation to attend the Strathroy Snow Blizzards landowner appreciation event. Adrian Debruyn volunteered to attend on behalf of the ABCA.
- f) Reference: Fisheries and Oceans Canada
File: A.5.1
Brief: News release announcing DFO signing an agreement with a coalition of nine major conservation non-governmental organizations for fish habitat restoration and management. One of the nine organizations is the National Watershed Stewardship Coalition to which Conservation Ontario is a member.
- g) Reference: Species at Risk Funding
File: W.7.17.1
Brief: Notice from Environment Canada that the ABCA will receive \$11,000 from the Interdepartmental Recovery Fund for the Targeted Surveys for Threatened and Endangered fishes of the Ausable River Project.

- h) Reference: Ausable River Mussels
File: W.7.17.1
Brief: Correspondence that the DFO website has published a science story on the success of the Ausable River mussel monitoring program and the work of the Ausable River Recovery Team at www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/science/Story/centralarctic/musselpowere.htm
- i) Reference: Ontario Trillium Foundation Eligibility
File: A.37.14
Brief: The Board of Directors at Essex Region Conservation Authority is requesting support in asking Ontario Trillium Foundation to change their eligibility guidelines and permit conservation authorities to be lead applicant and apply directly for funding of potential environmental projects.

MOTION #BD 53/07

Moved by Jim Ginn

Seconded by Paul Hodgins

“RESOLVED, THAT the ABCA support Essex Region Conservation Authority’s request to Ontario Trillium Foundation for a change to eligibility allowing conservation authorities to be lead applicants for funding proposals.”

Carried.

- j) Reference: St. Joseph’s Water Sampling
File: W.10.1
Brief: E-correspondence from Ministry of Environment advising that the southwestern region lab will analyze the additional water samples for the St. Joseph’s project.

NEW BUSINESS

George Irvin advised that the Bluewater Environmental Committee will be hosting a meeting in early fall and asked if the ABCA would assist.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOTION #BD 54/07

Moved by Dave Frayne

Seconded by Adrian DeBruyn

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors go into Committee of the Whole at 4:25 p.m. to discuss property and personal matters with Tom Prout and Judith Parker remaining in attendance.”

Carried.

Tom Prout and Judith Parker left the session at 4:30 p.m. while the Committee discussed personal matters. Tom Prout was invited back into the session at 4:35 p.m.

MOTION #BD 55/07

**Moved by Lawrence McLachlan
Seconded by Paul Hodgins**

“RESOLVED, THAT Committee of the Whole rise and report at 4:35 p.m.”

Carried.

MOTION #BD 56/07

**Moved by Jim Ginn
Seconded by Lawrence McLachlan**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors proceed with the personal matter.”

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Bill Weber
Chairman

Judith Parker
Corporate Services Coordinator

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

