



# MINUTES



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, December 16, 2010

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

### DIRECTORS PRESENT

David Bolton, David Frayne, Jim Ginn, Paul Hodgins, George Irvin, Lawrence McLachlan, Bob Norris, Bill Siemon

### DIRECTORS ABSENT

Mark Simpson

### STAFF PRESENT

Andrew Bicknell, Bev Brown, Cathie Brown, Geoff Cade, Tim Cumming, Glenn Hendry, Brian Horner, Kate Monk, Tom Prout, Alec Scott, Julie Stellingwerff

### OTHERS PRESENT

Scott Nixon - Exeter Times Advocate

### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ginn called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

**MOTION #BD 104/10**

**Moved by Paul Hodgins**

**Seconded by Lawrence McLachlan**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the agenda for the December 16, 2010 Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority 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.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES**MOTION #BD 105/10****Moved by Bill Siemon  
Seconded by David Bolton**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on November 25, 2010 and the motions therein be approved as presented.”**

**Carried.**

BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTESProposed 2011 Budget

Brian Horner, Financial Services Supervisor presented scenarios for the third draft of the 2011 proposed budget. The combined levy increase that was discussed at the November 25<sup>th</sup> Board meeting has been reduced to 11.91% by reallocation of wages to non-levy supported programs and removing other contract wages from the general levy. Included in the 11.91% increase in general and project levy is a 3.72% one time increase for commitments to paying the landowner cost-share portion of the Bendway weir project at Port Franks and the landowner portion of the costs for the Ausable River Drain management improvement project in Hay Swamp.

**MOTION #BD 106/10****Moved by Bill Siemon  
Seconded by David Bolton**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the proposed 2011 Budget be recommended by the Board of Directors for approval, and**

**FURTHER, THAT the member municipalities be advised of the 2011 proposed project levy, general levy and budget and provided with the supplementary information for review as the weighted vote will be held at the February 17, 2011 Board of Directors meeting.”**

**Carried.**

On-Line Social Media Policy

Tim Cumming, Communications Specialist presented the draft social media policy for further discussion. The proposed policy looks at effectively using the most current tools of social media communication, managing those tools appropriately and increasing the benefits to the watershed community. Individuals and partners are increasingly using online social media and networking tools such as *Facebook*, *You Tube* and *Twitter*. It was recommended that the Development Team currently meeting to develop the new Conservation Strategy be introduced to and consulted on the use of social media tools as a pilot to determining pros and cons of online social media. This policy will be a guideline for management, staff and directors to strategically introduce these new communication tools effectively.

**MOTION #BD 107/10****Moved by Dave Frayne**

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**Seconded by Lawrence**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors approve the on-line social media policy and the recommendations as presented.”**

**Carried.**

Watershed Resiliency Fund Staff Position

Tom Prout, General Manager provided further information on the request from Maitland Valley Conservation Authority for ABCA to jointly fund a watershed resiliency staff position. There is still some uncertainty around the position description and if there would be a source of ongoing funding for the position. Staff recommend that discussion continue with MVCA and look at contributing at a level similar to the contribution from the Huron Stewardship Council of \$500. The matter can be discussed again during the 2012 budget preparation.

**MOTION #BD 108/10**

**Moved by Bill Siemon  
Seconded by Paul Hodgins**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors support the staff recommendation regarding the request from Maitland Valley Conservation Authority for funding a watershed resiliency fund staff position .”**

**Carried.**

PROGRAM REPORTS

1. (a) Development Review

Andrew Bicknell, Regulations Coordinator prepared 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 *Applications for Permission* and three *Minor Works* application.

**MOTION #BD 109/10**

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

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

**Carried.**

### 1. (b) Violations Update

Geoff Cade, Water & Planning Supervisor provided an update for the directors on recent violations under Ontario Regulation 147/06. Information received to date on the violation being investigated on Parr Line in the Municipality of South Huron revealed construction took place without any permits. The property is 100% floodplain, a provincially significant wetland and ANSI. Staff have met with the landowner regarding removal of the structure. A Hearing before the Board of Directors is not an option because there was no *Application for Permission* obtained. The only recourse is to lay a violation charge and proceed with litigation.

### 2. Generic Regulation Limit Updates

Tracey Boitson, GIS/CAD Information Systems Specialist reported that there were three updates to the generic regulation limit mapping. This is an annual report to the Board of Directors in regards to tracking changes and updates to the map sheets that affect the regulation limits pursuant to Ont Regulation 147/06. These updates are also distributed to all affected county and lower tier municipalities.

**MOTION #BD 110/10**

**Moved by Bob Norris  
Seconded by Paul Hodgins**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors approve of the mapping edits affecting regulation limits pursuant to Ontario Regulation 147/06, Development, Interference and Alteration Regulations.”**

**Carried.**

### 3. Conservation Education Program Updates

Julie Stellingwerff, Conservation Education Specialist gave the year end summary of the education programs, presentations and special events delivered in 2010. In total the education staff were able to reach 11,241 people with nature programs, guided hikes, day camps and awareness of dangers along waterways during spring thaw.

### PRESENTATION

Glenn Hendry, Resource Technician gave a presentation on the baseflow monitoring program from 2007-2010. From May to mid September, staff would measure the flow in the river contributed by groundwater throughout the watershed. The Drinking Water Source Protection Program contributed funding towards gathering of this data in the Ausable, Bayfield, Maitland and 9 Mile River watersheds. In total there were 96 monitoring stations between the watersheds. He showed the equipment that is used in measuring the velocity in metres per second and getting the readings. The information gathered by the baseflow monitoring program fills several purposes:

- data for water budget calculations for the Drinking Water Source Protection Program
- aid in decision-making for Permit to take water program
- understanding the local water budgets i.e. volume of water and spatial distribution
- document areas of water loss and gain
- track change in groundwater over time

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

Tom Prout provided a written report with a brief update on the progress of various projects, staff training and development, upcoming events and general activities over the previous month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**MOTION #BD 111/10****Moved by David Bolton****Seconded by Lawrence McLachlan**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation meeting held on November 15, 2010, the Friends of South Huron Trail meeting held on November 18, 2010, the Joint Management Committee meeting held November 5, 2010 and the motions therein be approved as presented, and**

**“FURTHER, THAT the minutes of the Source Protection Committee meeting held on September 27, 2010 be received as circulated.”**

**Carried.**CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Reference: CA Photography Contest  
File: A.7.1  
Brief: Announcement of the 2011 Conservation Areas Photo Contest running until October 31, 2011. Conservation Ontario is looking for photos showing people, plant life and wildlife in a variety of seasons. Details can be found at [www.ontarioconservationareas.ca](http://www.ontarioconservationareas.ca)
- b) Reference: Drainage Act Revisions  
File: A.8.32  
Brief: Notification of revisions to the *Drainage Act* as a result of Bill 68 - *Open for Business Act*.
- c) Reference: Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy  
File: A.8.23  
Brief: Correspondence regarding a recent divisional court decision advising an employee's personal emails on an institutions email server are not covered by the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.
- d) Reference: Director Appointment  
File: A.10.1  
Brief: Resolution from Municipality of South Huron that Dave Frayne is appointed to the ABCA Board of Directors to represent South Huron and Perth South municipalities.
- e) Reference: Director Appointment  
File: A.10.1  
Brief: Notice from the Municipality of West Perth that Mike Tam is appointed as representative to the ABCA Board of Directors.

- f) Reference: Director Appointment  
File: A.10.1  
Brief: Notice from Municipality of Lambton Shores that Lorie Scott is appointed as representative to the ABCA Board of Directors.
- g) Reference: Environmental Regulation Compliance  
File: A.5.2  
Brief: News article from Ontario Farmer that Grand River Conservation Authority will be heightening enforcement of the *Development, Interference and Alteration to Waterway* regulations and hiring two enforcement officers to lay the groundwork for compliance with the environmental regulation that protects people, land and water.
- h) Reference: Early Actions Program  
File: S.71.1  
Brief: Update from Source Protection Implementation (MOE) regarding the Ontario Drinking Water Source Protection Early Actions agreement being extended to coincide with the Early Response program implementation.
- i) Reference: WBBE Project  
File: W.11.14.5  
Brief: Notification that the application submitted to OMAFRA for funding to enhance agricultural non-point source stewardship actions in the lake Huron basins was approved. The project is entitled 'Watershed Based Best Management Practices Evaluation-Huron.'

## NEW BUSINESS

### 1. Upcoming Meetings

The Striking Committee will meet on January 20, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. The Board of Directors will meet on Thursday, February 17, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. to vote on the 2011 Budget, followed by the Annual General Meeting.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

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Jim Ginn  
Chairman

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Judith Parker  
Corporate Services Coordinator

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

