

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, December 18, 2014

Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Boardroom
Morrison Dam Conservation Area

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Ray Chartrand, Doug Cook, Dave Frayne, Wayne Hall, George Irvin, Don Shipway, Ute Stumpf, Mike Tam

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Burkhard Metzger

STAFF PRESENT

Andrew Bicknell, Geoff Cade, Bev Brown, Brian Horner, Kate Monk, Judith Parker, Alec Scott, Julie Stellingwerff

OTHERS PRESENT

Scott Nixon, Exeter TA
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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mike Tam called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. and welcomed the new directors to the meeting.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION #BD 109/14

**Moved by Ute Stumpf
Seconded by Don Shipway**

“RESOLVED, THAT the agenda for the December 18, 2014 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.

DISCLOSURE OF INTENTION TO RECORD PROCEEDINGS

None

ADOPTION OF MINUTES**MOTION #BD 110/14**

Moved by Don Shipway
Seconded by Ute Stumpf

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on November 13, 2014 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”

Carried.

BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTESProposed 2015 General Levy, Project Levy & Budget

Brian Horner, General Manager explained the process for voting on the proposed 2015 general and project levies. George Irvin, representative from the Municipality of Bluewater commented as a new director attending his first meeting, it is difficult to vote on the budget. Following the municipal election there were four new appointees on the ABCA Board. He suggested that when the next election year comes around, the budget should only be voted on after new directors have been involved in the process. Brian Horner advised that terms do vary for each director and will bring a report to the next meeting after confirming the appointment terms from each municipality. Doug Cook and Ray Chartrand advised that they had discussed the proposed budget with their municipalities and were prepared to vote.

George Irvin requested a recorded vote on the proposed 2015 budget.

2015 Proposed General Levy Vote**MOTION #BD 111/14**

Moved by Dave Frayne
Seconded by Don Shipway

“RESOLVED, THAT the 2015 General Levy be approved at \$855,339.”

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Adelaide Metcalfe	✓		
Bluewater	✓		
Central Huron			✓
Huron East	✓		
Lambton Shores	✓		
Lucan Biddulph	✓		
Middlesex Centre	✓		
North Middlesex	✓		
Perth South	✓		

South Huron	✓
Warwick	✓
West Perth	✓

The result was Yea 100% based on the current value assessment apportionment schedule.”

Carried.

2015 Proposed Project Levy Vote

MOTION #BD 112/14

**Moved by Don Shipway
Seconded by Ute Stumpf**

“RESOLVED, THAT the 2015 Project Levy be approved at \$366,534.”

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Adelaide Metcalfe	✓		
Bluewater	✓		
Central Huron			✓
Huron East	✓		
Lambton Shores	✓		
Lucan Biddulph	✓		
Middlesex Centre	✓		
North Middlesex	✓		
Perth South	✓		
South Huron	✓		
Warwick	✓		
West Perth	✓		

The result was Yea 100% based on the current value assessment apportionment schedule.”

Carried.

2015 Proposed Budget

MOTION #BD 113/14

**Moved by Doug Cook
Seconded by Ute Stumpf**

“RESOLVED, THAT the 2015 proposed budget be approved.”

Carried unanimously.

PROGRAM REPORT

1. (a) 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 4 *Applications for Permission* and 5 *Minor Works Permits* to construct works within regulated areas.

1. (b) Violation/Appeals Update

- (a) Staff reported they are working towards resolution with landowners of two violations.
- (b) The violation continues for a Municipality of Bluewater lakeshore property. George Irvin requested that the directors be shown photos of the lakeshore property. Staff cautioned that it is unknown at this time whether the issue will be brought before the Board as a Hearing.

MOTION #BD 114/14

**Moved by Ute Stumpf
Seconded by Wayne Hall**

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

Carried.

2. Conservation Education Program Update

Julie Stellingwerff, Conservation Educator reported on the outdoor education programs and special events offered during 2014. Throughout the year there were 8,862 students experience hands-on participation in nature-themed presentations at the school, at a conservation area or at Camp Sylvan.

3. Conservation Lands Update

Kate Monk, Stewardship, Lands & Education Manager provided an information report on some of the activities that took place on ABCA properties throughout 2014. The issues dealt with by the two patrol officers were off-road vehicles, dogs off-leash and ensuring hunters had purchased a conservation pass permit prior to hunting in the conservation forests. There were 304 passes sold in 2014. The transactions for disposition of properties in the Parkhill area is completed. To improve forest health, trees were removed at Morrison Dam CA, Harpley Tract, Sharrow Tract and Hay Swamp Tracts. Some open agricultural land at the Kime Tract near Parkhill was reforested to create a large interior forest.

PRESENTATION

Alec Scott, Water & Planning Manager gave an information session on Lake Huron water levels and shoreline changes. A graph prepared by Environment Canada and the U.S. Corps of Engineers showed the water levels from 1918 to 2014. The record high lake level was in 1986 with the record low January 2013 with a six foot difference. Since January 2013 the lake levels have come up three feet. He noted that man can change the lake levels in inches, but Mother Nature changes it in feet. Prevailing winds from the northwest work away at the shoreline depositing sand particles from the Bayfield bluffs to Grand Bend and Port Franks. The rate of erosion can be based on a number of issues such as bank instability and slumps. The Poplar Beach cottage subdivision has an average erosion rate of 1.5 metres per year. In the 1980's a lot of erosion protection was put in along the bluff with the construction of groynes. Some people wanted to build their cottages on the beach because the water levels were low but now will be wanting slope protection.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Brian Horner provided a written report with a brief update on the progress of various projects, staff training and development, upcoming meetings and activities held over the previous month. This report is distributed to the municipalities for their councillors' information.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MOTION #BD 115/14

**Moved by George Irvin
Seconded by Ute Stumpf**

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation meeting held on December 5, 2014; Friends of the South Huron Trail meeting held on November 7, 2014; the Water Response Team meeting held on November 13, 2014 and the motions therein be approved as presented.”

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Reference: Assessment Report for Ausable Bayfield and Maitland Valley
File: L.9.59
Brief: Notice from the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change that the updated Assessment Report for the Ausable Bayfield and Maitland Valley Source Protection Areas has been approved as submitted.
- b) Reference: CO Section 28 Regulations Committee
File: A.7.2
Brief: Geoff Cade, ABCA Supervisor of Water & Planning has been appointed to the Conservation Ontario Section 28 Regulations Committee.

- c) Reference: Director Appointments
File: A.10.1
Brief: Correspondence was received from the following municipalities advising of their appointees to the ABCA Board of Directors: Ute Stumpf - Adelaide/Metcalf & Middlesex Centre; George Irvin - Bluewater; Burkhard Metzger - Central Huron; Ray Chartrand - Huron East; Doug Cook - Lambton Shores & Warwick; Wayne Hall - Lucan Biddulph; Dave Frayne - Perth South & South Huron; Mike Tam - West Perth.

NEW BUSINESS

Striking Committee

Due to changes in municipal representation on the Board of Directors there is a vacancy on the Striking Committee. The Striking Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, January 15, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.

MOTION #BD 116/14

**Moved by Doug Cook
Seconded by Dave Frayne**

“RESOLVED, THAT George Irvin be appointed to the Striking Committee along with the Chair and Past Chair.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Mike Tam
Chair

Judith Parker
Corporate Services Coordinator

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