



MINUTES



ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, January 18, 2007

Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Boardroom
Morrison Dam Conservation Area

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Bob Bell, Adrian deBruyn, Jim Ginn, Paul Hodgins, George Irvin, Lawrence McLachlan, Bob Norris, Bill Weber

DIRECTORS ABSENT

David Frayne

OTHERS PRESENT

Harvey Ratz, Former Director
Nina Lieshout, Exeter TA
Bob Montgomery, CKNX Radio

STAFF PRESENT

Andy Bicknell, Bev Brown, Cathie Brown, Geoff Cade, Tim Cumming, Kate Monk, Judith Parker, Tom Prout, Alec Scott

CALL TO ORDER

Bill Weber thanked the staff for conducting the Directors Orientation and Information Session along with the tour of the facilities prior to the Annual Meeting. The ABCA Annual Meeting was called to order at 3:12 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION #BD 01/07

**Moved by Adrian deBruyn
Seconded by Lawrence McLachlan**

“RESOLVED, THAT the agenda for the January 18, 2007 Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Annual Meeting be approved.”

Carried.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

ELECTIONS

Chairman Weber asked for a motion to appoint a Chairperson for the Elections.

MOTION #BD 02/07

Moved by Bob Norris

Seconded by Lawrence McLachlan

“RESOLVED, THAT Tom Prout be appointed as chairperson for the election proceedings.”

Carried.

Appointment of Scrutineers

MOTION #BD 03/07

Moved by Jim Ginn

Seconded by Lawrence McLachlan

“RESOLVED, THAT Geoff Cade and Andrew Bicknell be appointed as scrutineers.”

Carried.

Election of Chairman

All positions were declared vacant and nominations were called for the position of Chair.

Jim Ginn nominated Bill Weber for Chairman. Mr. Prout called for nominations two more times.

MOTION #BD 04/07

Moved by Bob Norris

Seconded by Jim Ginn

“RESOLVED, THAT nominations for the position of Chair of the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority be closed.”

Carried.

Bill Weber accepted his nomination and is looking forward to a second term as Chairman. Mr. Prout declared Bill Weber, representative for the Municipality of Lambton Shores and Warwick, as Chairman of the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority for 2007.

Election of Vice Chair

Nominations were called for the position of Vice Chair for 2007.

Bob Norris nominated Lawrence McLachlan for Vice Chair. Mr. Prout called for nominations two more times.

MOTION #BD 05/07

Moved by Bob Bell

Seconded by George Irvin

“RESOLVED, THAT nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority be closed.”

Carried.

Lawrence McLachlan accepted his nomination. Mr. Prout declared Lawrence McLachlan representative for the municipality of North Middlesex as Vice Chair of the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority for 2007.

Bill Weber took the Chair and the meeting resumed.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOTION #BD 06/07

Moved by Bob Bell

Seconded by Jim Ginn

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on December 21, 2006 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”

Carried.

BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTES

1. Parkhill Conservation Area Special Event

Kate Monk, Stewardship and Conservation Lands Supervisor attended a North Middlesex Council Meeting to meet with the organizers and council members regarding the proposed community fundraising event at the Parkhill Conservation Area reservoir. One of the planned events is a cardboard boat race and the ABCA wanted to ensure that the municipality would provide liability insurance coverage. Lawrence McLachlan indicated that the municipality was endorsing the event and the organizers have been named as a Committee of Council, thereby the event will be covered under the municipality’s insurance and confirmation has been received from their insurer.

MOTION #BD 07/07

Moved by Adrian deBruyn

Seconded by Bob Norris

“RESOLVED, THAT the ABCA authorize the use of Parkhill Conservation Area on July 14, 2007 for the proposed community fundraising event which will include cardboard boat races on the reservoir.”

Carried.

5. APPOINTMENTS

(i) Appointment of Auditor

MOTION #BD 08/07

Moved by Jim Ginn

Seconded by George Irvin

“RESOLVED, THAT the firm of MacNeill Edmunson be appointed as the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Auditor for 2006 and 2007.”

Carried.

(ii) Appointment of Solicitors

MOTION #BD 09/07

Moved by Bob Bell

Seconded by Bob Norris

“RESOLVED, THAT the firms of Little, Masson & Reid, Exeter and Little, Inglis and Price, London and Raymond & McLean, Exeter be the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority solicitors for 2007.”

Carried.

(iii) Appointment of Financial Institution

MOTION #BD 10/07

Moved by Jim Ginn

Seconded by Lawrence McLachlan

“RESOLVED, THAT the Bank of Montreal, Exeter Branch be appointed as the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority’s financial institution for 2007.”

Carried.

PROGRAM REPORTS

1. Proposed 2007 Fee Schedule

Cathie Brown, Financial Services Supervisor presented the proposed 2007 fee schedule and highlighted the individual revisions within each program category.

MOTION #BD 11/07

Moved by Jim Ginn

Seconded by Paul Hodgins

“RESOLVED, THAT the proposed 2007 fee schedule be approved and become effective January 1, 2007.”

Carried.

2. Proposed 2007 Pay Grid

Cathie Brown presented the pay grid as proposed for 2007 with a 3% CPI increase.

MOTION #BD 12/07

Moved by Lawrence McLachlan

Seconded by Bob Norris

“RESOLVED, THAT the ABCA pay grid be increased by 3% effective the first pay period of 2007.”

Carried.

3. Ontario Regulation 147/06 - Violations Report

Andrew Bicknell, Regulations Coordinator presented an update on the status of three new violations pursuant to Ontario Regulation 147/06. Staff are currently working with the landowners to resolve situations and seek restoration. The Board asked if the contractors who undertake the unauthorized excavation works need to be better informed about the regulations. It was suggested that the cottage associations be advised of the regulations so that landowners know what activities are not acceptable.

MOTION #BD 13/07

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

“RESOLVED, THAT the information on the new violations pursuant to Ontario Regulation 147/06 be received as presented.”

Carried.

MOTION #BD 14/07

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

“RESOLVED, THAT the ABCA send a factsheet on Ontario Regulation 147/06 Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alteration to Shorelines and Watercourses regulation to the cottage associations within the ABCA watershed to inform landowners on unauthorized activities.”

Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Striking Committee

The report of the Striking Committee was circulated with the appointments to standing committees and schedule of Board of Director meetings. It was suggested to hold the April Board of Directors meeting on Wednesday April 25th to avoid the annual Conservation Dinner. An alternate date for the November Board of Directors meeting will be determined at a later date.

MOTION #BD 15/07

**Moved by Lawrence McLachlan
Seconded by Bob Bell**

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Striking Committee meeting held January 8, 2007 and the motions therein be approved as amended.”

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Reference: Agriculture Land Drainage Improvements
File: L.17.11
Brief: The current tenant of Property # 4 is interested in improving the drainage on the agriculture property and wanting the ABCA to contribute to the cost.

MOTION #BD 16/07**Moved by George Irvin
Seconded by Jim Ginn****“RESOLVED, THAT the request be referred to the Budget Committee.”****Carried.**

- b) Reference: Great Canadian Hideaway
File: L.9.29
Brief: A schedule of the rates for the 2007 season were received from Tania and Eric Vieira for the Great Canadian Hideaway campground at Parkhill Conservation Area.

MOTION #BD 17/07**Moved by Jim Ginn
Seconded by Lawrence McLachlan****“RESOLVED, THAT the 2007 rates for Great Canadian Hideaway be accepted as presented.”****Carried.**

- c) Reference: Renewable Energy Info Series
File: A.5.1
Brief: Notice of the upcoming workshops being sponsored by the Centre for Applied Renewable Energy at Brussels beginning on February 22, 2007.
- d) Reference: Invitation
File: A.5.2
Brief: Invitation to attend the Grand River Conservation Authority Annual Meeting on February 22, 2007.
- e) Reference: Invitation
File: A.5.2
Brief: Invitation to attend the Kettle Creek Conservation Authority Annual Meeting on February 28, 2007.
- f) Reference: Director Appointments
File: A.10.1
Brief: Notice from Township of Lucan Biddulph on the appointment of Paul Hodgins to the ABCA Board of Directors and re-appointment of Adrian Debruyne as representative for

the Municipalities of Middlesex Centre and Adelaide Metcalfe.

- g) Reference: Woodlot Management
File: S.29.2.3
Brief: Report from Donald Craig, RPF, on the forest inventory conducted at Stephen Wildlife Area which will be harvested in 2007.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Awards Presentations

The Board of Directors agreed to the same format as last year for the annual Conservationist of the Year and Years of Service Awards presentations. The event will be held at Ironwood Golf Club on March 15th following the regular Board of Directors meeting with a social time and light meal followed by awards presentation and guest speaker.

Budget Committee Meeting

The Board of Directors Budget Committee will meet on January 26, 2007 to begin deliberations on the proposed 2007 budget.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Bill Weber
Chairman

Judith Parker
Corporate Services Coordinator

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

