

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, July 16, 2015

Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Boardroom
Morrison Dam Conservation Area

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Ray Chartrand, Doug Cook, Dave Frayne,, George Irvin, Burkhard Metzger, Don Shipway, Ute Stumpf

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Wayne Hall, Mike Tam

STAFF PRESENT

Andrew Bicknell, Geoff Cade, Bev Brown, Brian Horner, Ian Jean, Judith Parker, Alec Scott, Meghan Tydd-Hrynyk

OTHERS PRESENT

Rob Ross - MyFM

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Ute Stumpf called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Preceding the meeting, the Vice Chair participated in a funding announcement from Mr. Ben Lobb, MP Huron- Bruce on behalf of Environment Canada.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION #BD 55/15

Moved by Dave Frayne

Seconded by Ray Chartrand

“RESOLVED, THAT the agenda for the July 16, 2015 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 56/15

**Moved by Burkhard Metzger
Seconded by Dave Frayne**

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on June 18, 2015 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”

Carried.

BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTES

None

PROGRAM REPORT

1 (a) Development Review

Andrew Bicknell 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 7 *Applications for Permission* and 6 *Minor Works Permit* to construct works within regulated areas.

(b) Violation/Appeals Update

Geoff Cade, Supervisor of Water and Planning advised there were no updates on violation or appeal matters.

MOTION #BD 57/15

**Moved by Don Shipway
Seconded by Ray Chartrand**

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

Carried.

2. ABCA Five-Year Budget

Brian Horner, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer presented the proposed five year budget for 2016-2020. To prepare this budget, staff provide a list of ongoing and new projects they would like to undertake over the next five years. Once compiled, the project levy average increase was 5.38% for phased and ongoing projects and 2.03% for overall projects. The project and general levy average increase is 2.07% over the five years. Of note, staff will be applying for grants to help fund the Morrison Dam pedestrian bridge proposed for 2018 and for building accessibility requirements in the Administration Centre.

MOTION #BD 58/15

**Moved by Doug Cook
Seconded by Don Shipway**

“RESOLVED, THAT the ABCA Five-Year Budget 2016-2020 be approved as presented.

Carried.

3. Shoreline Management Plan

Alec Scott, Water & Planning Manager advised that a request for proposals to update the *ABCA Shoreline Management Plan, 2000* was circulated to five consultants. The estimated cost for the project was \$90,000 to be done in two phases. Funding for the first phase was approved in the 2015 budget at \$40,000.

MOTION #BD 59/15

**Moved by Dave Frayne
Seconded by Don Shipway**

“RESOLVED, THAT the proposal from Planning Solutions Inc, for updating the ABCA Shoreline Management Plan, at a cost of \$68,250 plus HST be accepted with the understanding that the 2016 portion of the project cost still needs formal budget approval, and

FURTHER, THAT staff proceed to enter into an agreement with Planning Solutions Inc. and complete the project.”

Carried.

4. Watershed Hydrology Update - Selection of Consultants

Alec Scott advised that proposals were received from three engineering consultants for undertaking the Watershed Hydrology Update Project. The total estimated cost for the project was \$90,000 to be done in two phases. Funding for the first phase was approved in the 2015 budget at \$40,000.

MOTION #BD 60/15

**Moved by Ray Chartrand
Seconded by Doug Cook**

“RESOLVED, THAT the proposal from Water’s Edge for updating the ABCA Watershed Hydrology information be accepted at a price of \$50,164 plus HST, with the understanding that the 2016 portion of the project cost still needs formal budget approval, and

FURTHER, THAT staff proceed to enter into an agreement with Water’s Edge and complete the project.”

Carried.

5. Profit and Loss Statement

Brian Horner presented the financial statement to June 30, 2015 with comparatives to the budget.

6. 2015 Spring Tree Program Update

Ian Jean, Forestry and Land Stewardship Specialist gave an overview of the spring tree planting program. There were 50,375 trees distributed as compared to 58,000 in 2014. The drop in tree numbers can be attributed to a 20% drop in demand for seedlings in large reforestation projects. However, there was a 30% increase in larger stock trees used for smaller projects and windbreaks. Trees Ontario is the largest provider of funds for tree planting in the watershed with a contribution of \$43,000 to plant 33,000 trees in 2015.

PRESENTATION

Ian Jean gave a synopsis of the forestry programs and services offered to landowners and municipalities. The tree planting program receives no levy support and operates on a cost recovery model. Landowners can receive funding through stewardship incentive programs such as the Huron Clean Water Project, Trees Ontario, Growing Forward 2, and Habitat Stewardship Program. Projects include stream buffers, windbreaks, shelterbelts and slope stability projects with 40,000 to 60,000 trees planted per year. This equates to 70 acres per year being reforested.

In 1946 there was no public ownership of land in the watershed. Subsequent to the *1949 Ausable Watershed Conservation Report*, marginal farmlands were purchased through a provincial agroforest grant program. There were over 2 million trees planted in the 1950-60's. The ABCA owns and manages 8,200 acres or 10% of forested lands in the watershed. There are 5,345 acres enrolled in the Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program and the remaining 2,800 acres are eligible for Conservation Land Tax Incentive Program. The ABCA marks trees annually for selective harvest and is working toward a 10 year timber harvest schedule. Due to the emerald ash borer, it is estimated there is one year remaining of ash tree salvage.

George Irvin arrived to the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Brian Horner presented the General Manager's report. Highlights were given 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.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Reference: Shoreline Management Plan Update
File: W.4.11.1
Brief: Correspondence from the Municipality of South Huron that Marissa Vaughan has been appointed as representative to the ABCA Shoreline Management Plan steering committee.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Brian Horner advised that the Lambton Shores Communities in Bloom Committee are including Rock Glen Conservation Area in a tour of the municipality. They are requesting that the gate fees be waived for tour participants on that day.

MOTION #BD 61/15**Moved by Doug Cook****Seconded by Don Shipway**

“RESOLVED, THAT the gate fee be waived for participants in the Lambton Shores Communities in Bloom mystery tour entering Rock Glen Conservation Area on July 26, 2015.”

Carried.

2. Burkhard Metzger thanked Ross Wilson, ABCA Water & Stewardship Technologist for attending the Central Huron Council meeting to give a demonstration on the relationship between soil management and water quality. The presentation was well received and he encouraged other councils to request a demonstration.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Ute Stumpf
Vice-Chair

Judith Parker
Corporate Services Coordinator

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