



MINUTES



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, July 21, 2011

**Bayfield Lions Club Community Building
6 Municipal Street, Bayfield**

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Dave Frayne, Jim Ginn, Paul Hodgins, Lorie Scott, Bill Siemon, Don Shipway, Ute Stumpf, Mike Tam, Janisse Zimmerman

STAFF PRESENT

Andrew Bicknell, Bev Brown, Brian Horner, Kate Monk, Judith Parker, Tom Prout, Alec Scott

FUNDING PRESENTATION

In honour of the 40th anniversary of the Bayfield River watershed joining the Ausable River Conservation Authority on July 21, 1971, the Board of Directors held their meeting in Bayfield. At the commencement of the meeting, Hon. Carol Mitchell, MPP for Huron-Bruce attended and made a funding announcement to the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA) and Maitland Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA). The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) is working to protect and improve water quality along the southeast shore of Lake Huron by investing \$150,000 in three projects. One of those projects is a community-based Sub-Watershed Plan for the Main Bayfield River. ABCA will receive \$60,000 for the completion of a water management strategy for the Main Bayfield River watershed.

The Huron Clean Water Project will receive \$20,000 from OMAFRA to assist property owners and community groups with stewardship projects to improve surface and ground water quality. Some project categories include erosion control measures, livestock fencing, wellhead protection, well decommissioning and manure storage. The program delivery is co-ordinated by the ABCA and MVCA.

The MCVA will receive \$70,000 for soil erosion projects in the Garvey/Glenn Watershed Project, one of the key watersheds identified under the Southeast Shores Water Quality Initiative. Landowners in the watershed have identified storm water management and erosion control as priority issues and the MVCA is helping coordinate an effort to address these concerns.

Chair Jim Ginn, ABCA General Manager Tom Prout and MVCA General Manager Phil Beard each responded with appreciation for the provincial commitment in assisting farmers and rural landowners to continue stewardship efforts for protecting and improving the water quality of Lake Huron.

Guests attending the announcement were staff of MVCA and regional OMAFRA & MOE offices.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ginn called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 3:45 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION #BD 60/11

**Moved by Ute Stumpf
Seconded by Janisse Zimmerman**

“RESOLVED, THAT the agenda for the July 21, 2011 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 61/11

**Moved by Lorie Scott
Seconded by Bill Siemon**

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on, June 16, 2011 and the motions therein be approved as presented.”

Carried.

BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTESWalker Drain Area 1 Erosion Control Tender

Alec Scott, Water & Planning Manager presented the tender results on the Walker Drain Area 1 Erosion Control project. The work involves repair of an eroding bank affecting a municipal sports field along the Walker Drain in Grand Bend. The tender opening was held on July 12, 2011 with Peter Crook of Riggs Engineering Ltd., Dave Frayne and Alec Scott in attendance. There were 8 tenders submitted with Van Driel Excavating Inc. being the lowest. The engineering consultant reviewed the tenders and recommended the lowest tender.

MOTION #BD 62/11

**Moved by Ute Stumpf
Seconded by Lorie Scott**

“RESOLVED, THAT the tender submitted by Van Driel Excavating Inc at a price of \$72,341 including HST be accepted, and

FURTHER, THAT staff proceed to sign the agreement for the work and complete the project.”

Carried.

PROGRAM REPORTS

1 (a) Development Review

Andrew Bicknell, Regulations Coordinator prepared the report on the Development Review 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 two *Applications for Permission* and four *Minor Works* applications.

1 (b) Violations update pursuant to O. Reg 147/06

- (i) Andrew Bicknell advised of the updates to two violations pursuant to O. Reg. 147/06. The violation in the Municipality of South Huron on Parr Line is in the court system. The solicitors for both parties are in communication and ABCA staff are expecting an update before the next court appearance in August.
- (ii) Staff have recently learned about a violation along the lakeshore in Green Acres subdivision. Unauthorized work has been undertaken by the landowner to fill and grade within the ravine area.

Bill Siemon asked what the costs are for ABCA staff having to deal with the ongoing violations. Tom Prout responded that staff will bring back a report at the September meeting on staff time and associated costs with violations.

MOTION #BD 63/11

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

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

Carried.

2. Section 29- Conservation Authorities Act

Kate Monk, Stewardship & Conservation Lands Supervisor presented an report on activities pursuant to *Section 29* of the *Conservation Authorities Act*. Patrol officers are finding the greatest problem area for unauthorized use of off-road vehicles is at the Parkhill Conservation Area and the Kime Tract. There is an agreement with the Ausable River Riders Club to maintain trails at a portion of the Parkhill CA but non-members are the challenge.

Several Special Use Permits for research on ABCA lands have been issued. They include turtle surveys at L-Lake Management Area and Rock Glen CA; research on bed composition and characteristics where mussel Species At Risk are found at Rock Glen CA and Sadler Tract in the Ausable Gorge; and terrestrial surveys at the Linfield Wildlife Area, Ratz Tract and Sweitzer Tract Conservation Forests for background reports for potential wind generation projects.

The Arkona Lions Museum and Information Centre at Rock Glen CA will be celebrating its 25th Anniversary in conjunction with the Arkona Lions Classic Car Show. The Ad Hoc Committee is

requesting permission for two vendors at the event - the Arkona Lioness to sell food and refreshments and Mr. Ron Watts an artifact expert to display native artifacts and sell jewellery in lieu of a speaker's fee.

MOTION #BD 64/11

**Moved by Lorie Scott
Seconded by Ute Stumpf**

“RESOLVED, THAT the update on enforcement of Section 29 of the *Conservation Authorities Act* be received as presented, and

FURTHER, THAT the Arkona Lioness Club and Mr. Ron Watts be authorized to sell items at Rock Glen Conservation Area on September 17, 2011.”

Carried.

3. Five Year Budget

Brian Horner, Financial Services Supervisor presented the five year budget with estimates at a 1.99% inflation factor and wages for ongoing projects and operations at 4% annual increase accounting for the Consumer Price Index plus movement on the pay grid. Of note was the expiration in March 2013 of the Drinking Water Source Protection project agreement with the province. Other highlights are a projected 5.89% increase in the general levy and 9.48% in the project levy. The combined levy average increase over the 5 years is estimated at approximately 6.5%.

MOTION #BD 65/11

**Moved by Janisse Zimmerman
Seconded by Bill Siemon**

“RESOLVED, THAT subject to annual review, the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority five year budget for 2012-2016 be approved as presented.”

Carried.

4. Quarterly Financial Statement

Brian Horner presented the quarterly statement of profit and loss to June 30, 2011 with comparison to the same period in 2010.

MOTION #BD 66/11

**Moved by Janisse Zimmerman
Seconded by Bill Siemon**

“RESOLVED, THAT the quarterly financial report be received as presented.”

Carried.

PRESENTATION

Tom Prout narrated a slide presentation prepared by Dr. John Howard of the Canadian Physicians for the Environment. The slides focussed on ecosystem health and how the negative impacts on our environment are impacting human health.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**MOTION #BD 67/11**

**Moved by Lorie Scott
Seconded by Ute Stumpf**

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation meeting held on June 29, 2011 and the Source Protection Committee meeting held on May 25, 2011 and the motions therein be approved as presented.”

Carried.

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.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Reference: Thank you
File: S.72.1
Brief: A note of appreciation to Chair Jim Ginn from Angela VanNiekerk and the Healthy Headwaters Wetlands Initiative partners for participating in the RBC Blue Water Day funding announcement in June.
- b) Reference: 75th Anniversary of OFA
File: A.5.1.
Brief: Invitation to join the Huron County Federation of Agriculture in A Celebration of Agriculture in Huron on August 25th at Belgrave Community Centre.
- c) Reference: Statement of Claim
File: L.4.51
Brief: Correspondence from Crawford GTS, third-party administrators acting on behalf of Lloyds of London advising there will be no insurance coverage regarding a Statement of Claim against the ABCA.
- d) Reference: Sinkhole Water Quality Sampling Program
File: W.7.18
Brief: Resolution from the Municipality of Huron East Council requesting that the costs associated with undertaking a sinkhole water sampling project in 2012 be included in the general levy of the ABCA 2012 budget.
- e) Reference: 2011/12 Species at Risk Stewardship Fund
File: F.22.1
Brief: Notice from Ministry of Natural Resources that the application submitted for funding the project entitled ‘Aquatic Species at Risk in the Ausable Bayfield CA Watershed: Monitoring, Evaluation and Community Outreach’ was approved for \$22,000.

- f) Reference: Ontario Trillium Foundation
File: S.72.1
Brief: Congratulations from Ontario Trillium Foundation to the Healthy Headwaters Wetland Initiative partnership upon completion of the \$225,000 three year project.
- g) Reference: Parkhill Mosquito Problem Petition
File: A.5.5
Brief: The ABCA received a letter and 800 name petition from Carrie Muma. Petitioners were asked to sign their names under the following statement: "Petition for Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority to allow Parkhill Town Council to drain flooded area behind Station St. N. in Parkhill to help with our mosquito problem or find the solution." The Board of Directors gave support to ABCA staff to work with the other agencies in developing long-term solutions.

NEW BUSINESS

Staff advised there was a large wetland project starting in August and tenders for construction have been invited. Angela VanNiekerk, ABCA Wetlands Specialist was requesting permission to communicate via email with the directors if Board approval was needed for awarding the tender.

MOTION #BD 68/11

Moved by Lorie Scott

Seconded by Dave Frayne

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors approve contact by email if approval is required to award a tender on wetland construction during the month of August when the Board will not be meeting.”

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m. and the directors went to the Bayfield Community Centre for the 40th Anniversary celebration of the Bayfield River watershed joining the Ausable River Conservation Authority on July 21, 1971.

Jim Ginn
Chairman

Judith Parker
Corporate Services Coordinator

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

