

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, June 18, 2015

Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Boardroom
Morrison Dam Conservation Area

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Ray Chartrand, Dave Frayne, Wayne Hall, George Irvin, Burkhard Metzger, Ute Stumpf, Mike Tam

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Doug Cook, Don Shipway

STAFF PRESENT

Jenna Allain, Andrew Bicknell, Geoff Cade, Bev Brown, Brian Horner, Kate Monk, Judith Parker, Alec Scott, Meghan Tydd-Hrynyk, Ross Wilson

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mike Tam called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION #BD 47/15

**Moved by Ute Stumpf
Seconded by Dave Frayne**

“RESOLVED, THAT the agenda for the June 18, 2015 Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Board of Directors meeting be approved.”

Carried.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

George Irvin declared a conflict of pecuniary interest with Program Report # 1 Development Review (O. Reg. 147/06) in regards to Northland Power Inc. - Grand Bend Wind Ltd. There were no other disclosures of pecuniary interest at this meeting or from the previous meeting.

DISCLOSURE OF INTENTION TO RECORD PROCEEDINGS

None

ADOPTION OF MINUTES**MOTION #BD 48/15**

**Moved by Wayne Hall
Seconded by Ray Chartrand**

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on May 21, 2015 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”

Carried.

BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTES

None

PROGRAM REPORT1 (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 3 *Applications for Permission* and 7 *Minor Works Permit* to construct works within regulated areas and 17 *Applications for Permissions* to construct works within areas regulated specific to Industrial Wind Generation.

(b) Violation/Appeals Update

- (i) Staff advised that a trial date has been set for September 15, 2015 for the violation matter in the Municipality of Bluewater.
- (ii) Due to the higher lake levels, lakeshore residents in the Port Franks area contacted staff about moving a sand bench that has been created. To be proactive and give landowners an alternative to the permitting process, staff have developed a procedure residents can follow for maintaining a small walkway to the shoreline.

MOTION #BD 49/15

**Moved by Dave Frayne
Seconded by Ute Stump**

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

Carried.

2. Watershed Management Strategy

Alec Scott, Water & Planning Manager reported that two proposals were received for the safety review of Parkhill and Morrison Dams. This project has been approved for 50% funding through the WECI program and involves updating the 2004 Safety Assessment for the two dams based on the latest Guidelines from Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry and Canadian Dam Association.

MOTION #BD 50/15**Moved by Ray Chartrand
Seconded by Ute Stumpf**

“RESOLVED, THAT the proposal from Exp Services Inc. for Dam Safety Reviews of Parkhill and Morrison Dams at a price of \$29,955 plus HST be accepted, and

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

Carried.

3. Opportunity for Updating Floodplain Mapping

Alec Scott reported that Public Safety Canada recently announced a National Disaster Mitigation Program starting in the 2015-16 fiscal year. There has been \$183.8 million allocated over the next 5 years as the federal contribution to be cost shared 50%-50% with the provinces and territories. In Ontario the matching funds could come from municipalities or conservation authorities. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is the lead for consultations with Public Safety Canada. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry is providing technical support. The program could provide grant funding towards updating some of the flood plain mapping for areas with the ABCA. As identified in the five year budget for 2017, the areas of Seaforth, Port Franks, Lucan and Crediton would benefit the most from updated floodplain mapping. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

PRESENTATION

Mari Veliz, Healthy Watersheds Supervisor provided a presentation on ABCA bio-monitoring and community actions. In the big picture, high nutrients and low oxygen are creating an overabundance of algae in waterways leading to a change of the ecosystems. The three big pollutants are dirt, bacteria (E.coli), and nutrients (nitrates, phosphorus). Locally the staff are working with multiple stakeholders around Lake Huron to address these issues. The ABCA Conservation Strategy and the Lake Huron Framework for Community Action have similar goals in working with the community. If a community wants to do any environmental monitoring and is successful in getting project funding, the ABCA will work with the group to provide guidance and technical support. Some examples of community groups the ABCA has assisted are the Friends of Bayfield, Bluewater Shoreline Residents' Association; Wee Lake Residents' Assoc., Old Ausable Channel/Pinery; Bayfield Ratepayers' Association; Grand Bend Rotary Club.

Besides regular water quality monitoring in the 16 sub-watersheds, special monitoring is undertaken. At three of the seven stations where species at risk mussels are monitored, there has been a significant decline in these indicators. Data collected for the Hensall landfill sampling site indicates that brook trout have declined since 2006. In the Gully Creek watershed, staff are comparing total phosphorus concentrations by sampling during low flow and high flow rain events. Another project is measuring the effectiveness of Best Management Practices by monitoring the inflow and outflow through a Hickenbottom catch basin outlet. Staff are also engaging the Port Franks community in protecting the species at risk turtles that live and nest in that area. Staff will continue to keep the community involved as part of the process and facilitate local groups in bio-monitoring towards improving water quality.

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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MOTION #BD 51/15

**Moved by Ute Stumpf
Seconded by Dave Frayne**

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation meeting on June 1, 2015; the Water Response Team meeting of June 2, 2015, and the motions therein be approved as presented.”

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Reference: Huron Tract Land Trust Conservancy
File: A.9.15
Brief: News article on the upcoming Mayhew Tract dedication ceremony on June 119, 2015. This 10 acre forested parcel is the first land donation to the Huron Tract Land Trust Conservancy.
- b) Reference: Environment Canada Funding
File: F.22.1
Brief: Correspondence from Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, Minister of Environment advising of the approval for funding towards the *Lake Huron/Georgian Bay Community-based Environmental Action* project.
- c) Reference: Shoreline Management Plan Update
File: W.4.11
Brief: Resolution from the Municipality of Bluewater that John Gillespie will sit on the Shoreline Management Plan Update project committee.
- d) Reference: Shoreline Management Plan Update
File: W.4.11
Brief: Resolution from the Municipality of Central Huron that Burkhard Metzger has been appointed to the Shoreline Management Plan Update project committee
- e) Reference: Ontario Agri-Food Education Inc.
File: A.5.1
Brief: Correspondence advising that Don Lobb, guest presenter at the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Awards Evening in March, has donated his speaker fee to the Teacher Ambassador Program of Ontario Agri-Food Education Inc.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**MOTION #BD 52/15****Moved by Ute Stumpf
Seconded by Ray Chartrand**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors go into Committee of the Whole at 11:10 a.m. to discuss a property matter with Brian Horner and Judith Parker remaining in attendance.”

Carried.**MOTION #BD 53/15****Moved by Ray Chartrand
Seconded by George Irvin**

“RESOLVED, THAT Committee of the Whole rise and report at 11:15 a.m.”

Carried.**MOTION #BD 54/15****Moved by Burkhard Metzger
Seconded by George Irvin**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors approve of the sale of property to the Province of Ontario represented by the Minister of Transportation consisting of approximately one third of an acre of Part Lots 40-42 and 51, Concession 1, Huron Road Survey, Tuckersmith; Part 1 on Reference Plan 22RD95 and Part 1 on Reference Plan 22R479 and Parts 1 & 2 on Reference Plan 22R611 subject to R32776 as amended by R51047 in the former Township of Tuckersmith and the Town of Clinton, now the Municipalities of Central Huron and Huron East, and

FURTHER, THAT the net proceeds of the sale of land be designated to the Stewardship Endowment Fund.”

Carried.NEW BUSINESS

The Board of Directors met outside at the water’s edge for a presentation by Kari Jean, Aquatic Biologist on the fisheries study being conducted at Morrison Dam and Parkhill reservoirs. Research of the different fish species and populations found in the reservoirs was last studied in 2005. Rachael Scholten, Stewardship Technician gave an overview of the floating wetland project that staff have placed in Morrison Dam reservoir.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Mike Tam
Chair

Judith Parker
Corporate Services Coordinator

