



# MINUTES



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, March 15, 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

Tom Tomes, Municipal of South Huron Councillor  
Nina Lieshout, Exeter TA

### STAFF PRESENT

Bev Brown, Cathie Brown, Geoff Cade, Ian Jean, Kate Monk, Judith Parker, Tom Prout, Alec Scott

### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bill Weber called the meeting to order at 2:59 p.m. He advised that Tom Prout, General Manager and he had met recently with Carol Mitchell, MPP for Huron Bruce.

### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

#### **MOTION #BD 18/07**

**Moved by Lawrence McLachlan  
Seconded by Jim Ginn**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the agenda for the March 15, 2007 Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Board of Directors Meeting be approved.”**

**Carried.**

### DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

ADOPTION OF MINUTES**MOTION #BD 19/07****Moved by Bob Bell****Seconded by Bob Norris**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on January 18, 2007 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”**

**Carried.**

BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTES

Tom Prout advised that there was correspondence to be dealt with before proceeding with the 2007 proposed levies and budget.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Reference: South Huron Voting Representative  
File: A.5.5.  
Brief: Resolution from the Municipality of South Huron appointing Councillor Tom Tomes as their voting representative for the March 15, 2007 meeting, substituting for Dave Frayne at this meeting only.
- b) Reference: Director Appointment  
File: A.10.1  
Brief: Notice from Township of Warwick on the re-appointment of Bill Weber to the ABCA Board of Directors.
- c) Reference: 2007 Budget  
File: F.6  
Brief: Resolution from Municipality of Lambton Shores that the ABCA General and Project Levy be included in the 2007 Lambton Shores budget and the Special Benefitting Levy for Port Franks Ice Management and Erosion Control project be considered further.
- d) Reference: 2007 Budget  
File: F.6  
Brief: Resolution from Township of Perth South approving the 2007 budget and levy.
- e) Reference: 2007 Budget  
File: F.6  
Brief: Resolution from Municipality of Huron East approving the 2007 budget and levy.

**MOTION #BD 20/07****Moved by Jim Ginn****Seconded by Lawrence McLachlan**

\_\_\_\_\_ **“RESOLVED, THAT the correspondence presented be received and filed.”**

**Carried.**

2007 Proposed Project Levy

**MOTION #BD 21/07**

**Moved by Lawrence McLachlan  
Seconded by Bob Norris**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the 2007 Project Levy be approved at \$246,251.”**

	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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 58% and Nay 42% based on property assessment schedule, therefore the motion Carried.**

2007 Proposed General Levy

**MOTION #BD 22/07**

**Moved by Jim Ginn  
Seconded by Paul Hodgins**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the 2007 General Levy be approved at \$572,996.”**

	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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 58% and Nay 42% based on property assessment schedule, therefore the motion Carried.

#### 2007 Proposed Budget

**MOTION #BD 23/07**

**Moved by Lawrence McLachlan  
Seconded by Adrian DeBruyn**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the 2007 Budget be approved as presented.”**

**Carried.**

#### PROGRAM REPORTS

##### 1. Development Review

The Development Review report pursuant to Ontario Regulation 147/06 Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses, was prepared by Andrew Bicknell, Regulations Coordinator. Through the application process, proposed developments within regulated areas are protected from flooding and erosion hazards. Staff granted permission for four *Applications for Permission* and three *Minor Works* applications.

**MOTION #BD 24/07**

**Moved by Bob Bell  
Seconded Jim Ginn**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the Development Review (O.Reg 147/06) program report be approved as circulated.”**

**Carried.**

##### 2. Agriculture Policy Framework Conservation Ontario Report

Tom Prout presented a report on the Agriculture Policy Framework discussions he attended, on behalf of Conservation Ontario, on December 11, 2006 in Montreal. Conservation Ontario was invited to participate in the federal government’s first round of discussions in developing the next generation of agriculture and agri-food policy. In summary it is important that Conservation Ontario and conservation authorities make presentations during the Round Two discussions to promote the importance of the environment within the agriculture policy framework.

**MOTION #BD 25/07**

**Moved by George Irvin  
Seconded by Bob Bell**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the report on the Agriculture Policy Framework Round One discussion be received as presented.”**

**Carried.**

**3. O Reg 147/06 Violations Update**

Geoff Cade, Supervisor of Water & Planning, presented an update on four violations pursuant to Ontario Regulation 147/06 Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses. Staff have been working with the landowners and/or contractors towards a suitable solution. Three of the violators are now going through the application process, however, discussions have terminated with the fourth violator. Staff are recommending that the ABCA proceed with laying charges against the offender who excavated a portion of a natural sand dune within the regulation limit at Part Lot 34, Concession LRW, Municipality of Lambton Shores, without permission of either the landowner or the ABCA.

**MOTION #BD 26/07**

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

**“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors support the recommendation of staff and proceed to lay a violation charge pursuant to Ontario Regulation 147/06.”**

**Carried.**

**4. Vehicle Purchase Tenders**

Kate Monk, Stewardship & Conservation Lands Supervisor brought the results of the tender for a new 2007 passenger van. There were five vehicle dealers invited to tender.

**MOTION #BD 27/07**

**Moved by Jim Ginn  
Seconded by Bob Bell**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the ABCA accept the low tender of \$21,591.34 from Huron Motor Products, Exeter for the purchase of a 2007 Chevrolet Uplander.”**

**Carried.**

**5. Stephen Wildlife Management Area Timber Harvest**

Ian Jean, Forestry and Stewardship Specialist reported that the St. Clair Region C.A. forester assisted in selecting timber for an improvement cut on 60 acres of hardwood forest within the 100 acre property. The timber harvest has been put forth for tender to close on March 23, 2007.

**MOTION #BD 28/07**

**Moved by Adrian DeBruyn  
Seconded by Paul Hodgins**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors authorize the staff to open the bids received from the invited tenders, and accept the highest bid between or above the low and high value estimate.”**

**Carried.**

BUDGET COMMITTEE**MOTION #BD 29/07****Moved by Bob Norris****Seconded by Lawrence McLachlan**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the Budget Committee minutes of January 26, 2007 and February 8, 2007 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”**

**Carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Reference: Ministry of Natural Resources  
File: A.5.3  
Brief: Memorandum from Ministry of Natural Resources regarding recent appointments as District Manager in six Southern Region districts.
- b) Reference: Young Professionals Program  
File: P.1  
Brief: Notice that Kari Killins, Aquatic Biologist has been accepted to the Young Professionals Program offered at University of Guelph.
- c) Reference: Ausable River Recovery Strategy  
File: W.7.17.1  
Brief: Letter from Honourable John Baird, Minister of the Environment, advising the mid-year review of grants has been completed for the Ausable River Recovery Strategy.
- d) Reference: Invitation  
File: A.7.2.21  
Brief: Invitation to attend the *Envisioning a Future with Broadband across Rural Ontario* Workshop sponsored by The Ontario Rural Council on March 22, 2007.
- e) Reference: Arkona Colour Tour  
File: R.11.1  
Brief: Request from the organizing committee of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Arkona Colour Tour to waive the gate fees at Rock Glen Conservation Area for participants of the bike/hike on September 29, 2007.

**MOTION #BD 30/07****Moved by Jim Ginn****Seconded by Adrian DeBruyn**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors waive the gate fees on September 29, 2007 for participants in the Arkona Colour Tour.”**

**Carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

None

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**MOTION #BD 31/07**

Moved by **Bob Norris**  
Seconded by **Paul Hodgins**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors go into Committee of the Whole at 3:55 p.m. to discuss property and personnel matters with Alec Scott, Tom Prout and Judith Parker remaining in attendance.”**

**Carried.**

**MOTION #BD 32/07**

Moved by **Adrian DeBruyn**  
Seconded by **George Irvin**

**“RESOLVED, THAT Board of Directors rise and report at 4:26 p.m.”**

**Carried.**

**MOTION #BD 33/07**

Moved by **Lawrence McLachlan**  
Seconded by **Jim Ginn**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors concur with the recommendations as presented by the Property Management Committee.”**

**Carried.**

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

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Bill Weber  
Chairman

Judith Parker  
Corporate Services Coordinator

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

