



MINUTES



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, March 19, 2009

Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Boardroom
Morrison Dam Conservation Area

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Dave Frayne, Jim Ginn, Paul Hodgins, Lawrence McLachlan, Bob Norris, Bill Siemon, Mark Simpson

DIRECTORS ABSENT

David Bolton, George Irvin

OTHERS PRESENT

Jeremy Giles, MacNeill Edmundson LLP

STAFF PRESENT

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

CALL TO ORDER

Lawrence McLachlan called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and welcomed all those attending.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION #BD 16/09

Moved by Paul Hodgins

Seconded by Jim Ginn

“RESOLVED, THAT the agenda for the March 19, 2009 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 17/09****Moved by Mark Simpson****Seconded by Bill Siemon**

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors Annual Meeting held on February 19, 2009 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”

Carried.

BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTES

1. Tom Prout reported that the invoice was received from Bell relating to the unlawful activity on the telephone voicemail system. The total for fraudulent long distance charges is \$162.52.

MOTION #BD 18/09**Moved by Jim Ginn****Seconded by Bob Norris**

“RESOLVED, THAT the invoice be paid as received.”

Carried.

PROGRAM REPORTS1. Development Review

Andrew Bicknell, Regulations Coordinator 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 two *Applications for Permission*.

2. Audited 2008 Financial Statement

Brian Horner, Financial Services Supervisor introduced the auditor, Jeremy Giles of MacNeill Edmundson LLP. Mr. Giles presented the draft 2008 Financial Statement providing explanation to the deferrals and reserves. He pointed out that the 2009 financial statement will include the reporting of capital tangible assets to be in compliance with PSAB 3150. Note 8 - Related Entity refers to the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation and may incur minor changes once their audit is completed.

MOTION #BD 19/09**Moved by Dave Frayne****Seconded by Bill Siemon**

“RESOLVED, THAT staff separate the information technology funds out of the Administration Building Reserve and designate a new reserve for information technology in the 2009 Financial Statement.”

Carried.

MOTION #BD 20/09**Moved by Bob Norris
Seconded by Jim Ginn**

“RESOLVED, THAT the 2008 Financial Statement be approved as presented.”

Carried.

Jeremy Giles left the meeting at 3:25 p.m.

3. Exeter Dam Environmental Assessment

Alec Scott, Water & Planning Manager reported that following the public meeting held last fall on the future of Exeter Dam, the Municipality of South Huron now wants to proceed with both the assessment study as well as future inspections. South Huron will pay 50% of the costs for the study with the remainder being funded through the provincial WECI program. Costs associated with the regular inspections of the structure will be funded 100% by the municipality.

MOTION #BD 21/09**Moved by Bill Siemon
Seconded by Dave Frayne**

“RESOLVED THAT the ABCA staff proceed with this project as requested by the Municipality of South Huron, and

FURTHER, THAT the consulting engineering firm of B.M. Ross & Associates be engaged to perform the assessment report subject to an acceptable price quotation.”

Carried.

4. Environmental Goods & Services

Kate Monk, Stewardship & Conservation Lands Supervisor reported on the discussions across Canada regarding putting a value on the environmental goods and services landowners provide to society. The ultimate goal is to protect the current good conservation measures or to encourage people to implement new stewardship. The County of Huron PEGS (Payment for Goods and Services) pilot project was implemented in 2008 through the Huron County Clean Water Project. The project pays landowners up to \$250 per year for five years to retire floodplains from farming. The project saw 42 acres of floodplain retired from pastureland. The majority of the Ausable Bayfield watershed is agriculture land, so practical ways to conserve soil, water and habitat for all of society without placing undo burdens on farmers and other landowners need to be explored. It was pointed out that in the ABCA budget there are no levy dollars designated to stewardship projects. Funding towards these incentive programs must be found from other sources.

MOTION #BD 22/09**Moved by Mark Simpson
Seconded by Paul Hodgins**

“RESOLVED THAT the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority develop a position statement related to the payment for ecological goods and services to be presented to the Board of Directors for approval .”

Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Drinking Water Source Protection Update

Larry Brown, Chair of the Source Protection Committee provided an update. Staff are making the amendments to the Terms of Reference as directed by the Minister of Environment. The revised Terms of Reference will be brought to the April meeting of the Source Protection Authority for approval.

The Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Drinking Water Stewardship Fund has been successful in receiving significant funding for eligible projects in the ABMV source protection region.

Cathie Brown, Project Manager reviewed the Joint Management Committee minutes of February 10, 2009 and the Source Protection Committee minutes of November 26, 2008. It was noted that Motion #SPC 2008-11-01 must be amended. Jim Ginn should be replaced by Jim Neilmans as seconder of the motion.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Tom Prout provided a written report with a brief update on Conservation Ontario activities, project progress, staff training and development, meetings attended, upcoming events and general activities over the previous month.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Reference: OMAFRA Funding
File: W.7.17.1
Brief: Correspondence that the Ministry of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs will provide \$5,000 towards hosting the 2009 Lake Huron-Georgian Bay Youth Summit in Huron County. Mari Veliz, Healthy Watersheds Coordinator is on the steering committee for this event.
- b) Reference: World Wildlife Fund Canada
File: W.7.17.1
Brief: Correspondence from the WWF-Canada advising that a grant application in the amount of \$15,000 has been approved for research on the impact of geomorphological processes on mussel species at risk distributions in the Lower Ausable River.
- c) Reference: Cosmetic Pesticides Ban Act
File: A.8.27.
Brief: Correspondence from Conservation Ontario that the decision notice regarding the new general regulation under the *Pesticides Act, 1990* to implement the *Cosmetic Pesticides Ban Act* has been posted by the Ministry of Environment on the Environmental Registry.
- d) Reference: A.D. Latornell Symposium
File: P.7.3

Brief: Preliminary notice of the 2009 A.D. Latornell Conservation Symposium on November 18-20 at Alliston. The theme will be *The Currency of Ecology*.

- e) Reference: DWSP Early Actions Funding
File: S.71.2
Brief: Notification from Ministry of Environment that the Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley region has been approved for \$834,140 to provide landowners within the 2 year time of travel zone with stewardship funding for early actions.
- f) Reference: MNR/Evergreen
File: A.5.3.
Brief: Notice of a partnership between Evergreen and the Ministry of Natural Resources towards grants for community tree planting projects on public accessible lands in an effort to combat climate change in Ontario.
- g) Reference: SWCS Annual Conference
File: A.7.12.5
Brief: Notice of the annual conference to be held in Dearborn Michigan on July 11-15/09.
- h) Reference: Federal Funding for Recreational Trails
File: A.5.1
Brief: Media release that the federal government will be spending \$25 million on recreational trails during the 2009-2010 fiscal year.
- i) Reference: MNR Expenditure Constraints
File: A.5.3
Brief: Correspondence from David Lynch, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Natural Resources regarding financial restraint measures being taken to reduce government expenditures.
- j) Reference: Conservation Ontario e-News
File: A.7.1
Brief: The winter issue of the Conservation Ontario newsletter was received. Of note was the link to the Ausable Bayfield 2007 Watershed Report Card.
- k) Reference: Funding Assistance in Plan 41
File: A.5.1
Brief: Copy of correspondence from Mr. Dick Kunda to the Municipality of Lambton Shores requesting that the municipality ask the ABCA to apply for a grant to correct the erosion problem at the front of his property in Port Franks.

NEW BUSINESS

Alec Scott advised that the Draft ABCA Stormwater Management Policy document has been posted on the website for stakeholder review.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**MOTION #BD 23/09****Moved by Jim Ginn
Seconded by Bill Siemon**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors go into Committee of the Whole at 4:30 p.m. to discuss legal and property matters, with Tom Prout, Judith Parker, Alec Scott and Kate Monk remaining in attendance.”

Carried.**MOTION #BD 24/09****Moved by Bob Norris
Seconded by Jim Ginn**

“RESOLVED, THAT Committee of the Whole rise and report at 4:53 p.m.”

Carried.**MOTION #BD 25/09****Moved by Dave Frayne
Seconded by Bill Siemon**

“RESOLVED, THAT the legal and property matters proceed as recommended by the Property Management Committee.”

Carried.ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Lawrence McLachlan
Chairman

Judith Parker
Corporate Services Coordinator

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

