



# MINUTES



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, March 20, 2008

Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Boardroom  
Morrison Dam Conservation Area

### DIRECTORS PRESENT

Adrian deBruyn, Jim Ginn, Paul Hodgins, Lawrence McLachlan, Bob Norris, Bill Siemon, Bill Weber

### DIRECTORS ABSENT

David Frayne, George Irvin

### OTHERS PRESENT

Pat Bolen, Exeter TA

### STAFF PRESENT

Andrew Bicknell, Tracey Boitson, Cathie Brown, Geoff Cade, Judith Parker, Tom Prout, Alec Scott, Ross Wilson, Mari Veliz

### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Lawrence McLachlan called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

**MOTION #BD 33/08**

**Moved by Adrian Debruyn**

**Seconded by Paul Hodgins**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the agenda for the March 20, 2008 Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Board of Directors meeting be approved.”**

**Carried.**

### DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

ADOPTION OF MINUTES**MOTION #BD 34/08****Moved by Bill Siemon  
Seconded by Adrian Debruyn**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the ABCA Board of Directors Meeting held on February 21, 2008 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”**

**Carried.**

BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTES(i) Proposed Ausable River Drain

Geoff Cade, Supervisor of Water & Planning, attended the Hearing of the Drainage Referee for the proposed Ausable River Drain. The Hearing was held as a continuation of the proceedings initiated on November 26 and 27, 2007. A subsequent meeting was held on February 6, 2007 to discuss the project and its potential costs. At the February 27<sup>th</sup> Hearing it was determined that there was insufficient petitioner support for the proposed drain and the project was formally dropped. Subsequent hearings are anticipated in order to address the apportionment of the substantial costs associated with the failed petition. The costs to date are estimated at \$225,000.

**MOTION #BD 35/08****Moved by Bill Weber  
Seconded by Jim Ginn**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the information on the proposed Ausable River Drain Hearing of the Drainage Referee be received.”**

**Carried.**

(ii) Cost Sharing for Port Franks Ice Management

John Byrne, CAO Lambton Shores had made a presentation at the last Board meeting and requested that the Board of Directors review the formula for special benefitting cost share agreements for flood and erosion control structures. Alec Scott, Water & Planning Manager prepared some background information on historic cost sharing arrangements for Morrison Dam and Parkhill Dam, as well as the Port Franks Ice Management Project initiated and agreed to by Lambton Shores Council in 2005. ABCA staff are aware that a portion of the Ausable River Cut is a municipal drain and this is a possible way that Lambton Shores could reduce its share of the project cost.

Recommendations presented for the Board to consider were:

1. That the cost sharing formula which has been agreed to by Lambton Shores and used at the start of the Ice Management Project, continue to be applied.
2. That if Lambton Shores provides a copy of the original municipal drain report for the Ausable River Cut, that ABCA will give a copy to TSH to see if the proposed works under the Ice Management Project would qualify as maintenance on the original drain report.

Bill Weber asked that the Board delay discussion until there is further investigation into availability of original drainage report for Ausable River Cut.

**MOTION #BD 36/08**

**Moved by Bill Weber**

**Seconded by Jim Ginn**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the report and recommendations be deferred until the next Board of Directors meeting.”**

**Carried**

### PROGRAM REPORTS

#### 1. 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 three *Applications for Permission* and 1 *Minor Works*.

Andrew Bicknell, advised the Board of Directors of a recent violation that is being investigated in the Municipality of Lambton Shores, Southcott Pines area. A landowner has excavated removing mature trees on the site. Staff are working with the landowner towards rectifying the situation.

#### 2. Flood Warning Communication Exercise

Ross Wilson, Water and Stewardship Technologist gave a synopsis on a communication exercise that was conducted on February 25, 2008 to test the effectiveness of the communication component of the Flood Warning Program. The results of the exercise indicated that the communication between the ABCA and the member municipalities was effective under near-ideal conditions and that the exercise should be repeated in the future under more challenging conditions.

#### 3. Flood Emergency Planning Workshop

Ross Wilson reported on the annual Flood Emergency Planning meeting held on March 4, 2008. Of the ten municipalities invited to attend, three participated along with Health Unit, OPP, EMO and three county Emergency Response staff.

**MOTION #BD 37/08**

**Moved by Jim Ginn**

**Seconded by Bill Weber**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the Program Reports # 1, 2 and 3 be received as presented.”**

**Carried.**

#### 4. ABCA Metadata Policy

Tracey Boitson, GIS/CAD Information Systems Specialist presented a list of recommendations that would form a policy for identifying and capturing metadata on all digital geographic information created and owned by the ABCA as well as other office software for non GIS data.

**MOTION #BD 38/08**

**Moved by Jim Ginn**

**Seconded by Bob Norris**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the ABCA Metatdata Policy by approved as presented.”**

**Carried.**

#### 5. Lake Huron Charter

Subsequent to an information session at the last Board meeting by Mari Veliz, Healthy Watersheds Coordinator, the directors were to review the *Lake Huron-Georgian Bay Watershed A Canadian Framework for Community Action* for discussion on signing the Lake Huron Charter.

**MOTION #BD 39/08**

**Moved by Bill Weber**

**Seconded by Bill Siemon**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the ABCA support the *Lake Huron -Georgian Bay Watershed A Canadian Framework for Community Action* and approve signing of the Lake Huron Charter as the objectives of the Charter and Framework complement and reinforce the mission and objectives of ABCA programs.”**

**Carried.**

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### 1. Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation

Bob Norris presented the minutes for the Annual Meeting of the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation. Norm MacPherson has accepted the position of Chairman for 2008. There is no Vice Chairman at this time.

#### 2. Conservation Ontario

Lawrence McLachlan reported that he attended the Conservation Ontario meeting on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. There had been discussion on proposed legislation that would ban the cosmetic use of pesticides in Ontario. Conservation Ontario will be submitting a response to the EBR posting. Chairman McLachlan said that he had spoke against the provincial ban at this time for the reason of needing more research and also the need to ban cosmetic pesticides from retail for homeowners.

Tom Prout distributed a copy of the inaugural Conservation Ontario E-News. Of note is the link to the ABCA article on preparing for climate change. The Directors and interested stakeholders are encouraged to subscribe to the newsletter at [www.conservation-ontario.on.ca](http://www.conservation-ontario.on.ca)

### 3. Source Protection Committee

Cathie Brown, DWSP Project Manager presented the minutes of the January 30, 2008 Source Protection Committee meeting and the report of the Regional Working Group and Municipal Subcommittee meetings.

**MOTION #BD 40/08**

**Moved by Paul Hodings**

**Seconded by Jim Ginn**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation Annual Meeting held on February 11, 2008, report from Conservation Ontario Council meeting on March 3, 2008, and Source Protection Committee meeting held on January 30, 2008, and the motions therein be approved as presented.”**

**Carried.**

### CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Reference: Huron Perth Agriculture & Water Festival  
File: A.5.1  
Brief: Thank you from the organizing committee for the support of the ABCA towards the upcoming festival on April 8-10th.
- b) Reference: Funding for Implementation of DWSP  
File: L.9.57  
Brief: Copy of correspondence to Conservation Ontario from Grey Sauble CA requesting conservation authorities and municipalities begin discussion on lobbying the Province for funding towards implementation of Drinking Water Source Protection.
- c) Reference: Integrated Planning for Fish Habitat Management  
File: A.5.1  
Brief: Invitation from the Steering Committee for the Conservation Non-Government Organizations and Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada Agreement on Fish Habitat Management for Tom Prout to participate in a two-day workshop on March 25-27 in Toronto.
- d) Reference: OSCIA Tour  
File: A.5.1  
Brief: Invitation to attend a tour being organized by OSCIA in Omaha, Nebraska with highlights that may be of interest to directors. The Chair and Vice Chair will review the itinerary.
- e) Reference: MVCA Conservation Dinner  
File: A.5.1  
Brief: Invitation to attend the 20<sup>th</sup> Maitland Valley CA Conservation Dinner on April 18<sup>th</sup> as well as recognizing the ABCA for being a long time supporter.

- f) Reference: Bendway Weir Maintenance Agreement  
File: W.4.2.3.3  
Brief: Copy of signed agreement between Municipality of Lambton Shores and Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority for maintenance of the Armstrong West Erosion Control Project and the associated Bendway Weirs.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Funding Updates

Tom Prout provided an update to some funding opportunities that have been approved since the 2008 budget was approved. The deadline for DWSP Outreach and Stewardship funding has been extended. The ABCA will be hiring two summer students through the MNR Summer Experience Program. A contribution towards purchase of office furniture has been received and an announcement is forthcoming of funding towards a wetlands project included in the project levy.

### ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman invited the Board to attend the Annual Awards Evening at Ironwood Golf Club following the meeting. A presentation will be made of staff years of service awards to Alec Scott and Wayne Ford for 25 years and Andrew Bicknell, Davin Heinbuck, Sharon Pavkeje and Tony Drinkwalter for 5 years of service. Other highlights will be recognition of the Conservationist of the Year Award winner – The Grand Bend Community Foundation and a presentation by guest speaker, Ted Briggs on Community Action to Protect the Lake Huron-Georgian Bay watershed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

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Lawrence McLachlan  
Chairman

Judith Parker  
Corporate Services Coordinator

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

