

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, May 16, 2013

Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Boardroom
Morrison Dam Conservation Area

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Burkhard Metzger, Lorie Scott, Don Shipway, Ute Stumpf, Mike Tam, Janisse Zimmerman

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Dave Frayne, Paul Hodgins, Bill Siemon

OTHERS PRESENT

Mark Lowenstine
Bob Montgomery

STAFF PRESENT

Jenna Allain, Andrew Bicknell, Geoff Cade, Brian Horner, Kate Monk, Tom Prout, Alec Scott, Mari Veliz

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Mike Tam called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. and welcomed everyone.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION #BD 44/13

**Moved by Don Shipway
Seconded by Ute Stumpf**

“RESOLVED, THAT the agenda for the May 16, 2013 Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Board of Directors meeting be approved.”

Carried.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest declared at this meeting or from the previous meeting.

DISCLOSURE OF INTENTION TO AUDIO/VIDEO RECORD MEETING

There were no disclosures.

RESCIND RESOLUTION

General Manager Tom Prout advised that the Board of Directors should consider rescinding motion #BD 126/12 from the December 16, 2012 meeting.

MOTION #BD 44/13

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

“RESOLVED THAT resolution #BD 126/12 be rescinded as per the property matter discussed at the April 11, 2013 meeting of the Board of Directors.”

Carried.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOTION #BD 45/13

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

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on April 11, 2013 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”

Carried.

BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTES

None

PROGRAM REPORTS1. a) Development Review

Andrew Bicknell, Regulations Coordinator prepared and 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 eight *Applications for Permission* and 25 *Minor Works Permit*.

1. b) Violation/Appeals Update

Geoff Cade, Supervisor of Water and Planning reported on two violations staff are working on.

- (i) In the Lucan area, the landowner has retained a lawyer to work with staff in resolving the matter.
- (ii) In the Clinton area, staff have been made aware of fill being placed within the floodplain. More details and updates will be brought to the Board as discussions progress with the landowner.

MOTION #BD 47/13

**Moved by Don Shipway
Seconded by Ute Stumpf**

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

Carried.

2. Drainage Act & Section 28 (DART) Protocol

Davin Heinbuck, Lands & Water Technologist provided a followup report on the *Drainage Act and Conservation Authorities Act Protocol* - a protocol for municipalities and conservation authorities in drain maintenance and repair activities. The document has received approval from the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Ministry of Agriculture and Food. The protocol is now available for use by municipal drainage superintendents and conservation authorities. As the protocol is adopted, a consistent fee schedule will be established with neighbouring conservation authorities.

MOTION #BD 48/13

**Moved by Ute Stumpf
Seconded by Burkhard Metzger**

“RESOLVED, THAT the *Drainage Act and Conservation Authorities Act Protocol: Protocol for Municipalities and Conservation Authorities in Drain Maintenance and Repair Activities (DART Protocol)* be adopted by the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority and included in the *ABCA Policies and Procedures Manual for the Administration of Ontario Regulation 147/06 and Municipal Plan Input and Review Manual.*”

Carried.

Lorie Scott arrived to the meeting 10:12 a.m.

3. Municipal Freedom of Information & Protection of Privacy

Tom Prout advised that historically the ABCA has not received requests under the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA). However, there has been an increase in requests for information. The ABCA should develop a policy and undertake further staff training to comply with MFIPPA requests.

MOTION #BD 49/13

**Moved by Don Shipway
Seconded by Lorie Scott**

“RESOLVED, THAT the General Manager be directed to develop a draft policy related to *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, in consultation with legal counsel, for consideration of the Board of Directors.”

Carried.

PRESENTATION

Brynn Upsdell-Wright, Water Quality Technician gave a presentation on the methods of collecting water samples in low and high water flows for monitoring water quality and providing data to produce watershed report cards. Mark Lowenstine gave a demonstration of how the ISCO

automatic water sampler works to collect water samples during high flow events. There are 24 one-litre bottles set in a rosette pattern at the bottom of the unit. The sampler works on a 12 volt battery and sensors direct the arm towards filling the sample bottles at different time intervals. When analysing the monitoring data, staff are noticing the varied relationships of nitrate and phosphorus levels to stream flow increases and decreases. Besides a cost-saving, the automatic samplers benefit staff by being able to collect water samples during high flow events when staff may not be available.

Mari Veliz, Healthy Watersheds Supervisor commented that the ABCA's role is to look at the bigger picture and think as water managers. Tiering of similar best management practices can form a different perspective with a broader scale and consequences. When looking at stewardship practices in relation to inputs; field management; infield structures; edge of field planting; riparian buffers, this is a new approach to finding effective and practical solutions to water quality problems. There is more work to be done as landowners and managers become aware of these new changing practices.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Tom Prout provided a written report with a brief update on the progress of various projects, staff training and development, upcoming meetings, events or activities over the previous month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MOTION #BD 50/13

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

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors approve waiving the gate fees at Rock Glen Conservation Area on September 21, 2013 for the annual *Lions Day at Rock Glen Classic Car Show*.”

Carried.

MOTION #BD 51/13

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

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of Arkona Lions Museum Management Committee meeting held on May 2, 2013 and the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation meeting held March 25, 2013 and the motions therein be approved as presented.”

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Reference: Environment Canada
File: W.7.17.4
Brief: Letter from Honourable Peter Kent, advising that the multi-year Ausable River Recovery Strategy Implementation Proposal for funding was approved.

- b) Reference: Department of Fisheries & Oceans
File: L.9.51.1
Brief: Correspondence from Edwin DeBruyn, Director of Ontario-Great Lakes Area Habitat Management Program for DFO, extending appreciation for the ABCA's partnership in sustaining the habitat the supports important fisheries in Ontario. Mr. DeBruyn is retiring and DFO is going through an organizational restructuring. There will be a new Fisheries *Protection Program* that will reflect the proposed changes in the federal *Fisheries Act*.
- c) Reference: Drainage Act Protocol
File: A.8.32
Brief: Copy of the document *Drainage Act and Conservation Authorities Act Protocol* was received and can be viewed online at Ontario.ca/drainage, click 'Ontario Municipalities.'
- d) Reference: My FM Radio
File: A.5.1
Brief: Announcement from MyFM Radio that the ABCA was named myFM Community Partner for the month of May. A generous donation of \$2,500 in air time went towards promoting the release of the Watershed Report Cards.
- e) Reference: Thank you
File: C.16.53
Brief: Note of appreciation from Dorothy McCann to the organizers of the two day Huron Perth Water & Ag Festival for making the event such a worthwhile experience for all the grade 4 students attending.
- f) Reference: Municipality of Bluewater
File: L.2.15.1
Brief: A statement of account was received from Municipality of Bluewater for costs associated to the Ausable River drain assessment which was going to be paid over two years. Staff have determined the statement includes outstanding interest. The directors questioned the charges which will affect each municipality's levy and they would like to discuss further when more Board members are in attendance.

MOTION #BD 52/13

Moved by Lorie Scott

Seconded by Janisse Zimmerman

“RESOLVED, THAT the matter be deferred for staff to bring back a chronology on the Ausable River drain project and subsequent assessment to the landowners.”

Carried.

DISPOSITION OF CORRESPONDENCE

MOTION #BD 53/13

**Moved by Don Shipway
Seconded by Lorie Scott**

“RESOLVED, THAT the correspondence not specifically dealt with be received and filed.”

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

None

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOTION #BD 54/13

**Moved by Janisse Zimmerman
Seconded by Lorie Scott**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors go into Committee of the Whole at 11:20 a.m. for property matters, with Tom Prout and Judith Parker remaining in attendance.”

Carried.

MOTION #BD 55/13

**Moved by Janisse Zimmerman
Seconded by Lorie Scott**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors rise at 11:25 a.m. and report that the directors approve the clarification of property matters discussed in Committee of the Whole.”

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

Mike Tam
Vice-Chair

Judith Parker
Corporate Services Coordinator

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

