

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, May 17, 2012

Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Boardroom  
Morrison Dam Conservation Area

### DIRECTORS PRESENT

Dave Frayne, Jim Ginn, Paul Hodgins, Lorie Scott, Bill Siemon, Don Shipway, Ute Stumpf,  
Janisse Zimmerman

### DIRECTORS ABSENT

Mike Tam

### OTHERS PRESENT

Bob Montgomery, CKNX  
Charlotte McEwen, ABCA volunteer

### STAFF PRESENT

Bev Brown, Cathie Brown, Geoff Cade, Brian Horner, Judith Parker, Tom Prout, Alec Scott,  
Tom Skinner, Mari Veliz,

### CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Paul Hodgins called the meeting to order at 10:14 a.m. and welcomed everyone in  
attendance.

### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

**MOTION #BD 52/12**

**Moved by Lorie Scott**

**Seconded by Jim Ginn**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the agenda for the May 17, 2012 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.

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ADOPTION OF MINUTES

**MOTION #BD 53/12**

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

**“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on April 26, 2012 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”**

**Carried.**

BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTES

Target for 2013 Budget

As suggested at the last meeting, the Board of Directors were to give guidance to staff as to the increase anticipated in preparing the 2013 budget.

**MOTION #BD 54/12**

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

**“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors propose the target increase be 2% in the 2013 budget.”**

**Carried.**

Dave Frayne arrived at 10:15 a.m. and assumed the chair.

PROGRAM REPORTS

1. a) Development Review

Geoff Cade reported on behalf of Andrew Bicknell, Regulations Coordinator who prepared 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* and thirteen *Minor Works Permits*.

1. b) Violation/Appeals Update

Geoff Cade, Water & Planning Supervisor advised of a landowner who plead guilty to a violation charge and ABCA staff are working towards restoration of the site by the landowner.

**MOTION #BD 55/12**

**Moved by Bill Siemon  
Seconded by Lorie Scott**

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

**Carried.**

## 2. Parkhill Dam Outlet Restoration

Alec Scott, Water & Planning Manager advised that the \$50,000 Parkhill Dam Outlet Restoration project was approved as part of the ABCA 2012 budget. Included was a request for 50% grant funding through the Water & Erosion Control Infrastructure funding program from the Ministry of Natural Resources. ABCA has been advised that the project will not be eligible for this grant funding. However, there is still an urgency to try to resolve issues related to flows downstream of Parkhill Dam, wetland restoration and the Parkhill mosquito problem.

**MOTION #BD 56/12**

**Moved by Lorie Scott**

**Seconded by Jim Ginn**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the Parkhill Dam Outlet Restoration Project be started in 2012 with the use of Project and Special Benefitting levy as identified in the approved ABCA 2012 budget, and**

**FURTHER, THAT a report be brought back to the Board of Directors if required works will exceed the revised budget of \$25,000.”**

**Carried.**

## 3. Rural Stormwater Management Model

Alec Scott advised that the Rural Stormwater Management Model project needs to purchase permanent water monitoring equipment for the five priority watersheds. One of the equipment purchases identified was automated water sampling device for automatic collection of water samples based on an increase in water levels or a preset sampling time. Funding for this multi-partner project is from the Ministry of Environment Showcasing Water Innovations grant.

**MOTION #BD 57/12**

**Moved by Bill Siemon**

**Seconded by Janisse Zimmerman**

**“RESOLVED, THAT five ISCO 6712 automatic water sampling devices be purchased from Avensys at a total cost of \$31,331.00 plus HST and shipping.”**

**Carried.**

## 4. Summer Student/Contract Staffing

For the Board’s information, Alec Scott provided a summary of the students and short term contract staff that will be assisting in various departments over the summer months.

## PRESENTATION

Mari Veliz, Healthy Watersheds Coordinator gave a presentation on the ABCA water sampling program. From a global perspective, water quality issues are evolving whereby an abundance of nutrients is being identified. Ecosystems are changing and algae is becoming prominent in some regions. The three big pollutants tend to be dirt (sediments), bacteria and nutrients. The ABCA has nine provincial water quality monitoring network stations. The network is enhanced by the

ABCA with nine additional sites strategically placed around the watershed. Some sites have date back to the 1960's and before. In addition to these 18 sites there are community groups monitoring 45 creeks and eleven smaller specific sites plus two lakeshore sites.

Lab costs for analysing the samples is \$280 per sample per indicator, so staff try to make efficient use of vehicles, staffing and shipping to maximize savings when gathering samples. An example is how the ABCA coordinates with the Huron County Health Unit for shipping water samples to the lab and shares the transportation costs.

It is important to develop and maintain a good system to manage the data over the long term. Overall findings are that data points for phosphorus are coming down which could be from improvements to wastewater treatment. However nitrates are trending upwards.

In 2012, the updated Watershed Report Card will be developed with a launch in March 2013.

Jim Ginn commented that working with community groups is important for the ABCA to be doing. However, there needs to be a balance in interpreting findings and how there can be many contributors to sources of pollution. It was noted that Huron County Council is supporting a septic system reinspection program. Janisse Zimmerman commented that this presentation would be worthwhile for all councillors to see. It was suggested the ABCA organize a Councillors' Information Day.

#### 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 general activities over the previous month.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### **MOTION #BD 58/12**

**Moved by Bill Siemon  
Seconded by Jim Ginn**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Arkona Lions Museum Management Committee meeting held May 3, 2012 and the motions therein be approved as presented.”**

**Carried.**

#### CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Reference: 50 Million Tree Program  
File: S.29.1.1  
Brief: Correspondence that the 50 Million Tree Program has been supported by the Government of Ontario during the provincial budget announcements. The annual target has been reset to 3 million seedlings per year for the duration of the program to 2025. The ABCA planted 35,000 trees through the program this spring.

- b) Reference: Carbon Offsets  
File: A.5.1  
Brief: Following the presentation to the Board last month on carbon offsets, Tom Prout brought attention to the Muskoka Heritage Foundation website which promotes Muskoka Envirocredits for a tax receipt.
- c) Reference: A.D. Latornell Conservation Symposium  
File: P.7.3  
Reference: Announcement of the keynote lineup for the 2012 A.D. Latornell Conservation Symposium on November 14-16th at Nottawasaga Inn and Conference Centre.
- d) Reference: MyFM Community Partner  
File: A.5.1  
Reference: Notice that Ausable Bayfield Conservation was selected as the MyFM Community Partner for the month of May. The radio station donated \$2,500 worth of airtime to promote our organization.
- e) Reference: DWSP Project Manager  
File: P.1.  
Reference: The last day of work for Cathie Brown, Project Manager for the Drinking Water Source Protection program is May 31, 2012. An Open House reception will be held that day at the ABCA Boardroom to recognize her leadership in the Source Protection Planning project.
- f) Reference: Conservation Ontario Curling Bonspiel  
File: A.7.1  
Reference: The Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority will be hosting the 2013 Conservation Ontario Curling Bonspiel on March 2, 2013 at the Exeter Curling Club.

Lorie Scott left the meeting at 11:40 p.m.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Brian Horner advised he will be bringing a report to the Board of Directors at the next meeting on ABCA reserves and any feedback on how each municipality determines reserves.

#### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

**MOTION #BD 59/12**

**Moved by Bill Siemon  
Seconded by Paul Hodgins**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors go into Committee of the Whole at 11:45 a.m. for a legal matter with Alec Scott, Geoff Cade, Tom Prout and Judith Parker remaining in attendance.”**

**Carried.**

**MOTION #BD 60/12**

**Moved by Janisse Zimmerman  
Seconded by Don Shipway**

**“RESOLVED, THAT Committee of the Whole rise and report at 11:56 p.m.”  
Carried.**

**MOTION #BD 61/12**

**Moved by Bill Siemon  
Seconded by Jim Ginn**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the information on the legal matter be received.”  
Carried.**

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

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Dave Frayne  
Chair

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Judith Parker  
Corporate Services Coordinator

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

