

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on April 8, 2010 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”

Carried.

BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTES

None

PROGRAM REPORTS

1. (a) Development Review

Andrew Bicknell, Regulations Coordinator 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 ten *Applications for Permission* and nine *Minor Works* application.

MOTION #BD 32 /10

**Moved by David Bolton
Seconded by George Irvin**

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

Carried.

1. (b) Violation/Appeals Information Update

Geoff Cade, Supervisor of Water & Planning reported that following a court appearance, staff have entered into discussions with the landowner for restoration of the lake bank discussed at a previous meeting.

2. Existing Development within a Valley Wall

Geoff Cade requested that the Board of Directors consider amending the Authority’s Policy and Procedures Manual to permit increased development below the top of a valley bank where the valley bank is flatter than 3:1. Under Ontario Regulation 147/06, the ABCA regulates development below the top of valley banks. Development is generally directed away from these sites due to erosion or soils instability hazards. Currently the Policy & Procedures Manual permits reconstruction or minor additions in cases where slope stability and natural heritage concerns have been addressed. However, increased development in these areas is considered low risk where valley banks are flatter than the standard 3:1.

MOTION #BD 33/10

**Moved by Mark Simpson
Seconded by George Irvin**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors approve the amendments to Section 3.23 Existing Valley Development of the ABCA Policy and Procedures Manual for

the Administration of Ontario Regulation 147/06 and Municipal Plan Input and Review Manual, as presented.”

Carried.

3. Joint & Several Liability Reform in Ontario

Tom Prout, General Manager brought forth a report from Don Pearson, General Manager of Conservation Ontario providing background to the discussion of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) case for Joint and Several Liability Reform in Ontario. Conservation Ontario is inviting each conservation authority to consider supporting this AMO initiative and add their support for the recommendation to the Attorney General’s Office.

MOTION #BD 34/10

Moved by Bill Siemon

Seconded by Dave Frayne

“RESOLVED, THAT the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority endorse the Association of Municipalities of Ontario Case for Joint and Several Liability Reform in Ontario.”

Carried.

4. 1st Quarter Financial Statement

Bev Brown, Financial Services Coordinator presented for review the consolidated financial statement to March 31, 2010.

5. Accessibility Customer Services Standard

Tom Prout provided an overview of the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005* and development of Accessibility Standards for Customer Service. The Authority is a non-profit organization with more than 20 employees and has until January 2012 to comply with the standards. Policy, practices and procedures will be developed and brought to a future meeting for the Board’s review.

PRESENTATION

Kari Jean, Aquatic Biologist presented an information session on natural fish kills. In early spring the ABCA received numerous reports about dead fish along the 14 kilometre stretch of the Old Ausable Channel between Grand Bend and Port Franks. The last time there was a fish kill of this severity was seven years ago. It was determined that the cause of the fish die off was natural due to low oxygen. There were many different species affected. Natural fish kills are caused by events beyond anyone’s control such as weather. Non-natural fish kills can be due to water quality, pollution inputs or fish diseases. Spring fish kills of carp are quite common in the Parkhill Reservoir as there is an overpopulation of this species so they are already stressed.

Because the ABCA is the local agency with expertise, staff are called on to respond and investigate fish kill cases. The ABCA protocol is to contact Ministry of Environment to report surface water quality issues, the Ministry of Natural Resources with details of the fish die-off and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans regarding any fish habitat disruption.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Arkona Lions Museum & Information Centre Committee

Mark Simpson reported that the Arkona Lions Club will be hosting Lions Day at Rock Glen Car Show on September 18, 2010. The Committee supports the Lions Club's special event and recommends the gate fees be waived for the day.

MOTION #BD 35/10

**Moved by Mark Simpson
Seconded by Bill Siemon**

“RESOLVED, THAT the gate fee to Rock Glen Conservation Area be waived on September 18, 2010 in recognition of Lions Day at Rock Glen and the 6th Annual Car Show under the same terms of the special use permit used in 2009.”

Carried.

MOTION #BD 36/10

**Moved by Bill Siemon
Seconded by David Bolton**

“RESOLVED, THAT minutes of the Arkona Lions Museum and Information Centre meeting held May 7, 2010; Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation meeting held April 1, 2010; Property Management Committee meeting held April 8, 2010; Joint Management Committee meeting held May 7, 2010, Source Protection Committee meeting held March 31, 2010; Water Response Team meeting held April 27, 2010; and the motions therein be approved as presented.”

Carried.

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

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

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Reference: MNR Fish Die Off Protocol
File: W.11.3
Brief: Guelph District Ministry of Natural Resources have developed a draft protocol for responding to significant fish die-off. Conservation authorities will be the primary response agency for fish kills in reservoirs they own and manage. The protocol will facilitate effective coordination and communication among stakeholders and the public. Staff will review and provide comments.

- b) Reference: Eco-Action Funding
File: F.22.1
Brief: Correspondence from Environment Canada confirming funding assistance for the “Conserving Lake Huron’s Biodiversity through Community Action” project.

- c) Reference: *Water Opportunities and Water Conservation Act*
File: A.8.29
Brief: Notice of the first reading of Bill 72, the proposed Water Opportunities and Water Conservation Act.
- d) Reference: Bendway Weir Project Costs - Plan 427 Lot 26
File: W.4.2.3
Brief: Resolution from the Municipality of Lambton Shores advising that council had denied the ABCA request to share the costs assessed to Lot 26 for the Bendway Weir project. The Board requested that the matter be referred to Committee of the Whole later in the meeting.
- e) Reference: Mandatory Septic System Inspection
File: A.5.5
Brief: Copy of a resolution from the County of Huron requesting support in asking the Province for funding assistance to repair or replace rural septic systems.

MOTION # 37/10

**Moved by Dave Frayne
Seconded by Bill Siemon**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority support a proactive septic system inspection program.”

Carried.

- f) Reference: Ontario Nature Annual General Meeting
File: R.11.1
Brief: The Ontario Nature AGM is visiting Joany’s Woods and Rock Glen Conservation Area. The organizers are requesting that the gate fees into Rock Glen CA be waived for their participants.

MOTION # BD 38/10

**Moved by Bob Norris
Seconded by Dave Frayne**

“RESOLVED, THAT the gate fees into Rock Glen CA be waived on May 30, 2010 for participants in the Ontario Nature Annual General Meeting.”

Carried.

MOTION # BD 39/10

**Moved by Dave Frayne
Seconded by Mark Simpson**

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

Carried.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOTION # BD 40/10

**Moved by David Bolton
Seconded by Mark Simpson**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors go into Committee of the Whole at 11:37 a.m. with Alec Scott, Geoff Cade, Tom Prout and Judith Parker remaining in attendance.”

Carried.

MOTION # BD 41/10

**Moved by Bill Siemon
Seconded by George Irvin**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report at 11:59 a.m.

Carried.

MOTION # BD 42/10

**Moved by David Bolton
Seconded by Paul Hodgins**

“RESOLVED, THAT staff be directed to proceed with the legal and property matter as discussed.”

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Jim Ginn
Chairman

Judith Parker
Corporate Services Coordinator

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

