

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, May 21, 2015

Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Boardroom  
Morrison Dam Conservation Area

### DIRECTORS PRESENT

Ray Chartrand, Doug Cook, Wayne Hall, George Irvin, Burkhard Metzger, Ute Stumpf, Mike Tam

### DIRECTORS ABSENT

Dave Frayne, Don Shipway

### STAFF PRESENT

Jenna Allain, Andrew Bicknell, Geoff Cade, Bev Brown, Brian Horner, Kate Monk, Judith Parker, Alec Scott, Meghan Tydd-Hrynyk, Ross Wilson

### OTHERS PRESENT

Bob Montgomery, CKNX Radio

### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mike Tam called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

#### **MOTION #BD 36/15**

**Moved by Ute Stumpf  
Seconded by Wayne Hall**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the agenda for the May 21, 2015 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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DISCLOSURE OF INTENTION TO RECORD PROCEEDINGS

None

ADOPTION OF MINUTES**MOTION #BD 37/15**

**Moved by Doug Cook  
Seconded by Ray Chartrand**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on April 23, 2015 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”**

**Carried.**

BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTES

As a result of the solicitor’s presentation at the April Board of Directors meeting, Ute Stumpf requested that staff develop a Director’s Information Handbook to provide an orientation of the ABCA programs and services and identify the director’s roles and responsibilities.

PROGRAM REPORT1 (a) Development Review

Andrew Bicknell 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 3 *Applications for Permission* and 13 *Minor Works Permit* to construct works within regulated areas.

(b) Violation/Appeals Update

- (i) Staff advised that there was no plea entered at the May 19<sup>th</sup> court date for the violation matter in the Municipality of Bluewater. The court appearance has been deferred to June 2, 2015.
- (ii) Staff have been made aware of a landowner removing vegetation on the lake bank to construct a sauna. The municipality has directed the landowner to contact ABCA staff to address the issue.

**MOTION #BD 38/15**

**Moved by Ute Stumpf  
Seconded by George Irvin**

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

**Carried.**

## 2. Watershed Management Strategy

Tim Cumming, Communications Specialist presented the final draft of the *Watershed Management Strategy*. In 2012, a group of 34 community members met monthly to develop the *ABCA Conservation Strategy: A Path Forward*. The next step towards implementation of the Conservation Strategy for staff and directors was to develop a new watershed management strategy, with a 10 year horizon, to replace the 1995 version. A steering committee of staff representing the various ABCA programs and services met throughout 2014 to develop the strategy. An external review of the draft strategy was completed by Liz Snell of Snell & Cecile Environmental Research. Staff have also reviewed the document, providing input on any gaps. The final version is being presented to the Board of Directors for review and approval.

**MOTION #BD 39/15**

**Moved by George Irvin  
Seconded by Ray Chartrand**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors approve the *ABCA Watershed Management Strategy, 2015-2025* as presented.”**

**Carried.**

## 3. Revised Personnel Regulation

Brian Horner, General Manager presented the revisions proposed for *Personnel Regulation #10 Hours of Work*. The sections to be revised are 10.7 Reimbursement and 10.10 Standby Time.

**MOTION #BD 40/15**

**Moved by Ute Stumpf  
Seconded by George Irvin**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors approve the revisions to Personnel Regulation #10 Hours of Work, and**

**FURTHER, THAT the changes become effective immediately.”**

**Carried.**

## 4. Lake Huron Waterfront Trail in Lambton Shores

Kate Monk, Stewardship, Land and Education Manager provided some background on Ontario's Waterfront Trail which is being promoted by the Waterfront Regeneration Trust. The trail now extends along the north shores of Lake Ontario and Lake Erie. The trail is working its way north along the east shore of Lake Huron and Grand Bend is the northern terminus. The Lambton Shores Nature Trails group is also interested in a possible trail development project called the *Pinery-Port Franks Bikeway*. The ABCA has been invited to be a partner and owns land on both sides of the Ausable River Cut where a dedicated bridge may be needed.

**MOTION #BD 41/15**

**Moved by Doug Cook  
Seconded by Ute Stumpf**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority participates in the Lambton Shores waterfront trail stakeholder committee.”**

**Carried.**

5. Lake Huron Student Conference.

Kate Monk reported that the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change provided funding for the ABCA to organize a conference for secondary school students from Avon Maitland District School Board and Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board on April 29, 2015. The purpose was to increase the student’s knowledge of Lake Huron and ways to protect the lake. The event was held at Oakwood Inn and Resort at Grand Bend. More than 50 students attended and topics included drinking water, plastics, rural water quality, municipal sewage and drinking water, agriculture and the state of the lake. Student and teacher evaluations were positive.

**MOTION #BD 42/15**

**Moved by George Irvin**

**Seconded by Ute Stumpf**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the ABCA increase its education programs for secondary school students in collaboration with the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change and the Ontario Great Lakes Strategy.”**

**Carried.**

6. 2015 Projects Update

Brian Horner prepared the list of ongoing, phased and new projects underway this year that were approved in the 2015 budget. The levy contribution of \$366,534 was leveraged with other sources of funding so that staff can undertake \$858,405 worth of projects in 2015.

PRESENTATION

Ross Wilson, Water & Stewardship Technologist provided a demonstration to help increase knowledge on the relationship between soil management and water quality. Many farmers believe that they are creating a beautiful seed bed when working the soil multiple times. However, the better practice for optimizing soil health is to incorporate more organic material, manure, cover crops, and longer term rotations to stabilize the aggregates. Soil samples were taken from along a fence-row that had never been tilled; a field that had residue and not tilled for a long time and an adjacent section of field that is tilled with three passes per year. The aggregates were placed into a rainfall simulator and water was poured through them to gather in a reservoir below. Observations compared the clarity showing water quality and the rate of speed the water travelled through the soil. The differences were quite significant. The demonstration is scheduled to be taken to 3 or 4 school classrooms and a 4-H group. The directors commented they would like the demonstration to be given at one of their future Council meetings. Municipal clerks can contact Ross Wilson to schedule a 10 minute demonstration at a meeting.

## GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Brian Horner presented the General Manager's report. Highlights were given on the progress of various projects, staff training and development, upcoming meetings and activities held over the previous month. This report is distributed to the municipalities for their councillors' information.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### **MOTION #BD 43/15**

**Moved by Ray Chartrand  
Seconded by Ute Stumpf**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Arkona Lions Museum Management Committee meeting on May 4, 2015; the DWSP Joint Management Committee meeting of May 4, 2015, and the motions therein be approved as presented.”**

**Carried.**

## CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Reference: Conservation Ontario  
File: A.7.2  
Brief: Copies of Conservation Ontario 2014 Annual Report were circulated to the directors.
- b) Reference: Environment Canada Funding  
File: F.22.1  
Brief: Correspondence from Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, Minister of Environment advising of the approval for funding of the *Healthy Headwaters for Lake Huron* project. The focus is on restoring a piece of the 90 percent of wetlands lost since pre-settlement.
- c) Reference: Biennial Tour  
File: A.7.4.1  
Brief: Registration is now open for the 2015 Conservation Authorities Biennial Tour on September 20-23. Hosts are Long Point Region and Grand River Conservation Authorities.
- d) Reference: Thank you  
File: A.5.1  
Brief: Letter of appreciation from Pat Morden for the support received from Ian Jean, ABCA Forestry Specialist in working with the Grand Bend 5000 Trees Project Committee.
- e) Reference: Ontario Trails Council  
File: R.1  
Brief: Media Release from Ontario Trails Council advising stakeholders that the new *Ontario Trails Act* has been posted on the EBR for commenting.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**MOTION #BD 44/15**

**Moved by Ute Stumpf  
Seconded by Doug Cook**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors go into Committee of the Whole at 11:13 a.m. to discuss a legal matter with Brian Horner, Judith Parker and Alec Scott remaining in attendance.”**

**Carried.**

**MOTION #BD 45/15**

**Moved by Ute Stumpf  
Seconded by George Irvin**

**“RESOLVED, THAT Committee of the Whole rise and report at 11:20 a.m.”**

**Carried.**

**MOTION #BD 46/15**

**Moved by Wayne Hall  
Seconded by Ray Chartrand**

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

**Carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

1. Burkhard Metzger inquired how many members are being invited to sit on the Steering Committee for revising the *Shoreline Management Plan*. Alec Scott responded that it is anticipated the committee will be made up of approximately 12 members representing municipalities, counties, cottage associations and contractors. As part of the process, there will be a consultation to engage the public in developing the plan.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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Mike Tam  
Chair

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Judith Parker  
Corporate Services Coordinator

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