

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, November 13, 2014

Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Boardroom  
Morrison Dam Conservation Area

### DIRECTORS PRESENT

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

### DIRECTORS ABSENT

Les Falconer, Dave Frayne

### STAFF PRESENT

Andrew Bicknell, Geoff Cade, Bev Brown, Ian Jean, Brian Horner, Kate Monk, Judith Parker, Alec Scott, Ross Wilson

### CALL TO ORDER

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

### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

#### **MOTION #BD 101/14**

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

**“RESOLVED, THAT the agenda for the November 13, 2014 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.

### DISCLOSURE OF INTENTION TO RECORD PROCEEDINGS

None

ADOPTION OF MINUTES**MOTION #BD 102/14**

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

**“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on October 16, 2014 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”**

**Carried.**

BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTESInvestment Income Policy Statement

Adam Skillen of Gary Bean Securities presented a draft investment income policy statement for the Board to review. Details for target asset allocation and the annual performance for the investment income over the long term were discussed. Next steps are to finalize the investment income policy agreement for signing.

**MOTION #BD 103/14**

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

**“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors approve the investment income policy statement as discussed and authorize the Board Chair and General Manager/ Secretary Treasurer to sign the agreement with Gary Bean Securities Ltd.”**

**Carried.**

PROGRAM REPORT1. (a) 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 9 *Applications for Permission* and 3 *Minor Works Permits* to construct works within regulated areas.

1. (b) Violation/Appeals Update

- (a) Staff reported that the owners of Windmill Lake Wake & Eco Park in Central Huron are going through the permitting process.
- (b) Staff were made aware of a deck and retaining wall construction at a lakeshore property in Municipality of Bluewater. The landowner is going through the permitting process.
- (c) The violation continues for the Municipality of Bluewater lakeshore property where the landowner refuses to meet and work towards resolving the issue.

**MOTION #BD 104/14****Moved by Don Shipway  
Seconded by Paul Hodgins**

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

**Carried.**

**2. Standing Committee Update**

Brian Horner presented a report for discussing review of the current ABCA standing committees. Some of the committees were originally established when the Board was much larger in numbers and before amalgamations. The ABCA wants to make effective use of the limited time members of council have for conservation authority commitments. Some directors commented that it is important to have more input on some issues. Another suggestion was to reduce the number of directors on a standing committee from two to one.

**MOTION #BD 105/14****Moved by Don Shipway  
Seconded by Ute Stumpf**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors recommend that the Striking Committee review the Standing Committees at their meeting in the new year.”**

**Carried.**

**3. Project Deliverables for New Directions Funding**

Alec Scott, Water & Planning Manager reported that the ABCA received New Directions Funding from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture Food & Rural Affairs to continue work started by the WBBE and RSMWMM projects. There are two deliverables for this work which will require hiring consultants. The work is specific and staff feel it is not practical to request three quotations on the project.

**MOTION #BD 106/14****Moved by Janisse Zimmerman  
Seconded by Lorie Scott**

**“RESOLVED, THAT R.J. Burnside and Associates Ltd. be contracted to complete a project to test the Rural Stormwater Management Model for its applicability in working on Municipal Drain projects at an estimated cost of \$10,000 plus HST, and**

**FURTHER, THAT E. Simmons be contracted to complete a project to write a bibliography that summarizes methodologies to evaluate loadings from small agricultural streams at an estimated cost of \$5,000 plus HST.”**

**Carried.**

#### 4. Fall Tree Program

Ian Jean, Forestry & Stewardship Specialist presented an update on the fall tree planting program. A total of 2,277 trees were sold through the program. Two planting events were organized with local schools. Clinton Public, Clinton Christian, St. Anne's and St Joseph's students planted 100 trees for their ongoing wetland buffer and trails initiative. Students from McGillivray Central School planted 50 trees at the ABCA Kime Tract property north of Parkhill.

#### 5. Quarterly Financial Statement

Brian Horner presented for the Board's information, the statement of profit and loss to September 30<sup>th</sup> with comparison to budget figures.

#### PRESENTATION

Ross Wilson, Water & Stewardship Technologist gave a presentation on the new tools used for assessing the effectiveness of field-scale best management practices. In a water and sediment control basin, staff studied input and outflow using berms and hickenbottoms to determine storage, water quality and water quantity. They found an ISCO sampler was the best tool for getting water quality samples. Challenges in gathering data over the past year were cold weather, snow levels, snowmobiles damaging equipment and mice chewing the wires of equipment. Future modifications to equipment will evolve such as the 35 year old style of hickenbottoms to help slow down inflow to water storage areas and filter the sediment to improve quality.

#### GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Brian Horner provided a written report with a brief update 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 107/14**

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

**“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Clinton Conservation Area Management Committee meeting held October 14, 2014 and the motions therein be approved as presented.”**

**Carried.**

#### CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Reference: Minister of Environment Grant  
File: F.22.1  
Brief: Correspondence from Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, Minister of Environment with approval of funding for the “Wetlands for Healthy Lake Huron” funding.

- b) Reference: Conservation Ontario  
File: A.7.2  
Brief: Resolution from Conservation Ontario Council appointing Alec Scott as the Conservation Ontario representative on the Ontario Hydrometric Program Coordinating Committee.
- c) Reference: Draft 2015 Budget  
File: F.6  
Brief: Resolution from Municipality of Huron East Council stating their support for the proposed 2015 ABCA budget.
- d) Reference: Proposed Invasive Species Legislation  
File: A.8.35  
Brief: Media release from Conservation Ontario commending the Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry for re-introducing the proposed Invasive Species Act. The Essex Region CA circulated a media release in support of the legislation as well.

**MOTION #BD 108/14**

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

**“RESOLVED, THAT the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority support the provincial government’s re-introduction of the Invasive Species Act.”**

**Carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

Foundation Director

Brian Horner advised that there has been a vacancy on the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation Board since May. Dave Crockett of St. Joseph’s has expressed an interest in being a volunteer Director. The Board agreed by consensus that Dave Crockett be appointed as a Director for the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 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.*