



MINUTES



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, November 17, 2011

**Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Administration Centre
Morrison Dam Conservation Area**

DIRECTORS PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Andrew Bicknell, Cathie Brown, Tim Cumming, Brian Horner, Ian Jean, Kate Monk, Judith Parker, Tom Prout, Alec Scott, Julie Stellingwerff

OTHERS PRESENT

Bob Montgomery - CKNX Radio
Scott Nixon - Exeter TA

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ginn called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION #BD 87/11

**Moved by Paul Hodgins
Seconded by Don Shipway**

“RESOLVED, THAT the agenda for the November 17, 2011 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.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOTION #BD 88/11

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

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on, October 20, 2011 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”

Carried.

BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTES

Proposed 2012 Budget

Tom Prout, General Manager provided some updates to the budget information presented at the previous meeting. The ABCA has been approved for a \$10,000 grant from the Shell Foundation Fuelling Change program. The Weston Foundation has approved a grant towards offering residential outdoor education programming at Camp Sylvan to low income schools. The Weston Family Foundation will fund the total cost of \$56,000 for 10 schools in 2012.

Brian Horner, Financial Services Coordinator explained that the preliminary 2012 budget presented at the last meeting had a 16.12% combined levy increase. Staff reviewed the budget and made the project reductions as directed by the Board thereby cutting back the levy to a 9.62% increase. In addition, confirmation of grants and reallocation of wages resulted in a further reduction so the combined levy increase for the 2012 proposed budget is at 5.47% . The revised general levy amount is \$880,572 and the project levy totals \$298,526. A schedule of projects was circulated so that directors are aware of what year the phased projects will be concluded.

MOTION #BD 89/11

Moved by Bill Siemon

Seconded by Ute Stumpf

“RESOLVED, THAT the proposed 2012 Budget be recommended by the Board of Directors for approval, and

FURTHER, THAT the member municipalities be advised of the 2012 proposed project levy, general levy and budget and provided with the supplementary information for review as the weighted vote will be held at the February 16, 2012 Board of Directors meeting.”

Carried.

PROGRAM REPORTS

1 (a) Development Review

Andrew Bicknell, Regulations Coordinator prepared the report on the Development Review 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 four *Applications for Permission* and five *Minor Works* applications.

1 (b) Violations update pursuant to O. Reg 147/06

- (i) Andrew Bicknell advised that there was a court appearance in early November in regards to the violation in the Municipality of South Huron on Parr Line. The co-owners pleaded guilty and there was a conviction with a minimal fine levied by the court. Through the application process ABCA staff drafted special conditions for restoration within the provincially significant wetland boundary. The landowners are working cooperatively to remove the structure and relocate to an area outside the wetland area. The access laneway will be removed to not restrict flow of drainage works. The concrete pad will be removed and the wetland restored.

MOTION #BD 90/11

**Moved by Lorie Scott
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. ABCA Revised Administration Regulations

Tom Prout reviewed the *Administration Regulations* for the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority that were adopted in December 21, 2000. A number of revisions were incorporated to update the document for current administrative procedures.

MOTION # BD 91/11

**Moved by Janisse Zimmerman
Seconded by Paul Hodgins**

“RESOLVED, THAT the revised Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority *Administration Regulations* be approved as discussed and become effective immediately.”

Carried.

3. Farm Land Rental Tender Results

Kate Monk, Stewardship & Conservation Lands Supervisor provided the tender results for renting the agriculture properties in the Parkhill area. There were eight individuals submit tenders on the two parcels available to rent for a five year term.

MOTION #BD 92/11

**Moved Lorie Scott
Seconded by Bill Siemon**

“RESOLVED, THAT the tender received from Dave Van Moorsel for Parcel # 5 and Peter Roelands for Parcel # 10 be accepted.”

Carried.

PRESENTATION

Kate Monk gave a presentation on the Huron Sustainability Project. The ABCA is represented on the steering committee as well as involved in the school yard naturalization project. The benefits to this county-wide project is to build community resiliency. The objective is that Huron County become a vibrant and forward-thinking community, taking action for a sustainable and prosperous future. Economic security for rural municipalities is a goal. Of particular interest to the ABCA is the environmental integrity pillar and natural environment actions. Huron County is the only county in Southwestern Ontario where the population is declining. The draft document is available.

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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MOTION #BD 94/11

**Moved by Bill Siemon
Seconded by Ute Stumpf**

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Arkona Lions Museum Management committee meeting held on October 6, 2011; Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation meeting held on October 25, 2011; Clinton Conservation Area Management Committee meeting held on October 18, 2011 and the Source Protection Committee meeting held on September 28, 2011 and the motions therein be approved as presented.”

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Reference: A.D. Latornell Symposium
File: P.7.3
Brief: Copy of the program from the 2011 A.D. Latornell Symposium was circulated. ABCA Healthy Watersheds staff Mari Veliz and Brynn Upsdell were presenters at the conference.
- b) Reference: UoG Sustainable Food Production Chair
File: C.12.2
Brief: Confirmation that Ralph Martin, the new Loblaw Chair in Sustainable Food Production at the University of Guelph will be the guest speaker at the ABCA Conservation Awards evening on March 15, 2012.
- c) Reference: Thank you
File: A.5.1
Brief: Note of thanks from Maxine Kingston, Agri-Environment Services Branch of Agriculture and Agri-food Canada in appreciation of hosting and coordinating the visit by

Assistant Deputy Minister Jamshed Merchant to learn about the work of the ABCA at ground level with landowners in cooperation with OMAFRA, University of Guelph and Ontario Federation of Agriculture.

- d) Reference: Blue Economy Initiative
File: A.5.1.
Brief: An new initiative that will be looking at the Great Lakes basin and researching the value of water's contribution to the Canadian economy.
- e) Reference: Currency of Ecology
File: A.5.1
Brief: A copy of the Conservation Ontario E-News referencing a fact sheet that looks at the benefits derived from natural ecosystems towards a healthy economy, environment and people.
- f) Reference: Armstrong East Subdivision
File: L.4.51
Brief: Correspondence from Larry MacDonald requesting the Board of Directors revisit the policy denying motorized vehicles on ABCA property at "The Cut" in Port Franks. He also sent a copy of the letter individually to each Board member but because there is a pending lawsuit in regards to this issue, staff and board members are not permitted to discuss or negotiate the matter at this time
- g) Reference: Ausable River Drain
File: L.2.15.1
Brief: Correspondence was received from Robert G. Waters, the Ontario Drainage Referee in regards to the request for grant of extension of time to appeal decision of December 21, 2009 Superior Court of Justice, Court of the Drainage Referee Court file number 149/2011 County of Huron. Because it is a legal matter, staff recommend the matter be discussed in Committee of the Whole.

NEW BUSINESS

None

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOTION #BD 96/11

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

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors go into Committee of the Whole at 12:07 p.m. to discuss a legal matter with Tom Prout and Judith Parker remaining in attendance.”

Carried.

MOTION #BD 97/11

**Moved by Paul Hodgins
Seconded by Don Shipway**

“RESOLVED, THAT Committee of the Whole rise and report at 12:14 p.m.”

Tom Prout will prepare a report for discussion on the legal matter at the next Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Jim Ginn
Chairman

Judith Parker
Corporate Services Coordinator

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

