

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, October 16, 2014

Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Boardroom
Morrison Dam Conservation Area

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Les Falconer, Dave Frayne, Paul Hodgins, Burkhard Metzger, Mike Tam, Lorie Scott, Don Shipway, Ute Stumpf, Janisse Zimmerman

STAFF PRESENT

Andrew Bicknell, Geoff Cade, Bev Brown, Tim Cumming, Brian Horner, Kate Monk, Judith Parker

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 91/14

**Moved by Dave Frayne
Seconded by Ute Stumpf**

“RESOLVED, THAT the agenda for the October 16, 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 92/14

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

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on September 18, 2014 and October 9, 2014 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”

Carried.

BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTES

Proposed 2015 Budget

At the previous meeting, the Board of Directors requested staff revise the proposed 2015 budget to a 2% increase. General Manager Brian Horner presented the changes recommended by staff to achieve a 1.98% levy increase. There were no projects eliminated, but sources of funding were modified to come from reserves or anticipated surplus for the following: Administration Centre roof repair, regulations policy review, shoreline management plan, conservation authority lands safety and hazardous tree removal. These adjustments reduced the total project levy by \$20,150.

MOTION #BD 93/14

Moved by Don Shipway

Seconded by Les Falconer

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors approve the 2015 ABCA Fee Schedule as presented, and

FURTHER, THAT the 2015 ABCA Pay Grid be approved at a 2% increase, and

FURTHER, THAT the member municipalities be advised of the 2015 proposed project levy, general levy and budget and provided with the supplementary information, as the weighted vote by apportionment will be held at the December Board of Directors meeting.”

Carried.

PROGRAM REPORT

1. (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 8 *Applications for Permission* and 13 *Minor Works Permits* and 7 *Applications for Permission* with NextEra Energy Canada, ULC - Jericho Wind, Inc. to construct works within regulated areas specific to industrial wind generation projects.

1. (b) Violation/Appeals Update

(a) Staff reported that a meeting has been held with the owners of Windmill Lake Wake & Eco Park in Central Huron to meet concerns for issuing a permit.

- (b) In regards to the Municipality of Bluewater lakeshore property, staff advised the landowner refuses to meet and work towards resolving the issue.

MOTION #BD 94/14

**Moved by Lorie Scott
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. SWOOP 2014 Image Acquisition

Brian Horner presented this report for Tracey McPherson, GIS/IT Coordinator who is member of the SWOOP 2015 steering committee. The ABCA has participated in the SWOOP project since 2006 to acquire 30 cm aerial photography for the entire watershed and 10 cm photography for the Lake Huron shoreline. In 2010 the SWOOP II project acquired 20 cm colour aerial photography and stereo model files for the entire watershed. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) are committed to flying sections of the province on a 5 year cycle. In 2015, southwestern Ontario will be flown and MNR are soliciting partners.

MOTION #BD 95/14

**Moved by Dave Frayne
Seconded by Ute Stumpr**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority complete the “Letter of Intent to Commit Funding” and include the project in the 2015 budget.”

Carried.

PRESENTATION

Tim Cumming, Communications Specialist provided an overview of the Rural Stormwater Management Model project. Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority is the lead agency in this project that received funding support from the Showcasing Water Innovations grant and the 22 project partners. The scope encompasses the area along Lake Huron from Sarnia to Tobermory which is predominately a rural landscape. The purpose of the project is to develop a better tool for managing rural stormwater. Five sentinel priority watersheds were identified and a monitoring network was established for development of a new software model. Since 2012, data has been collected in the priority watersheds to provide flow, meteorologic and water quality information. With this information, the new model will be able to provide a more strategic approach to assessing and evaluating hydrologic and hydraulic best management practices for landowners to undertake stewardship projects specific to their rural landscape.

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 96/14**

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

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Arkona Lions Museum & Information Centre meeting held October 7, 2014, the Human Resources Management Committee meeting on October 9, 2014 and the motions therein be approved as presented.”

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Reference: Ontario Regulation 147/06
File: W.5.1.1
Brief: Correspondence from Warden Robert Wilhelm advising of Perth County Council’s concerns with the lack of awareness landowners have on the regulations implemented by conservation authorities for the Province. Regulations to identify natural hazard features have been in existence since the 1970s with the latest amendments approved for the ABCA in May 2006. Staff will respond to Warden Wilhelm and provide information on the regulations process.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Kate Monk advised there were 40 people attend the Camp Sylvan 50th Anniversary Open House and Campfire evening event.
2. Brian Horner reviewed the terms of appointment for directors as the upcoming municipal election may affect some representatives sitting on the Board.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**MOTION #BD 97/14**

**Moved by Lorie Scott
Seconded by Dave Frayne**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors go into Committee of the Whole at 11:15 a.m. for property and personal matters with Brian Horner, Kate Monk and Judith Parker remaining in attendance.”

Carried.

MOTION #BD 98/14

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

“RESOLVED, THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report at 11:28 a.m.”

Carried.

MOTION #BD 99/14

**Moved by Dave Frayne
Seconded by Lorie Scott**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors approve the personal matter as presented.”

Carried.

MOTION #BD 100/14

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

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors receive the information on the property matter as presented.”

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Mike Tam
Chair

Judith Parker
Corporate Services Coordinator

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