



# MINUTES



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, October 21, 2010

**Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Boardroom  
Morrison Dam Conservation Area**

### DIRECTORS PRESENT

David Bolton, David Frayne, Jim Ginn, Paul Hodgins, George Irvin, Lawrence McLachlan, Bob Norris, Bill Siemon, Mark Simpson

### STAFF PRESENT

Bev Brown, Geoff Cade, Brian Horner, Kate Monk, Judith Parker, Tom Prout, Alec Scott, Julie Stellingwerff, Ross Wilson, Angela Van Niekerk

### OTHERS PRESENT

Bob Montgomery - CKNX Radio

### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ginn called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

#### **MOTION #BD 82/10**

**Moved by Lawrence McLachlan  
Seconded by Bob Norris**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the agenda for the October 21, 2010 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 83/10**

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

**“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on September 16, 2010 and the motions therein be approved as presented.”**

**Carried.**

**MOTION #BD 84/10**

**Moved by Lawrence McLachlan  
Seconded by George Irvin**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors budget committee meeting held on October 14, 2010 meeting be approved.**

**Carried.**

BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTES

Proposed 2011 Amortization Alternatives

Brian Horner, Financial Services Supervisor prepared for discussion the municipal general levy information using different scenarios regarding amortization and reserves. The proposed 2011 general levy apportionment for each municipality was calculated with the levy funding amortization at 100%. An alternative scenario conveyed funding the amortization at a rate of 10% to be put in a reserve. To date, the Board has not determined a policy for setting the rate to fund amortization in regards to PSAB 3150. By consensus, the Board of Directors agreed to develop the proposed 2011 budget using 10% of the amortization values.

Proposed 2011 Fee Schedule

Tom Prout, General Manager referred the directors to the proposed fee schedule in the budget package and asked if the Board was in agreement with the fees.

**MOTION #BD 85/10**

**Moved by Bob Norris  
Seconded by Paul Hodgins**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the 2011 proposed fee schedule be approved as presented, with fees that are taxable being rounded to an even dollar amount.”**

**Carried.**

2011 Pay Grid

Tom Prout referred to the pay grid in the budget package and indicated that these were the salary amounts used in preparing the 2011 proposed budget. For 2010 the pay grid only moved by half of one percent.

**MOTION #BD 86/10**

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

**“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors approve the 2011 pay grid which reflects a 2.5% consumer price index increase.”**

**Carried.**

### 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 eight *Applications for Permission* and six *Minor Works* application.

**MOTION #BD 87/10**

**Moved by Bob Norris**

**Seconded by Mark Simpson**

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

**Carried.**

#### 1. (b) Violations Update

Geoff Cade, Water & Planning Supervisor provided an update for the directors on recent violations under Ontario Regulation 147/06. A new plan has been received for the violation at Port Franks Chicken Island. Staff are proceeding with issuing a permit for the restoration plan of the lake bank violation on Crest Beach Road. A new violation is being investigated on Parr Line in the Municipality of South Huron where construction has taken place without approval on property that is 100% floodplain, a provincially significant wetland and ANSI.

#### 2. Watershed Climate Change Evaluation

Ross Wilson, Water Resources Technologist reported on a project to assess the provincial groundwater monitoring network (PGMN) and the provincial water quality monitoring network (PWQMN) for various climate change purposes. This was a partnership between Conservation Ontario and Ministry of Environment. Subwatersheds within the ABCA watershed were evaluated using local scale data to better assess each subwatershed's sensitivity to climate change impacts. The sensitivity rating helps determine which subwatersheds should be targeted for future Best Management Practices. The recommendations were to increase the number of monitoring wells and new hydrometric stations. At this time, there is no funding available to undertake these improvements.

### PRESENTATION

Angela Van Niekerk, Wetlands Specialist presented a slide show highlighting the sixteen wetland projects undertaken in the past three years. In 2008, an application for funding over three years was approved by Ontario Trillium Foundation to provide technical assistance, coordinate and



**“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Clinton Conservation Area Management Committee meeting held on October 19, 2010 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”**

**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: Vital Signs Canada  
File: A.5.1  
Brief: Results from a national public opinion survey on local environment and sustainability was circulated.
- b) Reference: Minister of the Environment  
File: A.5.8  
Brief: Notice of the recent appointment of local MPP for Perth-Wellington, John Wilkinson as Minister of the Environment.
- c) Reference: Emerald Ash Borer  
File: A.5.1  
Brief: Media release from County of Perth confirming the presence of Emerald Ash Borer in the most southerly part of Perth County along the Middlesex County boundary in the Whalen Line/Perth Road 151 area.
- d) Reference: Thank you  
File: A.5.1  
Brief: Thank you from Dan Weigand, a teacher who participated in the Go Green environmental workshop hosted by ABCA staff Jenni Boles and Mari Veliz.
- e) Reference: Thank you  
File: A.5.1  
Brief: Thank you from Ralph and Eleanor Smith for the new trail through the property they donated to the ABCA last year, adjacent to Bannockburn Conservation Area. Hikers can now explore another natural area as this new trail links to the existing trails at Bannockburn.
- f) Reference: Mandatory Septic Inspection Program  
File: A.5.5  
Brief: More information was received from Conservation Ontario clarifying the recent changes to the Ontario Building Code related to mandatory septic inspection programs in relation to municipal wellhead protection areas and the *Clean Water Act* and the *Lake Simcoe Protection Plan*.

- g) Reference: Water Sustainability Project  
File: A.5.1  
Brief: Copy of a new report released by the University of Victoria's POLIS Project on ecological governance entitled *Worth Every Penny: a Primer on Conservation-Oriented Water Pricing* was received. It explains how water pricing works, what the benefits are and how water utilities can implement conservation-oriented water pricing structures. Canadians pay much less for urban water services than people in most other developed countries and are among the highest per capita water consumers in the world.
- h) Reference: Ducks Unlimited Canada  
File: A.5.1  
Brief: Media release from Ducks Unlimited Canada announcing the release of a report discussing wetland loss in Ontario. Indicators are that 72 percent of southern Ontario's large inland wetlands have been lost or converted to other land uses and the loss continues.
- i) Reference: Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity  
File: A.5.1  
Brief: A report entitled *Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity - Mainstreaming the Economics of Nature* was received. The study analyzes the global economic benefit of biological diversity, the costs of the loss of biodiversity and the failure to take protective measures versus the costs of effective conservation. An example of some statistics are: conserving forests avoids greenhouse gas emissions worth US\$3.7 trillion; bee keeping generates US\$213 million annually in Switzerland; planting of 400,000 trees to improve urban life quality benefits in Canberra Australia at a value of US\$20-67 million from 2008-2012.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Next Meeting

It was agreed to reschedule the next Board of Directors meeting to November 25, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

### **MOTION #BD 92/10**

**Moved by Lawrence McLachlan  
Seconded by Mark Simpson**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors go into Committee of the Whole at 11:43 a.m. to discuss property and legal matters with Kate Monk, Brian Horner, Tom Prout and Judith Parker remaining in attendance.”**

**Carried.**

**MOTION #BD 93/10**

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

**“RESOLVED, THAT Committee of the Whole rise and report at 12:22 p.m.”**

**Carried.**

**MOTION #BD 94/10**

**Moved by Mark Simpson  
Seconded by Lawrence McLachlan**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the recommendations regarding property and legal matters be approved as discussed, and**

**FURTHER, THAT the minutes of the Property Management Committee meeting held on October 14, 2010 and the motions therein be approved as presented.”**

**Carried.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:23 p.m.

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Jim Ginn  
Chairman

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Judith Parker  
Corporate Services Coordinator

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

