

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, September 17, 2015

Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Boardroom  
Morrison Dam Conservation Area

### DIRECTORS PRESENT

Ray Chartrand, Doug Cook, Dave Frayne, Wayne Hall, Burkhard Metzger, Ute Stumpf, Mike Tam

### DIRECTORS ABSENT

George Irvin, Don Shipway

### STAFF PRESENT

Andrew Bicknell, Hope Brock, Bev Brown, Geoff Cade, Tim Cumming, Brian Horner, Judith Parker, Alec Scott, Meghan Tydd-Hrynyk

### OTHERS PRESENT

Bob Montgomery, CKNX Radio

### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mike Tam called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

#### **MOTION #BD 62/15**

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

**“RESOLVED, THAT the agenda for the September 17, 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.

### DISCLOSURE OF INTENTION TO RECORD PROCEEDINGS

None

ADOPTION OF MINUTES**MOTION #BD 63/15****Moved by Doug Cook  
Seconded by Ray Chartrand**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on July 16, 2015 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”**

**Carried.**

BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTES

None

PRESENTATION

Adam Skillen, Skillen Investment Management addressed the directors with a performance analysis of the investment portfolio. A review of the current investment policy of 20% equity and 80% bonds was discussed with the Board.

**MOTION #BD 64/15****Moved by Doug Cook  
Seconded by Ray Chartrand**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors approve the recommendation to revise the investment policy statement to a 25% equity and 75% bonds portfolio balance.”**

**Carried.**

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 16 *Applications for Permission* and 22 *Minor Works Permits* to construct works within regulated areas.

(b) Violation/Appeals Update

Geoff Cade, Supervisor of Water and Planning advised there were updates on violation matters to discuss in Committee of the Whole later in the agenda.

**MOTION #BD 65/15****Moved by Dave Frayne  
Seconded by Doug Cook**

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

**Carried.**

## 2. Revised Communications Plan

Tim Cumming, Communications Specialist provided an overview of revisions to the 2006 ABCA Communications Plan. The updated plan reflects the increased use of community-based social marketing and accessibility to news online through mobile devices and social media. A companion document provides key messages for each department as well as target audiences and media outlets.

Dave Frayne left the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

## 3. Conservation Authorities Act Review

Brian Horner, General Manager advised that the Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry has posted a discussion paper on the EBR to review the *Conservation Authorities Act*. The deadline for responses is October 19, 2015. Correspondence has been sent to the CAO and council of each member municipality advising of the EBR posting. The four focus areas under review include: confirming the current conservation authority mandate; formalizing and expanding the CA working relationships across Ontario provincial ministries; discussing the governance model in relation to the funding model; and a sustainable provincial funding formula that captures the programs and services offered by conservation authorities.

## PRESENTATION

Hope Brock, Healthy Watersheds Technician gave a presentation on the Community Turtle Monitoring Program. There are 8 native turtle species in Ontario of which 7 are ranked as species at risk - special concern (SC); threatened (T) and endangered (E). The turtles include snapping turtle (SC), painted, stinkpot (T), spotted (E), spiny softshell (T), blandings (T), map (SC), wood (E). The one non-native turtle is the red-eared slider, often kept as a pet.

Staff have conducted research in Port Franks and Grand Bend over the past six years, involving citizen science and community volunteers. In early May, a flyer is distributed asking the community to report any turtle sightings and record their observations such as species and habitats being used. There have been 600 reports to date. The information is then submitted to the Toronto Zoo Turtle Tally and becomes part of the Ontario Nature Reptile and Amphibian Atlas.

Reptile populations in Ontario are declining, so there is a need to protect them. Education and outreach displays, workshops and events have been held in Port Franks and Grand Bend bringing awareness of the species at risk turtles. Conservation and stewardship efforts have engaged landowners in becoming more involved in protecting turtle nests they find on their property. Also a number of turtle crossing signs have been installed. People are learning how to assist turtles across the road during the nesting season which results in countless turtles being saved. A turtle may not start reproducing until 20 years of age and they can live 50 to 100 years. It can take 1500 eggs to get 1 hatchling, so working with the community is important to increase the turtle populations.

Burkhard Metzger left the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

### 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.

### CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Reference: Shoreline Management Plan Update  
File: A.5.1  
Brief: A note of thanks to the ABCA from Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Huron for assistance in hosting the South Huron Trail Run.
  
- b) Reference: Municipality of West Perth  
File: F.4  
Brief: Resolution from the Council of West Perth requesting the conservation authorities consider restraint in the preparation and approval of their 2016 budgets limiting increases to the Consumer Price Index for October 2015 or less.
  
- c) Reference: PC Critic of Natural Resources & Forestry  
File: A.5.5  
Brief: Correspondence from Jeff Yurek, MPP and PC Critic of Natural Resources and Forestry offering assistance during the review of the *Conservation Authority Act* in voicing concerns with the lack of provincial funding for provincially mandated programs.
  
- d) Reference: Latornell Leadership Award  
File: P.7.5  
Brief: Notice from the Latornell Leadership Award Selection Committee that the ABCA nomination of Tom Prout for the award was successful and the presentation will be made at the A.D. Latornell Symposium on November 17, 2015.

### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

**MOTION #BD 66/15**

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

**“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors go into Committee of the Whole at 11:21 a.m. to discuss legal, property and personal matters with Alec, Scott, Geoff Cade, Andrew Bicknell, Brian Horner and Judith Parker remaining in attendance.”**

**Carried.**

**MOTION #BD 67/15**

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

**“RESOLVED, THAT Committee of the Whole rise and report at 11:44 a.m.”**

**Carried.**

**MOTION #BD 68/15**

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

**“RESOLVED, THAT the information provided on the legal, property and personal matters be received by the Board of Directors.”**

**Carried.**

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:46 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.*