



# MINUTES



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, April 9, 2009

Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Boardroom  
Morrison Dam Conservation Area

### DIRECTORS PRESENT

David Bolton, Dave Frayne, Jim Ginn, Lawrence McLachlan, Bob Norris, Bill Siemon, Mark Simpson

### DIRECTORS ABSENT

Paul Hodgins, George Irvin

### STAFF PRESENT

Andrew Bicknell, Brian Horner, Judith Parker, Tom Prout, Alec Scott, Mari Veliz

### CALL TO ORDER

Lawrence McLachlan called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and welcomed all those attending.

### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

**MOTION #BD 26/09**

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

**“RESOLVED, THAT the agenda for the April 9, 2009 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.

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ADOPTION OF MINUTES

**MOTION #BD 27/09**

**Moved by Bob Norris  
Seconded by Mark Simpson**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting held on March 19, 2009 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”**

**Carried.**

BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTES

None

PROGRAM REPORTS

1. 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 five *Applications for Permission*.

**MOTION #BD 28/09**

**Moved by Bob Norris  
Seconded by David Bolton**

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

**Carried.**

2. First Quarter Financial Statement

Brian Horner, Financial Services Supervisor presented the first quarter financial statement to March 30, 2009. A verbal amendment was made to the statement as circulated. Information will be provided at a future meeting on how compliance with PSAB 3150 will change the financial statement balance sheet and integrate amortization amounts into financial reports.

**MOTION #BD 29/09**

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

**“RESOLVED, THAT first quarter financial statement be received as amended.”**

**Carried.**

### 3. Drinking Water Stewardship Program

Tom Prout reported on behalf of Kate Monk, Stewardship & Conservation Lands Supervisor that an application to the Ministry of Environmental Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program was approved to receive \$839,140 for funding stewardship projects in areas near municipal wells and surface water intakes in the ABCA and Maitland Valley region.

**MOTION #BD 30/09**

**Moved by Mark Simpson  
Seconded by Dave Frayne**

**“RESOLVED THAT the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority approves the agreement with the Ministry of the Environment for Project EA0809-05: 2008-2009 Drinking Water Stewardship Fund - Early Actions Grant Funding Agreement.”**

**Carried.**

### 4. Personnel Regulations # 15

Tom Prout, General Manager presented a revision to *Personnel Regulation #15 Sick Days and Income Protection*. Regulation #15.3 clarifies eligibility for allocating sick time when attending to personal medical appointments.

**MOTION #BD 31/09**

**Moved by Bob Norris  
Seconded by Jim Ginn**

**“RESOLVED THAT the Personnel Regulation # 15 be revised as presented.”**

**Carried.**

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 1. Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation

**MOTION #BD 32/09**

**Moved by David Bolton  
Seconded by Bob Norris**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes from the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation meeting held on March 20, 2009 and the motions therein be approved as presented.”**

**Carried.**

### 2. Property Management Committee

Jim Ginn reported that the committee was holding a special meeting with the landowners of Armstrong East/West subdivision in Port Franks on April 20, 2009 at the Port Franks Community Centre. The purpose of the meeting is to hear delegations on the issue of permitting motorized vehicles to cross Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority lands. The current policy does not allow the use of motorized vehicles on ABCA lands adjacent to Plan 418 and Plan 427.

**MOTION #BD 33/09**

**Moved by Mark Simpson  
Seconded by Dave Frayne**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes from the Property Management Committee meeting held on March 12, 2009 and the recommendations therein be approved as presented.”**

**Carried.**

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

Tom Prout provided a written report with an update on projects, meetings, staff training and development and Conservation Ontario activities. The ABCA will be participating in the Trails Open event by building on the Exi-Plast Community Day at Morrison Dam CA on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Staff will also be involved with Aquafest which will be on August 8<sup>th</sup> at Grand Bend.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Reference: Healthy Lakes: Strong Ontario  
File: A.7.2  
Brief: Notice of a public meeting in Goderich on April 20<sup>th</sup> to discuss Ontario’s new draft vision, goals and strategies for the Great Lakes.
- b) Reference: Algae Bio-assessment  
File: W.7.11.1  
Brief: Notice of a workshop on April 27 to discuss algae bio-monitoring protocol to introduce conservation authority staff to the benefits of using algae and diatoms for water quality assessments.
- c) Reference: PGMN Isotope Project  
File: W.10.3.1  
Brief: Update from Conservation Ontario that funding has been secured for the isotope project to analyse water samples from the Provincial Groundwater Monitoring Network wells. Ontario Geological Survey and the MOE EMRB will contribute 75% of the analysis costs. The remaining percentage for the fourteen ABCA wells is \$40 per well. This expense is accounted for in the current budget. The Board of Directors agreed by consensus to the PGMN Isotope Project and the associated cost of \$40 per well.
- d) Reference: Clean Water Project - Perth County  
File: S.65.1  
Brief: Notice that Perth County Council have approved providing \$10,000 towards well decommissioning and wellhead upgrades as part of the Clean Water Project for 2009.
- e) Reference: Natural Heritage Systems Plans  
File: L.2.6.1.1  
Brief: Copy of resolution from Conservation Ontario to the Ministers of Natural Resources; Environment; Energy & Infrastructure; and Municipal Affairs & Housing

requesting support for development of integrated natural heritage systems plans by conservation authorities.

- f) Reference: International Upper Great Lakes Study  
File: A.7.42  
Brief: Copy of the newsletter from International Upper Great Lakes Study with charts for Lake Superior and Lakes Michigan-Huron projected 2009 water levels.
- g) Reference: Municipality of Lambton Shores  
File: W.4.2.3.1  
Brief: A Committee of Revision public meeting will be held at the Port Franks Community Centre on April 25<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. to discuss the assessment schedule for the local improvements component of the bendway weir project. Staff will be presenting the historical perspective of the area. A hearing before the Ontario Municipal Board previously determined that the ABCA owned lots that were unbuildable.

**MOTION # BD 34/09**

**Moved by Mark Simpson  
Seconded by Jim Ginn**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Board of Directors support the recommendation to the Committee of Revision that Lots 21-23, 24 and 26 of Plan 427 have zero benefit from erosion protection as they are unbuildable.”**

**Carried.**

- h) Reference: Municipality of Lambton Shores  
File: W.3.16.1  
Brief: A submission has been made to Ministry of Natural Resources for funding under WECEI grants to extend an existing erosion control project installed in 1984. If approved, this project will protect an adjacent landowner’s property and could be installed this year or in 2010.

**MOTION #BD 35/09**

**Moved by Dave Frayne  
Seconded by Jim McCann**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors approve proceeding with the erosion control works in Port Franks on the downstream side of the Plan 41 Erosion Control Project.”**

**Carried.**

- g) Reference: Accessibility Directorate of Ontario  
File: A.8.28  
Brief: Notice from Conservation Ontario that according to the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario, conservation authorities have until January 1, 2012 to be in compliance with the Customer Service Standard (O.Reg. 429/07) made under the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005*.

NEW BUSINESS

None

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**MOTION #BD 36/09**

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

**“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors go into Committee of the Whole at 11:30 p.m. to discuss property matters, with Tom Prout, Judith Parker and Alec Scott remaining in attendance.”**

**Carried.**

**MOTION #BD 37/09**

**Moved by David Bolton  
Seconded by Bob Norris**

**“RESOLVED, THAT Committee of the Whole rise and report at 12:10 p.m.”**

**Carried.**

**MOTION #BD 38/09**

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

**“RESOLVED, THAT the staff proceed with the property acquisition and disposition matters as discussed.”**

**Carried.**

LUNCH & LEARN SESSION

Mari Veliz, Healthy Watersheds Coordinator gave an informative presentation on invertebrates. A display showcase of mussels found in the Lower Ausable River has been created and will be mounted in the museum at Rock Glen CA. A smaller version of the mussel collection has been constructed for the conservation education department to use in school presentations.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

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Lawrence McLachlan  
Chairman

Judith Parker  
Corporate Services Coordinator

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

