

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Boardroom
Morrison Dam Conservation Area

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Ray Chartrand, Adrian Cornelissen, George Irvin, Dave Jewitt, Mike Tam, Marissa Vaughan

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Doug Cook, Bob Harvey, Alex Westman

STAFF PRESENT

Geoff Cade, Abbie Gutteridge, Brian Horner, Denise Iszczuk, Ian Jean, Kate Monk, Judith Parker, Nina Sampson, Meghan Tydd-Hrynyk

OTHERS PRESENT

Delegation attendees: Gary Eagleson, Frank Deliala, Bill Watson and Ken Eagleson

CALL TO ORDER

Chair George Irvin called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION #BD 94/19

**Moved Marissa Vaughan
Seconded by Ray Chartrand**

“RESOLVED, THAT the agenda for the December 19, 2019 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

None

ADOPTION OF MINUTES**MOTION #BD 95/19**

**Moved by Doug Cook
Seconded by Adrian Cornelissen**

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on November 14, 2019 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”

Carried.

BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTESProposed 2019 Project Levy, General Levy and Budget.

General Manager, Brian Horner reviewed the project and general levy totals and advised approval is by weighted vote.

2020 Proposed General Levy Vote**MOTION #BD 96/19**

**Moved by Mike Tam
Seconded by Ray Chartrand**

“RESOLVED, THAT the 2020 General Levy be approved at \$1,068,047.”

| | <u>Yea</u> | <u>Nay</u> | <u>Absent</u> |
|-------------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Adelaide Metcalfe | | | ✓ |
| Bluewater | ✓ | | |
| Central Huron | ✓ | | |
| Huron East | ✓ | | |
| Lambton Shores | | | ✓ |
| Lucan Biddulph | | | ✓ |
| Middlesex Centre | | | ✓ |
| North Middlesex | ✓ | | |
| Perth South | ✓ | | |
| South Huron | ✓ | | |
| Warwick | | | ✓ |
| West Perth | ✓ | | |

The result was Yea 100% based on the current value assessment apportionment schedule.”

Carried.

2020 Proposed Project Levy Vote**MOTION #BD 97/19**

**Moved by Dave Frayne
Seconded by Ray Chartrand**

“RESOLVED, THAT the 2020 Project Levy be approved at \$275,897.”

| | <u>Yea</u> | <u>Nay</u> | <u>Absent</u> |
|-------------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Adelaide Metcalfe | | | ✓ |
| Bluewater | ✓ | | |
| Central Huron | ✓ | | |
| Huron East | ✓ | | |
| Lambton Shores | | | ✓ |
| Lucan Biddulph | | | ✓ |
| Middlesex Centre | | | ✓ |
| North Middlesex | ✓ | | |
| Perth South | ✓ | | |
| South Huron | ✓ | | |
| Warwick | | | ✓ |
| West Perth | ✓ | | |

The result was Yea 100% based on the current value assessment apportionment schedule.”

Carried.

2020 Proposed Budget**MOTION #BD 98/19**

**Moved by Dave Jewitt
Seconded by Marissa**

“RESOLVED, THAT the proposed 2020 overall budget be approved.”

Carried.

PROGRAM REPORTS1. (a) Development Review

Meghan Tydd-Hrynyk, Planning & Regulations Officer, 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 4 *Applications for Permission* and 8 *Minor Works Application*.

(b) Violations/Appeals Update

Staff advised there were no updates.

MOTION #BD 99/19

Moved by Ray Chartrand

Seconded by Dave Jewitt

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

Carried.

2. Forest Management and Harvest Update

Ian Jean, Forestry and Stewardship Specialist provided an overview of the forest management activities on the 8000 acres owned by ABCA. Each year 100-200 acres are assessed for selective timber management. For the past 10 years, ash trees have been removed while the lumber was still viable, but now conifer thinning will be the focus. The Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation has provided funding to plant trees and augment species within the ABCA forests that will create diversity and wildlife habitat.

PRESENTATION

ABCA Conservation Educators, Denise Iszczuk and Nina Sampson reviewed the education programs and special events offered at conservation areas, in watershed schools and libraries over the year. There were 10,634 youth participate in outdoor education programs. Turtle Release Day in August at Morrison Dam CA was another success with 1000 youth and 500 adults attending. Nature Day Camps, Owl Prowl and community action projects like wetland days, tree planting, Envirothon and Yellow Fish Road gave youth an opportunity to investigate, learn and discover nature.

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 or events and general activities over the previous month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MOTION #BD 100/19

Moved by Ray Chartrand

Seconded by Doug Cook

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Arkona Lions Museum Management Committee meeting held November 18, 2019; DWSP Joint Management Committee meeting held November 27, 2019; and Source Protection Committee meeting held on November 22, 2019 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”

Carried.

DELEGATION

Gary Eagleson, P.Ag, of G.R. Eagleson Consulting Inc. and a farm owner, spoke on behalf of the Greenway community in addressing the Board with a number of concerns related to the increased number of large hog barns receiving building permits based on outdated minimum distance separation policies, nutrient management plans and nutrient management strategies. He focused on a 2500 sow barn approved in 2018 in the Municipality of North Middlesex and the owner has now received a permit from Municipality of South Huron to build a 1500 sow barn only 4 farms north of the first barn. Within a 49,000 acre catchment area, there are now 33 large swine barns and another two approved. Mr. Eagleson indicated OMAFRA does not keep a database or map to indicate how many barns are in an area, so the community is questioning when does large scale development lead to nutrient saturation within the watershed.

He undertook a review of the approval processes for livestock farm operations and contacted staff from municipal, county, provincial ministries and MPPs, universities, agriculture organizations, and nutrient management plan consultants. His review pointed out there are flaws in the approval processes and that 50-80% of cash crop farmers only use commercial fertilizer when applying nutrients to their fields and not livestock manure. Therefore, the watershed may be at the maximum for livestock manure production.

The other members of the delegation commented on the degradation they have seen happening to the Ausable River in their community over the past 60+ years and are concerned for the future. In summary, his presentation noted that all levels of government need to act now to address the negative impacts of industrial animal agriculture through forward thinking policy changes.

Chair Irvin thanked Mr. Eagleson for making the Board aware of the information he has compiled and the delegation left at 3:28 p.m.

MOTION #BD 101/19**Moved by Dave Jewitt****Seconded by Ray Chartrand**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors move out of regular meeting at 3:32 p.m. and enter into a Hearing pursuant to Ontario Regulation #147/06.”

Carried.

HEARING**Pursuant to Ontario Regulation 147/06****(Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alteration to Shorelines and Watercourses)**DIRECTORS PRESENT

Ray Chartrand, Adrian Cornelissen, George Irvin, Dave Jewitt, Mike Tam, Marissa Vaughan

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Doug Cook, Bob Harvey, Alex Westman

STAFF PRESENT

Geoff Cade, Abbie Gutteridge, Brian Horner, Mary Lynn MacDonald, Kate Monk, Judith Parker, Meghan Tydd-Hrynyk

OTHERS PRESENT

Janice Cox

CALL TO ORDER

Chair George Irvin called the Hearing pursuant to Ontario Regulation 147/06, to order at 3:32 p.m. for consideration of Application for Permission #2019-73. The Chair welcomed applicant Janice Cox.

The procedures for conducting the Hearing were stated and Chair Irvin asked Meghan Tydd-Hrynyk, Planning & Regulations Officer to provide details on the application.

Ms. Tydd-Hrynyk advised that the subject property is located in the Municipality of South Huron at 71030 McTaggart Line. The applicant proposes to reconstruct a garage/shed that measures 50' x 40' and is a 541% increase in size of the existing structure located in a regulated area along the Ausable River floodplain and meanderbelt.

ABCA has a regulatory responsibility under Ontario Regulation 147/06 Section 3.17.1 that replacement/relocation of buildings and structures located within the flood plain will be permitted provided they are the same size and use. According to Section 3.17.3, when within a floodplain and the depth of flooding is greater than one metre and velocities are greater than one meter per second, a minor addition can be considered if it does not exceed 30% of the existing foundation area, is flood proofed and is non-habitable space. In the proposed location the garage/shed is susceptible to a flood depth of 1.0 metre of flooding on the northwest corner of the building. The application does not comply with the ABCA's Policies and Procedures Manual for Administration of O. Reg. 147/06 and therefore staff recommend Application #2019-73 be denied.

The Chair asked Janice Cox to speak to her application. She and her husband Terry propose to rebuild and enlarge the existing shed to meet their storage needs on their property instead of having items stored in multiple locations. They are willing to do whatever flood proofing is required in the permit.

MOTION #BD 102/19

Moved by Dave Jewitt

Seconded by Adrian Cornelissen

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors approve *Application for Permission #2019-73* as presented and not support the staff recommendation, and

FURTHER, THAT the proposed structure not exceed 50' x 40' in size for this application or any future additions in regards to this structure, and

FURTHER, THAT all appropriate floodproofing methods, as specified by the ABCA, be incorporated into the design of the proposed structure.”

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT**MOTION #BD 103/19****Moved by Ray Chartrand
Seconded by Dave Jewitt**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Hearing be adjourned and the Board of Directors move into the regular meeting at 4:20 p.m.”

Carried.

The applicant left at 4:20 p.m.

Chair George Irvin directed everyone to the next item on the Board meeting agenda.

CORRESPONDENCE

a) Reference: Bluewater Shoreline Residents Association

File: F.6

Brief: Correspondence from the BRSA President, Robin Glennly requesting that the ABCA continue to include water quality testing in future budgets as a program provided in the Municipality of Bluewater.

b) Reference: Eco Exeter

File: A.6.25

Brief: Correspondence from the Eco Exeter students from South Huron District High School asking that the ABCA join with other businesses and organizations in their initiative.

MOTION #BD 104/19**Moved by Dave Jewitt
Seconded by Ray Chartrand**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority make the pledge requested by Eco Exeter and eliminate single use plastic bottles, styrofoam and plastic straws from meetings and special events.”

Carried.

c) Reference: Municipality of Bluewater

File: F.6

Brief: Resolution from the Bluewater Council asking that the ABCA review the 2020 proposed budget and reduce to a zero percent increase.

d) Reference: Municipality of Central Huron

File: F.6

Brief: Resolution from the Municipality of Huron East Council in support of the 1.5 percent increase for the 2020 proposed budget.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOTION #BD 105/19

**Moved by Dave Jewitt
Seconded by Mike Tam**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors go into Committee of the Whole at 4:21 p.m. to discuss property, personal and legal matters with Geoff Cade, Brian Horner, Daniel King, Kate Monk, Judith Parker and Meghan, Tydd-Hrynyk remaining in attendance.”
Carried.**

MOTION #BD 106/19

**Moved by Ray Chartrand
Seconded by Dave Jewitt**

“RESOLVED, THAT Committee of the Whole rise and report at 4:55 p.m.”

Carried.

MOTION #BD 107/19

**Moved by Dave Jewitt
Seconded by Adrian Cornelissen**

“RESOLVED, THAT staff proceed as directed on the property, legal and personal matters as discussed.”

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

George Irvin
Chair

Judith Parker
Corporate Services Coordinator

*Copies of program reports are available upon request.
Contact Judith Parker, Corporate Services Coordinator*