

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, December 20, 2018

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

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Ray Chartrand, Doug Cook, Dave Frayne, Jim Ginn, Bob Harvey, George Irvin, Brian Ropp, Mike Tam

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Wayne Hall

STAFF PRESENT

Bev Brown, Geoff Cade, Brian Horner, Daniel King, Tracey McPherson, Kate Monk, Judith Parker, Meghan Tydd-Hrynyk, Angela Van Niekerk

OTHER PRESENT

Dave Jewitt, Marissa Vaughan - incoming ABCA Board members
Sue Haskett, Robin Glenny - Bluewater Shoreline Residents' Association
Bob Montgomery, CKNX Radio

CALL TO ORDER

Chair George Irvin called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION #BD 108/18

Moved by Jim Ginn

Seconded by Ray Chartrand

“RESOLVED, THAT the agenda for the December 20, 2018 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 109/18**

**Moved by Dave Frayne
Seconded by Doug Cook**

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on November 8, 2018 and November 22, 2018 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”

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 19 *Applications for Permission* and 6 *Minor Works Permits*.

1. (b) Violation/Appeals Update

Staff reported that the court date regarding the violation in Port Franks has been delayed to March 21, 2019. The proponents who attended the Hearing in regards to unauthorized basement renovations in the Municipality of Lambton Shores have appealed to the Mining and Lands Tribunal.

MOTION #BD 110/18

**Moved by Doug Cook
Seconded by Brian Ropp**

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

Carried.

2. Habitat Stewardship Program Funding

Angela Van Niekerk, Wetlands Specialist presented 5 stewardship projects in the municipalities of Lucan Biddulph and North Middlesex eligible for Habitat Stewardship Program funding. There were two stewardship projects in the Municipality of South Huron eligible for Species at Risk Stewardship funding. Two projects in South Huron and Central Huron were eligible for rural stormwater improvements through EcoAction Community funding.

MOTION #BD 111/18

**Moved by Ray Chartrand
Seconded by Jim Ginn**

“RESOLVED, THAT project numbers AB-2640, AB-2641, AB-2502, AB-2541, AB-2621, AB-2634, AB-2636, AB-2461 and AB-2532 be approved for funding as recommended.”

Carried.

3. Generic Regulations Mapping Updates

Tracey McPherson, GIS/IT Coordinator provided the status of updating the individual components of the Ontario Regulation 147/06 generic regulation mapping. The updates so far have reduced the area the ABCA regulates under Ontario Regulation 147/06. Staff will continue to update the mapping in the shoreline municipalities while waiting for approval of the Shoreline Management Plan before displaying and distributing the regulation layer.

MOTION #BD 112/18

**Moved by Bob Harvey
Seconded by Brian Ropp**

“RESOLVED, THAT all changes to the regulation limit GIS layer in Perth and Middlesex County and Municipality of Huron East be approved, and

**FURTHER, THAT the changes get reflected on the [www. camaps.ca](http://www.camaps.ca) website,
and**

FURTHER, THAT the updated mapping be distributed to the counties for use in their mapping systems.”

Carried.

4. ABCA Agricultural Land Tender

Kate Monk, Stewardship, Lands & Education Manager reported there were eight tenders received for renting a 63 acre agriculture parcel in the Municipality of Bluewater.

MOTION #BD 113/18

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

“RESOLVED, THAT the bid submitted by Michael Becker at \$310 per acre for the period of January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2024 be accepted for rental of 63 acres at the Linfield Wildlife Area property.”

Carried.

BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTES**Proposed 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.

2019 Proposed General Levy Vote**MOTION #BD 114/18****Moved by Mike Tam
Seconded by Jim Ginn****“RESOLVED, THAT the 2019 General Levy be approved at \$998,637.”**

| | <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.**2019 Proposed Project Levy Vote**MOTION #BD 115/18****Moved by Dave Frayne
Seconded by Doug Cook****“RESOLVED, THAT the 2019 Project Levy be approved at \$325,504.”**

| | <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.

2019 Proposed Budget

MOTION #BD 116/18

**Moved by Jim Ginn
Seconded by Doug Cook**

“RESOLVED, THAT the proposed 2019 overall budget be approved.”

Carried.

5. Rock Glen Washroom Renovation Update

Kate Monk provided an update on the washroom renovations at Rock Glen Conservation Area. The project included entrance ramps, painting entrance doors and installing automatic openers, finish on cement floors, lighting with motion sensors, stalls, sinks, soap dispensers, toilets, hand cleaners, painting and repairs to ceiling and walls, electrical service and wiring, plumbing, exhaust fans, emergency lighting, exit lights and water bottle filling station. An automatic door opener system was added to the museum door as well.

6. Jones Pedestrian Bridge

Kate Monk provided a slide show of the Jones Pedestrian Bridge project on the South Huron Trail. The two bridge spans were lifted into place on November 15, 2018 and the contractor, Van Driel Excavating, did as much landscaping as possible for this time of year. The crew will return in the spring to spread stone dust on top of the trail and do final landscaping in the spillway. In 2019, the connecting trail from Morrison Line to the spillway and the stairs on the west side of the spillway will be constructed. There has been \$260,000 raised to date from community and corporate support. The official opening and donor appreciation event is Saturday, April 27, 2019 at 10 a.m.

PRESENTATION

Conservation Educators, Denise Iszczuk and Nina Sampson presented a synopsis of the conservation education program offered to schools, non-profit groups, day campers and as family special events. Almost 10,000 students from the watershed participated from 24 schools in nature programs. The Springwater Awareness Program was presented to 32 classes. Non-profit groups such as Scouts, Big Brothers Big Sisters and libraries reached 989 participants. There were two weeks of nature day camps offered in the summer.

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 11718**

**Moved by Doug Cook
Seconded by Bob Harvey**

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation meeting held November 13, 2018, the Pedestrian Bridge Community Working Group meeting held November 29, 2018; the Friends of South Huron Trail Annual Meeting held November 2, 2018 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Reference: Thank you
File: P.7.3
Brief: Note of appreciation from the Latornell Conservation Symposium committee for the donation towards the silent auction fundraiser at the conference.
- b) Reference: Appointment of Director
File: A.10.1
Brief: Resolutions were received from the following member municipalities appointing representatives to the Board of Directors: Ray Chartrand - Huron East; Marissa Vaughan - South Huron/Perth South; Dave Jewitt - Central Huron; Adrian Cornelissen - North Middlesex.
- c) Reference: Proposed 2019 Budget
File: F.6
Brief: Resolution from the Municipality of South Huron acknowledging their approval of the proposed 2019 Budget.
- d) Reference: Orders in Council 1149/2018 and 1158/2018
File: A.12
Brief: Now that responsibility for the *Conservation Authorities Act* has been transferred from the Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry (MNRF) to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP), correspondence was received from Bruce Bateman Assistant Deputy Minister (MECP) passing along Orders in Council 1149/2018 and 1158/2018 that outline the powers, duties, functions and responsibilities that will be divided.
- e) Reference: Administrative By-laws
File: A.13
Brief: Copy of correspondence from Conservation Ontario to Honourable Minister Rod Phillips (MECP) and Honourable Minister John Yakabuski (MNRF) advising that member conservation authorities are compliant with Section 19.1 of the *Conservation Authorities Act* to have approval of the Administrative By-laws within one year of royal assent.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The Striking Committee will meet January 17, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.
2. Brian Horner advised that Dave Frayne has expressed interest in filling the vacancy on the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation Board of Directors.

MOTION #BD 118/18

**Moved by Jim Ginn
Seconded by Ray Chartrand**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors approve the appointment of Dave Frayne to the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation.”

Carried.

3. Brian Horner advised that staff are offering an Info Session for new Board members, municipal councillors and staff on February 5 and February 7.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOTION #BD 119/18

**Moved by Bob Harvey
Seconded by Ray Chartrand**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors go into Committee of the Whole at 4.23 p.m. to discuss property and personal matters with Brian Horner, Kate Monk, Judith Parker, Dave Jewitt and Marissa Vaughan remaining in attendance.”

Carried.

MOTION #BD 120/18

**Moved by Jim Ginn
Seconded by Ray Chartrand**

“RESOLVED, THAT Committee of the Whole rise and report at 4:35 p.m.”

Carried.

MOTION #BD 121/18

**Moved by Brian Ropp
Seconded by Doug Cook**

“RESOLVED, THAT the information on the property matter be received as presented, and

FURTHER, THAT the resignation of Conservation Educator Melissa Prout be received with regrets and best wishes be extended in her future endeavours.”

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

George Irvin
Chair

Judith Parker
Corporate Services Coordinator