

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, July 18, 2019

Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Boardroom
Morrison Dam Conservation Area

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Ray Chartrand, Doug Cook, Adrian Cornelissen, Bob Harvey, George Irvin, Dave Jewitt, Mike Tam, Marissa Vaughan, Alex Westman

STAFF PRESENT

Bev Brown, Geoff Cade, Tim Cumming, Abbie Gutteridge, Brian Horner, Daniel King, Tracey McPherson, Kate Monk, Judith Parker, Taylor Roth, Meghan Tydd-Hrynyk, Mari Veliz

OTHERS PRESENT

Robert McCrea, Susan Layard, Scott Layard - Delegation
Aaron Lucas, Ed Jacques, Tom Jacques - Delegation

CALL TO ORDER

Chair George Irvin called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION #BD 50/19

**Moved by Alex Westman
Seconded by Dave Jewitt**

“RESOLVED, THAT the agenda for the July 18, 2019 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 51/19**

**Moved by Ray Chartrand
Seconded by Doug Cook**

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on June 20, 2019 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”

Carried.

BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTES

None

DELEGATION

Robert J. McCrea, Architect presented on behalf of Scott Layard and Susan Layard who own a cottage north of Bayfield in the Municipality of Central Huron. The landowners intend to demolish and rebuild the 1980 cottage into a year-round residence. The new residence will meet current building efficiencies and increase the footprint from 2000 sq. ft. to 2600 sq. ft. The design of the new single family dwelling was based on the *ABCA Shoreline Management Plan, 2000* development guidelines after meeting with ABCA staff in November 18, 2018. The delegation advised they applied for a permit on March 18, 2019 and are requesting exemption from the Development Guidelines in the *ABCA Shoreline Management Plan, 2019* which was approved by the Board in February 21, 2019.

MOTION #BD 52/19

**Moved by Dave Jewitt
Seconded by Alex Westman**

“RESOLVED, THAT staff provide the directors with a report at the September 19, 2019 Board meeting, in response to the presentation by the delegation, and whether an application would have been approved using the *ABCA Shoreline Management Plan Development Guidelines, 2000.*”

Carried.

The delegation left at 10:17 a.m.

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 5 *Applications for Permission* and 12 *Minor Works Permits*.

1. (b) Violation/Appeals Update

Staff advised that the court date has been moved forward again in regards to the violation on Chicken Island in Municipality of Lambton Shores. A violation notice will be sent to a landowner who altered a bluff to undertake works on the beach in the Municipality of Bluewater.

MOTION #BD 53/19

**Moved by Bob Harvey
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. (a) Appointment of Auditor

Brian Horner reported Request for Proposals were sent to nine local and area auditing firms. Three firms responded with a proposal for providing auditing services.

MOTION #BD 54/19

**Moved by Ray Chartrand
Seconded by Adrian Cornelissen**

“RESOLVED, THAT Seebach & Company Chartered Professional Accountants of Clinton be retained for auditing services for the five year period 2019-2023 at the rate as proposed.”

Carried.

2. (b) Appointment of Financial Institution

Brian Horner advised that Request for Proposals were sent to five local banking institutions to provide financial services. There were four proposals submitted.

MOTION #BD 55/19

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

“RESOLVED, THAT the proposal submitted by Bank of Montreal, Exeter Branch be accepted to provide financial services for the five year period 2019-2023.”

Carried.

3. Proposed Five Year Forecast

Brian Horner presented the proposed five year forecast using a 1/3% inflation factor and 1.32% CPI wage increase. Over the five year period, the combined general and project levy increases by 3.61%.

MOTION #BD 56/19

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

“RESOLVED, THAT the ABCA Five Year Forecast (2020-2024) be approved as proposed, and forwarded to the member municipalities for their information.”

Carried.

4. Letter of Support

Mari Veliz, Healthy Watersheds Manager presented a letter of support in response to the Canadian Senate’s Standing Committee on Agriculture and Forestry (AGFO) probe on the status of soil resources in Canada. The last Senate study was published in 1984 and is not reflective of current conditions. Senator Rob Black of Ontario proposed an updated study and is inviting stakeholders to send letters to the AGFO for the federal government to develop and implement a program that clearly identifies the state of our soils and financially support best management practices that will effectively reverse the decline of our soils and return them to healthy functioning.

MOTION #BD 57/19

Moved by Doug Cook

Seconded by Alex Westman

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors approve the Letter of Support to be forwarded to Hon. Diane Griffin, Chair of the Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry.”

Carried.

5. Profit & Loss Statement

Brian Horner presented the financial statement to June 30, 2019 with comparatives to the budget, for the Board’s information.

6. Conservation Area Activities Update

Kate Monk, Stewardship, Lands & Education Manager reported on the year to date activities and issues at the ABCA six conservation areas used by the public across the watershed.

DELEGATION

Aaron Lucas of Lucas Design Group Inc., represented Ed Jacques and Tom Jacques, who jointly own a cottage in Southcott Pines in the Municipality of Lambton Shores. The owners intend to upgrade the 1969 family cottage with an addition. A new septic system was installed in 2017 in preparation for the new development. In November 2018 they were informed by ABCA staff of restrictions to the lot. In December 2018, they contacted Aaron Lucas for a building design. The landowners advised they were not aware of the public information meetings held for shoreline property owners along Lake Huron or the updated *Shoreline Management Plan, 2019*.

MOTION #BD 58/19

Moved by Doug Cook

Seconded by Dave Jewitt

“RESOLVED, THAT staff provide the directors with a report at the September 19, 2019 Board meeting, in response to the presentation by the delegation.”

Carried.

The delegation left the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

PRESENTATION

Tim Cumming, Communications Specialist gave an overview on the development of the ABCA Conservation Strategy adopted in 2012. It was put together by residents of the watershed community as a guiding document for the ABCA in offering programs and services important to them and the health of the watershed. Mari Veliz provided some lessons learned in the ABCA’s involvement with the Healthy Lake Huron - Clean Water, Clean Beaches initiative to address nuisance algae concerns and to promote safe and clean beaches and shorelines from Sarnia to Tobermory. A collaboration was started in 2008 of stakeholders, landowners, provincial ministries and conservation authorities along Lake Huron. Six key watersheds were identified as priorities for immediate action. This group is working together with local partners to develop and support the implementation of watershed management plans, with specific targeted actions, as well as monitoring and research, for each priority area.

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

Brian Horner provided a written report with a brief update on the progress of various projects, staff training, upcoming meetings or events and general activities over the previous month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MOTION #BD 59/19

**Moved by Alex Westman
Seconded by Dave Jewitt**

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Water Response Team meeting held July 9, 2019 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Reference: Climate Change Forum
File: A.5.1
Brief: Thank you to Mari Veliz, ABCA Healthy Watersheds Manager, from Dr. M. Bokhout of Huron County Health Unit, for attending and participating in their climate change forum.

- b) Reference: Canada Nature Fund
File: F.22.1
Brief: Notice from Fisheries & Oceans Canada that the funding application: *Restoration and Mitigation for Ausable River Species at Risk in Ontario*, submitted to the Canada Nature Fund was approved for \$675,000 over the next four years (2019-2023).

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

George Irvin
Chair

Judith Parker
Corporate Services Coordinator

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