

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, July 19, 2018

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

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Ray Chartrand, Doug Cook, Dave Frayne, Jim Ginn, Wayne Hall, Bob Harvey, Brian Ropp

DIRECTORS ABSENT

George Irvin, Mike Tam

STAFF PRESENT

Geoff Cade, Brian Horner, Denise Iszczuk, Kari Jean, Daniel King, Mary Lynn MacDonald, Kate Monk, Judith Parker, Meghan Tydd-Hrynyk

OTHER PRESENT

Sue Haskett, Robin Glenney - Bluewater Shoreline Residents' Association
Leslie Myers, Zena Besterd - Beach O Pines Association
Bob Montgomery - CKNX Radio

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Doug Cook called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION #BD 59/18

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

“RESOLVED, THAT the agenda for the July 19, 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 60/18**

**Moved by Dave Frayne
Seconded by Wayne Hall**

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on June 21, 2018 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”

Carried.

BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTESStructure Maintenance - Parkhill Dam and Morrison Dam

Geoff Cade, Water & Planning Manager advised that a request for proposals was issued to three engineering firms for the Parkhill Dam toe drain repair and Morrison Dam concrete repairs. B.M. Ross & Associates were the only firm to submit a proposal which was higher than anticipated. Staff met on-site and confirmed that their design component could be amended to fall within budgeted estimate. A similar discussion will be held regarding the Morrison Dam repairs.

MOTION #61/18

**Moved by Jim Ginn
Seconded by Brian Ropp**

“RESOLVED, THAT B.M. Ross & Associates be approved to provide engineering services for the Parkhill Dam toe drain repair, and

FURTHER, THAT the same firm be retained for the Morrison Dam concrete repairs provided the focus of services falls within budget.”

Carried.

Structure Maintenance - Walker Drain

Geoff Cade provided further information on past funding sources for repairs to the Walker Drain. Historically, there is reference of a 1966 Drainage Engineer's Report through the *Drainage Act* prepared by Gamsby and Mannerow. Erosion works in 1975 were done under the *Conservation Authorities Act* with cost sharing between Village of Grand Bend, Township of Stephen and MTO. A maintenance agreement from 1988 indicates the Township of Stephen paid two-thirds of costs and Village of Grand Bend was responsible for one-third. In 2004, provincial WECI grants covered a portion of the repair costs with Lambton Shores paying one third and South Huron paying two thirds of the remainder. To proceed with erosion control repair work under the *Drainage Act* there would need to be a new Drainage Engineers' Report, thereby foregoing the 50% provincial WECI funding possible through the *Conservation Authorities Act*.

MOTION #62/18

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

“RESOLVED, THAT staff discuss with the affected municipalities whether they would consider accepting the Walker Drain erosion control repair as a project under the *Drainage Act*.”

Carried.

Shoreline Management Plan Update Mapping

Geoff Cade and Tracey McPherson GIS/IT Coordinator have examined the *Review of Recession Rate Analysis* report for the Shoreline Management Plan Update 2018 received from W.F. Baird & Associates Coastal Engineers. Staff concur that the recommendations provide the best calculation of the lakeshore hazard limit and would like to create the mapping for Lakeshore Area 1 and Lakeshore Area 2.

MOTION #BD 63/18

Moved by Dave Frayne

Seconded by Bob Harvey

“RESOLVED, THAT staff prepare shoreline mapping for the August 11, 2018 and August 18, 2019 public meetings thereby implementing the recommendations presented by W.F. Baird & Associates Coastal Engineers Ltd. report entitled *Review of Recession Rate Analysis*.”

Carried.

Shoreline Proposed Development Guidelines

Geoff Cade reported that a media release and newsletter has been distributed announcing the two upcoming public meetings on the Shoreline Management Plan Update. Fiona Duckett, P.Eng., will be a presenter at the meetings and the proposed shoreline development guidelines will be available. Staff will provide feedback from the public meetings at the September Board meeting.

MOTION #BD 64/18

Moved by Jim Ginn

Seconded by Ray Chartrand

“RESOLVED, THAT the update on the Shoreline Management Plan project be received as presented.”

Carried.

PROGRAM REPORTS

1. (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 8 *Applications for Permission* and 8 *Minor Works Permits*.

1. (b) Violation/Appeals Update

Staff reported a permit was issued for armour stone shore protection, however the completed work is not what was approved. Staff are working with the landowner and contractor regarding this violation in Municipality of Bluewater.

MOTION #BD 65/18

Moved by Jim Ginn

Seconded by Bob Harvey

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

Carried.

2. ABCA Five Year Financial Forecast

Brian Horner, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer presented the financial forecast for the next five years (2019-2023) with an overall average levy increase of 2.49%.

MOTION #BD 66/18

Moved by Ray Chartrand

Seconded by Dave Frayne

“RESOLVED, THAT the five year forecast be approved as presented and forwarded to the member municipalities for their information.”

Carried.

3. Profit & Loss Statement

MOTION #BD 67/18

Moved by Bob Harvey

Seconded by Jim Ginn

“RESOLVED, THAT the Profit & Loss Statement to June 30, 2018 be received as presented.”

Carried.

4. Watershed Champion Grants

Denise Iszczuk, Conservation Educator reported on the Watershed Champions Program that was initiated in January. Through financial support from NextEra Energy, the ABCA provided funding to four watershed schools. Three of the four schools completed their projects and videos were shown with highlights. Stephen Central School invited outdoor education author Frank Glew to the school to promote a model for staff on enhancing learning in and about nature. Wilberforce Public School established a nature study area in the school yard. St Josephs school project was to plant trees and manage water along the nature trail.

5. ABCA Administration Regulation By-Laws

Brian Horner advised that with the *Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act, 2017* provided direction for conservation authorities to make by-laws as required for proper administration. The new bylaws will replace administration regulations created under the repealed Section 30 of the *Conservation Authorities Act*. As of December 12, 2018, current administration bylaws will cease to be in force. Conservation Ontario has developed a Best Management Practices and Administration By-Law Model with the intent of having a more standard approach for all CAs to adopt. The proposed Draft Administration Regulations By-laws will be provided for review at the next Board meeting.

PRESENTATION

Kari Jean, Aquatic Biologist gave an update on the Ausable River Action Plan. At the last meeting it had been reported that Fisheries and Oceans Canada posted a proposed federal *Species at Risk Act* recovery document on the Species at Risk Public Registry that focuses on the Ausable River. ABCA staff have contributed to the development of the document *Action Plan for the Ausable River in Canada: An Ecosystem Approach*.

This Action Plan is an update to the Ausable River Recovery Strategy (2002) and is a checklist of what is done and what still needs to be done. The Ausable River watershed is one of the richest for species at risk which are rare or not found in the rest of Canada.. There are 85 fish; 26 mussels and 21 reptiles identified. Critical habitat for the species at risk needs to be protected and there may need to be further conservation measures to avoid destruction of this critical habitat. The top threats of the ecosystem include reducing sediment and nutrients, altered flow, low oxygen levels and invasive species.

For 15 years there has ben \$15,000 per year allocated to this project. These funds have been leveraged to \$100,000 per year from partners to implement actions such as planting trees, buffers, wetlands. In the Old Ausable Channel, there are 72 dissolved oxygen sites and 12 long term loggers in place to monitor all season. The turtle monitoring in Port Franks area is very well received by the community. Mussel surveying in the Ausable River is being done again this summer. Mussels are indicators that contribute to good water quality. Acknowledgement was given to the funders who have been partners in the Ausable River recovery over the past 15 years.

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.

MOTION #BD 68/18

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

“RESOLVED, THAT the General Manager’s report be received.”

Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**MOTION #BD 69/18**

**Moved by Jim Ginn
Seconded by Brian Ropp**

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Ad Hoc Pedestrian Bridge Community Working Group meeting held July 5, 2018; Source Protection Committee meeting held May 3, 2018; Water Response Team meeting held on June 12, 2018 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Reference: South Huron Trail Mobile
File: A.9.1
Brief: Correspondence from Municipality of South Huron acknowledging their funding through the Community Grant program towards purchase of the new South Huron Trail Mobile.

NEW BUSINESS

Brian Horner advised that since the Board does not meet in August there are two projects out for tender that may need Board approval. The tender for Pedestrian Bridge Installation of Piers is due August 15 and a recommendation will be sent by email for the Board to approve. Staff will approve the tender for the Rock Glen CA Washroom Renovation project if within budget. Otherwise the Board will be notified by email with a recommendation.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**MOTION #BD 70/18**

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

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors go into Committee of the Whole at 11:45 a.m. to discuss a property matter with Brian Horner, Kate Monk and Judith Parker remaining in attendance.”

Carried.

MOTION #BD 71/18

**Moved by Wayne Hall
Seconded by Jim Ginn**

“RESOLVED, THAT Committee of the Whole rise and report at 12:05 p.m.”

Carried.

MOTION #BD 72/18

**Moved by Dave Frayne
Seconded by Jim Ginn**

“RESOLVED, THAT staff proceed as directed on the property matter discussed.”

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

Doug Cook
Vice-Chair

Judith Parker
Corporate Services Coordinator