

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, June 20, 2019

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

HEARING

Pursuant to Ontario Regulation 147/06

(Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alteration to Shorelines and Watercourses)

DIRECTORS PRESENT

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Mike Tam

STAFF PRESENT

Bev Brown, Geoff Cade, Abbie Gutteridge, Davin Heinbuck, Brian Horner, Ian Jean, Daniel King, Judith Parker, Meghan Tydd-Hrynyk, Ross Wilson

OTHERS PRESENT

Eric Davidson

CALL TO ORDER

Chair George Irvin called the Hearing pursuant to Ontario Regulation 147/06, to order at 10:02 a.m. for consideration of Minor Works Application #2019-14. The Chair welcomed the applicant Eric Davidson.

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 Sugarbush Campground, (Site #101) in the Municipality of Bluewater. The applicant proposes to replace an existing 32' x 8' (plus 12' x 2' tip out) trailer with a 39' x 12' trailer. The site is in the most flood prone area of the campground.

Following a major flood in 1996, two 3 foot culverts were replaced with 9 foot culverts in the campground to alleviate some of the flooding. ABCA staff have also worked with the campground owners to mitigate flooding issues by developing blanket permit conditions that allow varying construction activities in each of the Areas A, B and C. If the proposed works fall outside of the conditions, an additional permit would be required.

This proposed trailer exceeds the allowable 30% increase in foundation size to 68% within a floodplain. ABCA has a regulatory responsibility under Ontario Regulation 147/06 Section 3.17.3 regarding additions for habitable use where there is concern for flood depth and velocity under regulatory storm conditions. Neighbouring trailers have been permitted to move further away from the slope, increase the height of the structure so that it is above flooding level or have chosen to not increase the trailer size. This application does not comply with the ABCA's Policies and Procedures Manual for Administration of O. Reg. 147/06 and therefore staff recommend that Minor Works Application #2019-14 be denied.

The Chair asked Eric Davidson to make his presentation. He explained that the proposed trailer will be placed 40 feet from the watercourse and set parallel against the lot line where the existing trailer is located. He plans to elevate the trailer 30 inches above grade for flood proofing and install an earth anchor system designed for anchoring structures in a broad range of soil conditions. The feeling is there would be no greater risk on the site than what currently exists.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOTION #BD 41/19

**Moved by Alex Westman
Seconded by Ray Chartrand**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors go into Committee of the Whole at 10:48 a.m. to discuss information presented in the Hearing, with Brian Horner and Judith Parker remaining in attendance.”

Carried.

MOTION #BD 42/19

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

“RESOLVED, THAT Committee of the Whole rise and report at 11:03 a.m.”

Carried.

Those in attendance at the Hearing were invited back into the boardroom and the Chair asked the Board for a decision.

MOTION #BD 43/19

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

“RESOLVED, THAT the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Board of Directors not support the staff recommendation and approve Minor Works Application #2019-14 pursuant to Ontario Regulation 147/06 *Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alteration to Shorelines and Watercourses*, subject to conditions that the trailer be raised up 30 inches for floodproofing and there is installation of earth anchors, as proposed by the applicant.”

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The Hearing was adjourned at 11:05 a.m. and the applicants left the boardroom. The Board moved into the regular Board of Directors meeting.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DIRECTORS PRESENT

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Mike Tam

STAFF PRESENT

Bev Brown, Geoff Cade, Abbie Gutteridge, Davin Heinbuck, Brian Horner, Ian Jean, Daniel King, Judith Parker, Mari Veliz, Ross Wilson

OTHERS PRESENT

Bob Montgomery, CKNX Radio
Randy Oke and Steve Poortinga, Oke Woodsmith Building Systems Inc.
Paul & Karen Hernacki & family

CALL TO ORDER

Chair George Irvin called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION #BD 44/19

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

“RESOLVED, THAT the agenda for the June 10, 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 45/19**

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

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on May 22, 2019 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”

Carried.

BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTES

None

DELEGATION

Randy Oke, President of Oke Woodsmith Building Systems spoke on behalf of the Hernacki family who own a cottage at 33714 Bedard Court, Municipality of Bluewater. Oke Woodsmith Building Systems began designs for reconstructing the Hernacki family cottage in the summer of 2017 and were working through the permitting process with ABCA staff. In August 2018, ABCA staff were advised that the project was scheduled for construction in the spring of 2019. The delegation are requesting that the application submitted on April 9, 2019, be exempted from Development Guidelines in the *Shoreline Management Plan, 2019* as their project was designed to comply with the former *Shoreline Management Plan, 2000*.

MOTION #BD 46/19

**Moved by Dave Jewitt
Seconded by Doug Cook**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors direct staff to review the Application for Permission submitted by Oke Woodsmith Building Systems for the Hernacki Family Cottage reconstruction project, as an existing application using *ABCA Shoreline Management Plan Development Guidelines, 2000*.”

Carried.

BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTES

Brian Horner, General Manager provided the Board with some options in meeting our responsibilities following the provincial funding reduction to the Section 39 Eligible Natural Hazard Management Grant.

MOTION #BD 47/19

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

“RESOLVED, THAT the generator project be deferred to the future and the related funds be directed to fund the current year shortfall from Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, and

FURTHER, THAT staff look at other long-term funding possibilities as part of the 5-year forecast and 2020 budget process.”

Carried.

PROGRAM REPORTS

1. (a) Development Review

Daniel King, 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 8 *Applications for Permission* and 15 *Minor Works Permits*.

MOTION #BD 48/19

**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. Spring 2019 Tree Planting Program

Ian Jean, Forestry Specialist provided a summary of the spring tree planting program. There were 45,015 trees planted by individual landowners and ABCA planting crews. It was a cool, wet spring which is good for the trees but took 44 days to complete the planting. Funding assistance to support the costs of trees and planting comes from Habitat Stewardship Program, Huron Clean Water Project, Species at Risk Stewardship Funding, Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association programs, National Wetland Fund and Forests Ontario.

3. Southern Watershed Flooding Event

Ross Wilson, Water and Soils Resource Coordinator gave an overview of the significant flooding event that happened on Saturday, May 25, 2019 in the southern watershed municipalities. ABCA gauges recorded 70 to 86 mm of rain falling within a two hour period. Weather forecasts were calling for 15-20 mm of rainfall. ABCA staff responded on-site to verify the nature and extent of the rainfall and watershed conditions. ABCA issued a Flood Warning message to the affected municipal flood coordinators. There was significant damage with washed out culverts and roads resulting in temporary road closures. The Cameron Gillies drain diversion channel, that protects Parkhill from the flood waters going through the town, was flowing bank full which is a rarity.

Adrian Cornelissen, director from Municipality of North Middlesex, expressed gratitude to the ABCA staff involved during the flooding event, for their constant communication with municipal staff in providing information on potential flooded areas.

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 49/19

**Moved by Doug Cook
Seconded by Alex Westman**

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Arkona Lions Museum Management Committee meeting held May 13, 2019 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Reference: WECI Funding
File: W. 3.16.1
Brief: Correspondence from Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry advising that the Water & Erosion Control Infrastructure (WECI) committee approved funding for the Parkhill Dam Safety Log Boom project and Morrison Dam Safety Log Boom project at the 50% provincial share of \$26,250.00.
- b) Reference: Thank you
File: P.1.7
Brief: Letter of appreciation from Meghan Glavin, Co-op Student from St. Anne's Catholic Secondary School, for the opportunity to work with ABCA staff and gain experience in various departments.
- c) Reference: Parkhill Conservation Area
File: R.1.10.2
Brief: Correspondence from Elaine Murray expressing concern that the Strathroy Flying Farmers are allowed to use the Parkhill Conservation Area for flying model planes. A response will be sent to Ms. Murray advising that the group has a Special Use Permit that is reviewed annually.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Staff will be planning a watershed bus tour on Thursday, August 29, 2019 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Board members are invited to attend and suggest potential points of interest.
2. For future delegations, the presentation information will be included with the agenda for the directors to review before the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

George Irvin
Chair

Judith Parker
Corporate Services Coordinator

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