

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, May 17, 2018

Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Boardroom
Morrison Dam Conservation Area

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Ray Chartrand, Doug Cook, Dave Frayne, Jim Ginn, Wayne Hall, George Irvin, Mike Tam

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Bob Harvey, Brian Ropp

STAFF PRESENT

Bev Brown, Geoff Cade, Brian Horner, Daniel King, Tommy Kokas, Megan Leedham, Kate Monk, Judith Parker, Meghan Tydd-Hrynyk, Angela Van Niekerk

OTHER PRESENT

Sue Haskett - Bluewater Shoreline Residents' Association
Bob Montgomery - CKNX Radio

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair George Irvin called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION #BD 31/18

Moved by Dave Frayne

Seconded by Ray Chartrand

“RESOLVED, THAT the agenda for the May 17, 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 32/18

**Moved by Doug Cook
Seconded by Wayne Hall**

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on April 19, 2018 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”

Carried.

BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTES

Election for Chair

Due to the resignation of Burkhard Metzger at the last meeting from the Board of Directors, an election is required to fill the vacancy for Chair.

MOTION #BD 33/18

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

“RESOLVED, THAT Brian Horner be appointed Chair of the elections.”

Carried.

MOTION #BD 34/18

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

“RESOLVED, THAT Bev Brown and Kate Monk be appointed scrutineers for the election proceedings.”

Carried.

Brian Horner called for nominations for the position of Chair for the remainder of 2018. Dave Frayne nominated current Vice Chair, George Irvin to be Chair of the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority. Brian Horner asked for nominations two more times.

MOTION #BD 35/18

**Moved by Mike Tam
Seconded by Wayne Hall**

“RESOLVED, THAT nominations for Chair of Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority be closed.”

Carried.

George Irvin accepted his nomination and thanked the directors for their support.

Election for Vice Chair

Brian Horner asked for nominations to the position of Vice Chair for the remainder of 2018. Wayne Hall nominated Doug Cook for Vice Chair. Brian Horner asked for nominations two more times.

MOTION #BD 36/18

**Moved by Jim Ginn
Seconded by Mike Tam**

“RESOLVED, THAT nominations for Vice Chair of Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority be closed.”

Carried.

Doug Cook accepted his nomination and looks forward to serving as Vice Chair.

PROGRAM REPORTS1. (a) Development Review

Meghan Tydd-Hyrnyk, 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 11 *Applications for Permission* and 13 *Minor Works Permits*.

1. (b) Violation/Appeals Update

Staff reported the only update was that the landowner in Huron Woods subdivision, Municipality of Lambton Shores is working with staff towards a resolution.

MOTION #BD 37/18

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

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

Carried.

2. Structure Maintenance

Geoff Cade, Water & Planning Manager advised that the toe drain reconstruction at Parkhill Dam and minor repairs to Morrison Dam concrete spillway and retaining wall structures were approved for completion in 2018. An application has been made to the province for 50% WECI funding, however, the ABCA projects did not receive approval.

MOTION #BD 38/18

**Moved by Jim Ginn
Seconded by Mike Tam**

“RESOLVED, THAT the proposed concrete repairs to the Morrison Dam and the toe drain repair to the Parkhill Dam be completed in 2018 and that the provincial funding shortfall be taken from reserves, and

FURTHER, THAT if the 50% provincial WECI funding is secured, the money removed from reserves will be returned, and

FURTHER, THAT if no funding is received, the amount taken from reserves in 2018 will be reimbursed to the reserves in the 2019 budget.”

Carried.

3. Sarnia Lambton Tourism Day

Kate Monk, Stewardship, Lands and Education Manager advised that Tourism Sarnia Lambton is organizing a “Cruise the County” event on Saturday, June 9 to recognize National Tourism Week. The public is invited to take part in a self-driving tour throughout Lambton County. There will be 18 different sites and attractions on the tour with admission fees waived. Rock Glen CA has been included and staff are requesting that the admission fee be waived for tour participants.

MOTION #BD 39/18

Moved by Doug Cook

Seconded by Ray Chartrand

“RESOLVED, THAT Ausable Bayfield CA waive the admission fee to Rock Glen Conservation Area on June 9, 2018 for the “Cruise the County” participants.”

Carried.

5. Quotation Results for Jones Pedestrian Bridge

Kate Monk reported that quotations were requested from three bridge companies located in southwestern Ontario for supplying the new iron pedestrian bridge on the South Huron Trail. An additional option for the bridge is using self-weathering steel Corten deck planks, instead of wooden decking. The Pedestrian Bridge Community Working Group discussed this option at their meeting and preferred the Corten decking due to the lower risk of injuries from slipping and falling. There would also be lower maintenance costs over the life of the main bridge structure.

MOTION #BD 40/18

Moved by Dave Frayne

Seconded by Wayne Hall

“RESOLVED, THAT the ABCA accept the quotation from Iron Bridge Fabricating Inc. for a 30 metre and a 22 metre standard specification bridge with Corten self-weathering deck planks at a cost of \$124,600 plus HST, and

FURTHER, THAT staff proceed with completing the final design for the bridge piers and prepare tender documents for installation of bridge piers and installation of the two bridge sections.”

Carried.

PRESENTATION

Angela Van Niekerk, Wetlands Specialist provided a presentation on wetland restoration projects and wetland evaluations. Since pre-settlement times in Huron County, there has been a 76% loss of wetlands. With poor mapping and a lack of information on wetlands, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry provided some funding for the Huron County Coastal Wetland Assessment which mapped wetlands 10 km inland from Lake Huron. There were 68 site visits conducted in 2017 with 41 wetlands confirmed; 16 confirmed as floodplain; 3 sites confirmed as upland (not wetland) and 4 unconfirmed as permission to assess was denied.

The process staff undertake for restoring wetlands is:

1. Submit grant applications for 100% funding
2. Make site visits and create a design for tendering to qualified contractors
3. Once constructed, wetlands are monitored
4. Submit a followup report to the funders
5. Create awareness through social media posts, tours and letters

Before and after examples were shown of the Huronview Demonstration Site (2 acre); Quinn Wetland Project (5 acre); rain garden sites at Pioneer Park in Bayfield and Sloman Park in Clinton. A rain garden project is proposed in Hensall this year. In 2018 there are 11 projects confirmed; 4 planting events with 1,795 plants going in the ground as well as the Hensall rain garden.

Since the wetland program began, staff have procured funding to create 65 wetlands; restoring 241 acres; 284,241 trees planted (513 acres); and retired 483 acres from being wet areas.

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 41/18

Moved by Jim Ginn

Seconded by Mike Tam

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Ad Hoc Pedestrian Bridge Community Working Group meetings held on May 3, 2018 and the Source Protection Committee meeting held on May 2, 2018 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Reference: WECI Program Funding
File: W.3.16.1
Brief: Notice was received from Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry that the application for WECI funding was denied.
- b) Reference: Director Appointment
File: A.10.1
Brief: Letter from Municipality of Central Huron appointing Jim Ginn as their representative on the ABCA Board of Directors.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Geoff Cade provided draft copies of a Shore Protection Fact Sheet and Shore Protection Application Checklist. These forms were created as guidance documents to help applicants and contractors prepare and submit required information when applying for a permit under the *Conservation Authorities Act*.

MOTION #BD 42/18

**Moved by Doug Cook
Seconded by Mike Tam**

“RESOLVED, THAT staff discuss with neighbouring conservation authorities what guidance documents they offer to applicants and contractors applying for permits to construct shore protection.”

Carried.

2. George Irvin advised he had attended the *Is the Coast Clear* conference hosted by the Lake Huron Coastal Conservation Centre and found the sessions informative.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**MOTION #BD 44/18**

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

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors go into Committee of the Whole at 11:37 a.m. to discuss a property matter with Brian Horner, Kate Monk and Judith Parker remaining in attendance.”

Carried.

MOTION #BD 45/18

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

“RESOLVED, THAT Committee of the Whole rise and report at 11:50 a.m.”

Carried.

MOTION #BD 46/18

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

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

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

George Irvin
Chair

Judith Parker
Corporate Services Coordinator