

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, May 19, 2016

Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Boardroom
Morrison Dam Conservation Area

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Ray Chartrand, Doug Cook, Dave Frayne, Wayne Hall, Bob Harvey, George Irvin, Burkhard Metzger, Mike Tam

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Don Shipway

STAFF PRESENT

Jenna Allain, Andrew Bicknell, Geoff Cade, Brian Horner, Kate Monk, Judith Parker, Alec Scott, Meghan Tydd-Hrynyk, Mari Veliz

OTHERS PRESENT

Bob Montgomery, CKNX Radio

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mike Tam called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION #BD 30/16

Moved by George Irvin

Seconded by Ray Chartrand

“RESOLVED, THAT the agenda for the May 19, 2016 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 31/16

**Moved by Doug Cook
Seconded by George Irvin**

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on April 21, 2016 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”

Carried.

BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTES

None

PROGRAM REPORTS

1. (a) Development Review

Andrew Bicknell, 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 5 *Applications for Permission* and 7 *Minor Works Permits* to construct works within regulated areas.

(b) Violation/Appeals Update

Geoff Cade, Supervisor of Water and Planning provided an update on violations and appeals.

- a) In regards to the violation in Municipality of Bluewater where a structure was constructed on the beach, the court date has been adjourned until July 5, 2016 to allow removal of the structure.
- b) An application has been received to remove the elements considered living space in regards to the basement renovation in Port Franks.

MOTION #BD 32/16

**Moved by Bob Harvey
Seconded by George Irvin**

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

Carried.

2. Water Well Maintenance and Upgrades

Alec Scott, Water & Planning Manager presented on behalf of Davin Heinbuck, Lands and Water Technologist a report on well upgrades. The ABCA sinkhole well was drilled by W.D.Hopper & Sons Ltd. in December of 2003 for two sinkhole investigation studies in 2003 - 2005. The well has remained in service as part of the Provincial Groundwater Monitoring Network in partnership with the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change. Because of the karst bedrock formation, and susceptibility to surface water influence, the well is one of the most important in the monitoring network. The pump used to collect water samples is no longer working and needs replacement. MOECC will reimburse ABCA for the full cost of the works.

MOTION #BD 33/16

**Moved by George Irvin
Seconded by Ray Chartrand**

“RESOLVED, THAT W.D. Hopper & Sons Ltd. be hired for the required well maintenance and upgrade works at a cost of \$3,849.50.”

Carried.

3. Shoreline Management Plan Update

Geoff Cade provided a report on the most recent Shoreline Management Plan Steering Committee meeting. The consultant provided members with information on climate change and potential impacts on the shoreline. The expectation is that ice cover on the lake will lead to more erosion along the shoreline over time. A newsletter will be sent out to the lakeshore residents and two public information sessions will be held during the summer months.

The consultant is concerned with the number of structures in the unstable slope at the top of the lake bank. ABCA staff undertook a GIS exercise to determine the number of structures and it is estimated at 500. The steering committee was presented with three options: do nothing; expand on the GIS exercise; or have a geotechnical engineer conduct a detailed study. It was recommended by the Steering Committee that the ABCA undertake the detailed risk assessment study. Staff will correspond with the lakeshore municipalities and arrange to meet with staff on moving forward with the study.

MOTION #BD 34/16

**Moved by George Irvin
Seconded by Burkhard Metzger**

“RESOLVED, THAT staff arrange a shoreline watershed bus tour to highlight the lakeshore areas being discussed.”

Carried.

Dave Frayne arrived to the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

4. Spring 2016 Tree Planting Program

Kate Monk reported on behalf of Ian Jean, Forestry & Stewardship Specialist. There were 51,320 trees planted this spring with 5,330 of those being large stock and 45,990 seedlings. Planting started on April 13, 2016 and the weather was ideal. Trees Ontario is the largest provider of funding for tree planting in the watershed contributing \$37,530 to plant 29,300 trees in 2016.

PRESENTATION

Mari Veliz, Healthy Watersheds Supervisor gave a presentation highlighting two community-led projects in Lambton Shores and Bluewater. By assisting communities to leverage their own resources and people, projects become more sustainable and local capacity is built within the community.

Staff are assisting in installation of a turtle exclusion fencing project in Port Franks to address the biggest threat to turtles which is road mortality. Installation of a guardrail will guide the turtles and other wildlife to cross the road through a culvert under the road. A workshop is also being held to educate local residents on how to assist in monitoring and living with the species at risk turtles found in Port Franks area.

The Main Bayfield community efforts include monitoring channels that run through Bayfield to the lake. Staff have assisted in securing funding to develop a rain garden that will hold back water so it doesn't erode the lake bank. Volunteers and the municipality will maintain the rain garden.

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

Brian Horner presented the General Manager's report. Highlights were given on the progress of various projects, staff training and development, upcoming meetings and activities held over the previous month. This report is distributed to the municipalities for their councillors' information.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MOTION #BD 35/2016

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

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Arkona Lions Museum & Information Centre Management Committee meeting held on May 2, 2016 and the Source Protection Committee meeting held on March 9, 2016 and the motions therein be approved as presented.”

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Reference: Mining and Lands Commissioner
File: W.5.2.5.1
Brief: Order of the Mining and Lands Commissioner was received dismissing the appeal between Lois Budden, Manuel Demelo, Mike Demelo, Ted Piwowarczyk and Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority.

- b) Reference: WECI Funding
File: W.3.6.1
Brief: Resolution from South Huron Council asking the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority to request Water & Erosion Control Infrastructure (WECI) funding for the Guard Rail Replacement Project at Morrison Dam with the Municipality of South Huron agreeing to pay 50% of the project costs.
- c) Reference: Thank you
File: C.12.2
Brief: A note of thanks from the Lambton Shores Phragmites Community Group for being recognized in their efforts with the “2016 Conservationist of the Year” award.
- d) Reference: Thank you
File: A.5.1
Brief: A note of thanks from the Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Huron for the donation from the ABCA staff Dress Down Day Fund.
- e) Reference: Thank you
File: A.5.1
Brief: Correspondence from Lucan Girl Guides thanking the ABCA for allowing the group to use Lucan Conservation Area for a camping weekend with a special use permit.

NEW BUSINESS

Brian Horner advised the Board of the passing of Bob Norris, director on the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation. A letter of interest will be brought to the next meeting for approval in filling the vacancy.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Mike Tam
Chair

Judith Parker
Corporate Services Coordinator

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