

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, November 24, 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, Don Shipway, Mike Tam

STAFF PRESENT

Andrew Bicknell, Bev Brown, Geoff Cade, Brian Horner, Kate Monk, Judith Parker, Alec Scott, Melissa Prout, Mari Veliz

OTHERS PRESENT

Scott Nixon, Exeter Times Advocate

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mike Tam called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed all those in attendance. As there were a number of interested public present for the Delegation, he reminded everyone that this was a meeting of the Board and not a public meeting.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION #BD 69/16

Moved by Dave Frayne

Seconded by Ray Chartrand

“RESOLVED, THAT the agenda for the November 24, 2016 Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Board of Directors meeting be approved as circulated.”

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

Mike Sloan declared he would be doing an audio recording during the meeting. Jordy Speake declared he would be doing a video/audio recording during the meeting.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES**MOTION #BD 70/16****Moved by Doug Cook
Seconded by Don Shipway**

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on October 20, 2016 and November 3, 2016 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”

Carried.

DELEGATION

Chair Mike Tam welcomed Sue Haskett, Jan Purvis, Alan Wright, Robin Glenney and Tony VanBakel of the Bluewater Shoreline Residents' Association (BRSA). Sue Haskett spoke on behalf of the delegation giving an overview of the BRSA which is an umbrella organization of close to 50 individual cottage associations that include 1500 properties existing west of Highway 21 north from the Dashwood Road to just south of Bayfield. Comments reflected on how the BRSA has kept their membership informed of the Shoreline Management Plan Update process since the summer of 2015 and had a representative on the Steering Committee. They question the effectiveness of the Steering Committee as a result of the public reaction to the posting of the draft SMP Consultant Recommendation Report. The BRSA feels the consultant was creating a document to meet legislation and provincial policy. The communication strategy for engaging the public in the process was also questioned. A number of recommendations on moving forward with the SMP process were directed to the Board for their consideration. It may take more time to finalize the local policies, but the BRSA hopes the final SMP Update will be a go to document for all property owners along the shoreline.

Ray Chartrand asked to clarify the comments he made at the November 3, 2016 Board of Directors Special Meeting on November 3, 2016 and made the following motion.

MOTION #BD 71/16**Moved by Ray Chartrand
Seconded by George Irvin**

“RESOLVED, THAT before the next Shoreline Management Plan is developed and posted for public input, it must be reviewed by the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Board of Directors and our legal representation.”

Carried.

The Delegation and observers left the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

PRESENTATION

Adam Skillen of Skillen Investment Management provided an update on the ABCA portfolio and reviewed the investment policy statement criteria which currently is weighted 30 percent equities and 70 percent bonds.. The Board had requested more information on adding common shares to the portfolio.

MOTION #BD 72/16

**Moved by Burkhard Metzger
Seconded by Dave Frayne**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors direct the General Manager to re-write the investment policy statement be weighted as 65 percent bonds and 35 per cent equities, and

FURTHER, THAT out of the 35 percent equities, include 10 percent common shares.”

Carried.

Adam Skillen left the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTES

Proposed 2017 Budget Revisions

Brian Horner, General Manager reviewed the ABCA policy on financial reserves and presented an analysis for the director’s information. He reported that he and Alec Scott, Water & Planning Manager had attended the Municipality of Bluewater Council meeting to receive input on services to be considered in the ABCA budget. A resolution from the meeting asked that the ABCA support including BRSA water quality sampling in the project levy.

MOTION #BD 73/16

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

“RESOLVED, THAT the Mayor of Bluewater or a representative attend the ABCA Board of Directors meeting regarding the motion from Bluewater Council on BRSRA water sampling funding.”

Carried.

Proposed 2017 Fee Schedule and Pay Grid

MOTION #BD 74/16

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

“RESOLVED, THAT the proposed fee schedule and pay grid for 2017 be approved as presented.”

Carried.

MOTION #BD 75/16

**Moved by Dave Frayne
Seconded by Bob Harvey**

“RESOLVED, THAT THAT the member municipalities be advised of the 2017 proposed project levy, general levy and budget and provided with the supplementary information for the 30 day review, as the weighted vote by apportionment is intended to be held at the February 16, 2017 Board of Directors meeting.”

Carried.

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 16 *Applications for Permission* and 11 *Minor Works Permits* to construct works within regulated areas.

1. (b) Violation/Appeals Update

Geoff Cade, Supervisor of Water & Planning gave an update on a violation in the Municipality of Lambton Shores. The landowner has made changes so that the basement has now met the conditions of the Application for Permission.

MOTION #BD 76/16

Moved by Ray Chartrand

Seconded by Dave Frayne

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

Carried.

Doug Cook left the meeting at 11:42 a.m.

PRESENTATION

Melissa Prout, Conservation Educator gave an update on the conservation education program throughout 2016. The education department’s mission statement is to build relationships between youth and their natural world, empowering them toward environmental responsibility. Overall youth participation was 7,996 from the watershed and 1538 non-watershed. This was a 19 per cent increase over 2015. In-school programs have increased due to free programming through partnership funding. Goals for 2017 will be to continue engaging watershed schools through a variety of programming; continue to increase community action programs; expand multi-phase programs; continue to seek partnerships and funding; develop a strategy for Camp Sylvan.

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 77/16**

**Moved by Dave Frayne
Seconded by Burkhard Metzger**

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Friends of South Huron Trail Committee Annual Meeting held on November 4, 2016 and motions therein be approved as presented.”

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Reference: Shoreline Management Plan Update
File: W.4.11.1
Brief: Copy of correspondence from Lisa Thompson, MPP to the Minister of Natural Resources regarding lakeshore residents concerns with the Draft Shoreline Management Plan Consultant Recommendation Report.
- b) Reference: Shoreline Management Plan Update
File: W.4.11.1
Brief: Note from Monte McNaughton, MPP for Middlesex expressing thanks for the opportunity to meet with ABCA staff and discuss the Shoreline Management Plan Update process. Brian Horner advised a meeting is set up with Lisa Thompson, MPP for Huron-Bruce.
- c) Reference: Shoreline Management Plan Update
File: W.4.11.1
Brief: Correspondence from Huron County Warden Paul Gowing requesting an extension of the comment period on the Draft Shoreline Management Plan Consultant Recommendation Report.

NEW BUSINESS

Brian Horner advised there are three Board members whose term of appointment to the ABCA Board of Directors will be expiring at the end of December 2016.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**MOTION #BD 78/16**

**Moved by Don Shipway
Seconded by Burkhard Metzger**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors go into Committee of the Whole at 12:15 p.m. to discuss personal matters with Brian Horner and Judith Parker remaining in attendance.”

Carried.

MOTION #BD 79/16

**Moved by Burkhard Metzger
Seconded by Ray Chartrand**

“RESOLVED, THAT Committee of the Whole rise and report at 12:20 p.m.”

Carried.

MOTION #BD 80/16

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

“RESOLVED, THAT the resignation of Jenna Allain, Source Protection Program Supervisor, be accepted with regrets and the Board of Directors wish her well with future endeavours.”

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Mike Tam
Chair

Judith Parker
Corporate Services Coordinator

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