

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, October 20, 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, Angela VanNiekerk, Rachael Scholten

OTHERS PRESENT

Scott Nixon, Exeter Times Advocate
Jackie Rombouts, Township of Warwick
Tim Price, Solicitor - Little, Inglis, Price & Ewer

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mike Tam called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed all those in attendance. As there was a contingent of interested public present for the discussion on the Consultant Recommendations Report for the Shoreline Management Plan Update, he reminded the public that this was a meeting of the Board and not a public meeting for making presentations or comments.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION #BD 59/16

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

“RESOLVED, THAT the agenda for the October 20, 2016 Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Board of Directors meeting be amended to move up item #10- Shoreline Management Plan Steering Committee Report to follow item #5-Adoption of Minutes.”

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 of the meeting.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES**MOTION #BD 60/16**

**Moved by Doug Cook
Seconded by Don Shipway**

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on September 15, 2016 and October 13, 2016 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”

Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTSShoreline Management Plan Steering Committee

Geoff Cade reiterated for those attending the meeting, that the Shoreline Management Plan Update Steering Committee commenced the project on July 15, 2015. The draft Consultant Recommendation Report was provided to the Steering Committee at their meeting on July 27, 2016. The committee released the draft report on September 1, 2016 as the first round of public feedback for a 90 day comment period ending on December 1, 2016. A meeting of the Steering Committee was held on October 17, 2016. However it was decided to not follow the meeting agenda due to the number of shoreline residents attending with concerns such as effect on property rights; the length of comment period on the report; implications on taxes; ability to rebuild in case of fire; maintenance of structure and septic systems; questioning the science used by the consultants. There have been over 100 written comments received to date. The meeting was opened up as a public meeting and six individuals made presentations. The Steering Committee re-convened their meeting and a resolution was passed to throw out the Consultant Recommendation Report.

General Manager, Brian Horner read correspondence received from the Municipality of Bluewater Council requesting an extension to the comment period from 90 days to six months to a year on the Draft Shoreline Management Plan Consultants Recommendations report.

George Irvin presented a motion and requested a recorded vote.

MOTION #BD 61/16

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

“Whereas the ABCA is currently in the process of updating the 2000 Shoreline Management Plan for the Lake Huron shoreline within its watershed, and

Whereas at the end of the public meeting held in Crediton on Monday, October 17, the Steering Committee was called to order and a motion was passed with a recorded vote to “throw out the consultants’ 2016 SMP draft report and that we take the 2000 Shoreline Management Report and update it to meet today’s expectations”,

Be it resolved, that the ABCA Board reject the 2016 Shoreline Management Plan Consultants’ Recommendation Report, and

Be it resolved, that the ABCA Board acknowledge that some of the scientific portions of this report may be of value and could be used in the process going forward not withstanding the rejection identified above.”

Burkhard Metzger began discussion on the motion saying that the document has become toxic to the community and process needs to start over in cooperation with the stakeholders. However he feels there is value in the scientific knowledge gained in the updates for the plan.

Doug Cook inquired if the report could be received as information because if the document is thrown out, no portion of the report could be accepted.

George Irvin noted that it is the committee’s responsibility to bring recommendations.

Brian Horner advised that if the draft Consultant Recommendation Report was ‘thrown out’ there still needed to be consideration of the comment period. The legal opinion is that the public would need to be given 2 or 3 weeks notice that the comment period was being shortened. Dave Frayne felt the draft Consultant Recommendation Report should be left on the ABCA website for the remainder of the comment period and get the feedback as requested by the Steering Committee.

Bob Harvey commented that he is feeling pressured into voting on the motion today without having time to review the information presented.

Solicitor Tim Price commented that the motion as presented, has two distinct parts that could be contradictory if adopted.

Chair Mike Tam called the question.

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>
George Irvin	✓	
Burkhard Metzger	✓	
Bob Harvey		✓
Don Shipway		✓
Ray Chartrand		✓
Dave Frayne		✓
Wayne Hall	✓	
Doug Cook		✓

Motion is Defeated.

MOTION #BD 62/16

**Moved by Dave Frayne
Seconded by Don Shipway**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Ausable Bayfield Board of Directors receive the draft Consultant Recommendation Report for information purposes only.”

Carried.

MOTION #BD 63/16

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

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors clarify that the report is for information, and

FURTHER, THAT consideration will be given to the comments received in the report brought to the Board of Directors.”

Carried.

NOTICE OF MOTION - Introduced by Burkhard Metzger

“RESOLVED, THAT the ABCA Board of Directors declares that it does not intend to implement the ABCA Shoreline Development Guidelines of Section 7.8 in the report (pages 113-117) in its proposed form and does not endorse the underlying principle of “managed retreat” and the unilateral prohibition of any shoreline protection works.”

The audience interested in the SMP Steering Committee report left the meeting at 10:43 a.m. with the exception of Gary Rose, Leslie Myers and Mike Sloan.

BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTES

Proposed 2017 Budget Revisions

Brian Horner presented the proposed revisions to the 2017 budget presented at the meeting last week. New projects for 2017 were prioritized for the Board’s consideration. It was noted that fluctuations in the wages and benefits expense are influenced by projects which are funded by outside sources and not covered by general levy. A change was made to the planning and regulations department budget to reflect an average of sales and service over the past four years. A report was given on the reserves and the areas where designated.

Bob Harvey left the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

MOTION #BD 64/16

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

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board receive the information presented on proposed revisions and request the ABCA policy on reserves and their limits be brought to the next meeting for further discussion on the budget.”

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 6 *Applications for Permission* and 14 *Minor Works Permits* to construct works within regulated areas.

1. (b) Violation/Appeals Update

No updates.

MOTION #BD 65/16

Moved by Dave Frayne

Seconded by Ray Chartrand

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

Carried.

2. Camp Sylvan Conservation Program

Melissa Prout, Conservation Educator presented a background on the Camp Sylvan residential conservation education program. In the past 4 years, 1500 students participated in the Weston Family Environmental Leaders of Tomorrow program through funding from the Weston Foundation. The funding for this program ended in June 2016 and sustainability of the program has arisen for the following reasons: a) maintenance and upkeep of Camp Sylvan facility does not meet standards for school programs, b) marketability and competition with other Camps offering nature experiences, c) the investment of staff time and increased costs for overnight programming.

There have been a magnitude of benefits for students who have participated in the program over its 52 year history. However, Scouts Canada do not plan to alter the property, trail and facility management practices to meet the safety standards of the ABCA and schools so alternative approaches need to be considered.

MOTION #BD 66/16

Moved by Burkhard Metzger

Seconded by Ray Chartrand

“RESOLVED, THAT staff be directed to explore alternate programs to the Camp Sylvan Conservation Program which will better suit the needs of the ABCA and watershed schools and report back to the Board of Directors with recommendations, and

FURTHER, THAT consideration be given to the investment for upgrades at Camp Sylvan and the buy-in of watershed schools for the program.”

Carried.

3. Profit & Loss Statement

Brian Horner presented the profit and loss statement to September 30, 2016 for the Board’s information.

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 67/16

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

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Arkona Lions Museum Management Committee meeting held on October 3, 2016 and motions therein be approved as presented.”

Carried.

MOTION #BD 68/16

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

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Clinton CA Management Committee meeting held on October 4, 2016 and the motions therein be approved as presented.”

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Reference: Municipality of Bluewater
File: W.4.11.1
Brief: Resolution from the Municipality of Bluewater Council requesting that the ABCA and the Steering Committee extend the comment period on the Draft Shoreline Management Plan Consultant Recommendation Report from 90 days to 6 months to a year. The correspondence also included a resolution that a Committee be struck to make recommendations to Council on the Draft Shoreline Management Plan Consultant Recommendations.

- b) Reference: Municipality of Bluewater
File: F.6
Brief: Invitation for the General Manager to attend the November 21, 2016 Council meeting so the councillors can provide input on services offered by ABCA.

NEW BUSINESS

The directors were reminded that the next Board meeting is one week later on November 24, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

PRESENTATION

During the lunch break, Angela VanNiekerk made a presentation on the Healthy Headwaters Wetlands Initiative. The benefits of wetlands in the landscape are filtration of the water, reduction in erosion of soil off of fields and increase groundwater recharge. The ABCA has been providing grants and technical assistance to landowners in restoring and creating wetlands and slides were shown of completed projects. Since 2008, there have been 62 wetlands completed on 239 acres. Staff coordinated the planting of 262,959 trees, shrubs and wetland plants on 464 acres. Retired wet areas total 418 acres and 26 kilometres of watercourse have been buffered. Currently 80-90% of project costs can be covered through private, non-profit and government funding. The success of the projects can be attributed to the cooperation between funding partners, volunteers, students and landowners.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Mike Tam
Chair

Judith Parker
Corporate Services Coordinator

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