



## ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, February 21, 2019

Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Administration Centre  
Morrison Dam Conservation Area

10:00 a.m.

### AGENDA

1. Chairman's Welcome
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest
4. Disclosure of intention to record this meeting by video and/or audio device
5. Adoption of Minutes from December 20, 2018
6. **Business Out of the Minutes**
  - Draft Shoreline Management Plan - results of comment period - Geoff Cade
7. **Elections** (i) Appointment of Chairperson for Election  
(ii) Appointment of Scrutineers for Election  
(iii) Positions of Chairman and Vice Chairman declared vacant  
(iv) Election of Chairman  
(v) Election of Vice Chairman  
(vi) Motion to Destroy Ballots (if required)
8. **Appointments** (i) Auditor  
(ii) Solicitor  
(iii) Financial Institution
9. **Program Reports - Action Items**
  - Report 1: (a) Development Review (O. Reg 147/06) - Daniel King/Geoff Cade  
(b) Violation/Appeals Update - Geoff Cade
  - Report 2: Habitat Stewardship Program Funding Projects - Ian Jean
  - Report 3: MPAC Request for Reconsideration - Hay Swamp - Ian Jean
  - Report 4: Huronview Innovative Drainage Demonstration - Mari Veliz**Program Reports - Information Items**
  - Report 5: Unaudited January to December Financial Statement - Brian Horner
  - Report 6: Watershed Champions Grant - Denise Iszczuk
10. **General Manager's Report**
11. **Committee Reports**
  - Striking Committee - George Irvin
12. Correspondence
13. Committee of the Whole - personal matter
14. New Business
15. Adjournment

*Source Protection Authority Meeting to follow*

#### UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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| March 21 | Board of Directors Meeting at 2:30 p.m        |
| March 21 | ABCA Partners Appreciation and Awards Evening |
| April 11 | Conservation Dinner                           |

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, December 20, 2018

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

### DIRECTORS PRESENT

Ray Chartrand, Doug Cook, Dave Frayne, Jim Ginn, Bob Harvey, George Irvin, Brian Ropp, Mike Tam

### DIRECTORS ABSENT

Wayne Hall

### STAFF PRESENT

Bev Brown, Geoff Cade, Brian Horner, Daniel King, Tracey McPherson, Kate Monk, Judith Parker, Meghan Tydd-Hrynyk, Angela Van Niekerk

### OTHER PRESENT

Dave Jewitt, Marissa Vaughan - incoming ABCA Board members  
Sue Haskett, Robin Glenny - Bluewater Shoreline Residents' Association  
Bob Montgomery, CKNX Radio

### CALL TO ORDER

Chair George Irvin called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

**MOTION #BD 108/18**

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

**“RESOLVED, THAT the agenda for the December 20, 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 109/18**

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

**“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on November 8, 2018 and November 22, 2018 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”**

**Carried.**

PROGRAM REPORTS1. (a) Development Review

Meghan Tydd-Hrynyk, 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 19 *Applications for Permission* and 6 *Minor Works Permits*.

1. (b) Violation/Appeals Update

Staff reported that the court date regarding the violation in Port Franks has been delayed to March 21, 2019. The proponents who attended the Hearing in regards to unauthorized basement renovations in the Municipality of Lambton Shores have appealed to the Mining and Lands Tribunal.

**MOTION #BD 110/18**

**Moved by Doug Cook  
Seconded by Brian Ropp**

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

**Carried.**

2. Habitat Stewardship Program Funding

Angela Van Niekerk, Wetlands Specialist presented 5 stewardship projects in the municipalities of Lucan Biddulph and North Middlesex eligible for Habitat Stewardship Program funding. There were two stewardship projects in the Municipality of South Huron eligible for Species at Risk Stewardship funding. Two projects in South Huron and Central Huron were eligible for rural stormwater improvements through EcoAction Community funding.

**MOTION #BD 111/18**

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

**“RESOLVED, THAT project numbers AB-2640, AB-2641, AB-2502, AB-2541, AB-2621, AB-2634, AB-2636, AB-2461 and AB-2532 be approved for funding as recommended.”**

**Carried.**

**3. Generic Regulations Mapping Updates**

Tracey McPherson, GIS/IT Coordinator provided the status of updating the individual components of the Ontario Regulation 147/06 generic regulation mapping. The updates so far have reduced the area the ABCA regulates under Ontario Regulation 147/06. Staff will continue to update the mapping in the shoreline municipalities while waiting for approval of the Shoreline Management Plan before displaying and distributing the regulation layer.

**MOTION #BD 112/18**

**Moved by Bob Harvey  
Seconded by Brian Ropp**

**“RESOLVED, THAT all changes to the regulation limit GIS layer in Perth and Middlesex County and Municipality of Huron East be approved, and**

**FURTHER, THAT the changes get reflected on the [www. camaps.ca](http://www.camaps.ca) website, and**

**FURTHER, THAT the updated mapping be distributed to the counties for use in their mapping systems.”**

**Carried.**

**4. ABCA Agricultural Land Tender**

Kate Monk, Stewardship, Lands & Education Manager reported there were eight tenders received for renting a 63 acre agriculture parcel in the Municipality of Bluewater.

**MOTION #BD 113/18**

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

**“RESOLVED, THAT the bid submitted by Michael Becker at \$310 per acre for the period of January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2024 be accepted for rental of 63 acres at the Linfield Wildlife Area property.”**

**Carried.**

**BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTES****Proposed 2019 Project Levy, General Levy and Budget.**

General Manager, Brian Horner reviewed the project and general levy totals and advised approval is by weighted vote.

2019 Proposed General Levy Vote**MOTION #BD 114/18****Moved by Mike Tam  
Seconded by Jim Ginn****“RESOLVED, THAT the 2019 General Levy be approved at \$998,637.”**

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Adelaide Metcalfe	✓		
Bluewater	✓		
Central Huron	✓		
Huron East	✓		
Lambton Shores	✓		
Lucan Biddulph			✓
Middlesex Centre	✓		
North Middlesex	✓		
Perth South	✓		
South Huron	✓		
Warwick	✓		
West Perth	✓		

**The result was Yea 100% based on the current value assessment apportionment schedule.”****Carried.**2019 Proposed Project Levy Vote**MOTION #BD 115/18****Moved by Dave Frayne  
Seconded by Doug Cook****“RESOLVED, THAT the 2019 Project Levy be approved at \$325,504.”**

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Adelaide Metcalfe	✓		
Bluewater	✓		
Central Huron	✓		
Huron East	✓		
Lambton Shores	✓		
Lucan Biddulph			✓
Middlesex Centre	✓		
North Middlesex	✓		
Perth South	✓		
South Huron	✓		
Warwick	✓		
West Perth	✓		

**The result was Yea 100% based on the current value assessment apportionment schedule.”**

**Carried.**

2019 Proposed Budget

**MOTION #BD 116/18**

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

**“RESOLVED, THAT the proposed 2019 overall budget be approved.”**

**Carried.**

5. Rock Glen Washroom Renovation Update

Kate Monk provided an update on the washroom renovations at Rock Glen Conservation Area. The project included entrance ramps, painting entrance doors and installing automatic openers, finish on cement floors, lighting with motion sensors, stalls, sinks, soap dispensers, toilets, hand cleaners, painting and repairs to ceiling and walls, electrical service and wiring, plumbing, exhaust fans, emergency lighting, exit lights and water bottle filling station. An automatic door opener system was added to the museum door as well.

6. Jones Pedestrian Bridge

Kate Monk provided a slide show of the Jones Pedestrian Bridge project on the South Huron Trail. The two bridge spans were lifted into place on November 15, 2018 and the contractor, Van Driel Excavating, did as much landscaping as possible for this time of year. The crew will return in the spring to spread stone dust on top of the trail and do final landscaping in the spillway. In 2019, the connecting trail from Morrison Line to the spillway and the stairs on the west side of the spillway will be constructed. There has been \$260,000 raised to date from community and corporate support. The official opening and donor appreciation event is Saturday, April 27, 2019 at 10 a.m.

PRESENTATION

Conservation Educators, Denise Iszczuk and Nina Sampson presented a synopsis of the conservation education program offered to schools, non-profit groups, day campers and as family special events. Almost 10,000 students from the watershed participated from 24 schools in nature programs. The Springwater Awareness Program was presented to 32 classes. Non-profit groups such as Scouts, Big Brothers Big Sisters and libraries reached 989 participants. There were two weeks of nature day camps offered in the summer.

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.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS**MOTION #BD 11718**

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

**“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation meeting held November 13, 2018, the Pedestrian Bridge Community Working Group meeting held November 29, 2018; the Friends of South Huron Trail Annual Meeting held November 2, 2018 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”**

**Carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Reference: Thank you  
File: P.7.3  
Brief: Note of appreciation from the Latornell Conservation Symposium committee for the donation towards the silent auction fundraiser at the conference.
- b) Reference: Appointment of Director  
File: A.10.1  
Brief: Resolutions were received from the following member municipalities appointing representatives to the Board of Directors: Ray Chartrand - Huron East; Marissa Vaughan - South Huron/Perth South; Dave Jewitt - Central Huron; Adrian Cornelissen - North Middlesex.
- c) Reference: Proposed 2019 Budget  
File: F.6  
Brief: Resolution from the Municipality of South Huron acknowledging their approval of the proposed 2019 Budget.
- d) Reference: Orders in Council 1149/2018 and 1158/2018  
File: A.12  
Brief: Now that responsibility for the *Conservation Authorities Act* has been transferred from the Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry (MNRF) to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP), correspondence was received from Bruce Bateman Assistant Deputy Minister (MECP) passing along Orders in Council 1149/2018 and 1158/2018 that outline the powers, duties, functions and responsibilities that will be divided.
- e) Reference: Administrative By-laws  
File: A.13  
Brief: Copy of correspondence from Conservation Ontario to Honourable Minister Rod Phillips (MECP) and Honourable Minister John Yakabuski (MNRF) advising that member conservation authorities are compliant with Section 19.1 of the *Conservation Authorities Act* to have approval of the Administrative By-laws within one year of royal assent.





ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

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George Irvin  
Chair

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Judith Parker  
Corporate Services Coordinator

## Introduction

I am pleased to provide the Board of Directors with a brief update on ABCA projects, programs, new partnerships, funding opportunities and activities over the past couple of months. This report also includes information about Conservation Ontario and some of its activities on behalf of Ontario's 36 conservation authorities. If you have any questions please call me. *Note:* This is not an inclusive list – only some highlights.

## Conservation Ontario

Conservation Ontario is the network of 36 Conservation Authorities, local watershed management agencies that deliver services and programs that protect and manage water and other natural resources in partnership with the government, landowners and other organizations. Conservation Authorities promote an integrated watershed approach balancing human, environmental and economic need. Conservation Authorities are organized on a watershed basis.

1. February 8, 2019 was the deadline for pre-budget submissions to the province. Conservation Ontario's submission reminded the province that the CAs across the province receive \$7.4 million annually in transfer payments under the Province's Natural Hazards program. This money is well spent across 36 Conservation Authority flood management programs resulting in many benefits including: Protecting lives by keeping people out of flood-prone and other hazardous areas; Avoids millions of dollars in flood damages and business disruption; Monitors flood conditions and provides early warnings to residents, agencies and businesses, and contributes to local emergency planning which helps local people and businesses to immediately respond to flood issues.

## Projects, Programs and Studies

1. On January 25, 2019 the public engagement period closed for the updated Shoreline Management Plan (SMP), draft mapping and draft Development Guidelines. Public comments were provided to the Board on February 8 for their review.
2. Fundraising continues for the Jones Pedestrian Bridge project. More than \$275,000 has been pledged or donated by the community so far and there is less than \$25,000 left to fundraise. The bridge is now open and combines both section of the South Huron Trail. The official opening and ribbon cutting has been set for Saturday April 27, 2019.
3. Staff submitted a multi-year funding proposal to the federal Habitat Stewardship Program. The proposal included action recommended in the draft Ausable River Action Plan to benefit Species at Risk mussels and fish in the Ausable River sub-watershed.
4. The database for 2018 stewardship projects is complete. We provided funding and/or technical assistance for 100 projects including grant funding of \$154,000. The most popular projects were Fragile Land Retirement with Central Huron having the most projects of all our member municipalities.

## **Training**

Water Management staff participated in Hydrology Study training on December 19, 2019 and WISKI Hub training on January 9, 2019.

## **Meetings and Special Events**

- 1 Conservation Dinner tickets are \$85 each. The charitable fundraiser put on by the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation, Exeter Lions Club and community volunteers will take place April 11, 2019 at the South Huron Rec Centre. If unable to attend 50/50 Raffle tickets may also be purchased for \$10 each with a chance to win \$5,000. Please contact Sharon Pavkeje at the Administration Centre for tickets.
- 2 The Partner Appreciation & Awards Evening takes place Thursday March 21, 2019 at Ironwood Golf Clubhouse on starting at 5pm. University of Guelph Professor Trevor Dickinson will be the guest speaker.
- 3 Summer Nature Day Camps will be held July 8-12 Ages 6-9 (Explorers) and July 22-26 Ages 10-12 (Adventurers). For those that are interested please contact Denise Iszczuk or Nina Sampson in our Education Department as space is limited.
- 4 Staff provided an Information Session for new Board members, councilors and municipal staff on Tuesday February 5. The presentation provided information on programs and services we provide as well as a tour of our office.
- 5 The Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks held a teleconference with Source Protection Committee Chairs on Jan 24, 2019.
- 6 Brian Horner and Chair George Irvin attended a meeting at Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority on February 7 with MECP Minister Hon. Rod Phillips and Hon. Lisa Thompson, MPP for Huron Bruce. The meeting was also attended by Board members from Saugeen Valley CA, Maitland Valley CA and Grey Sauble CA. Topics discussed included an overview of each CA, Healthy Lake Huron and Flood Damaging.
- 7 Geoff Cade made presentations on the Shoreline Management Plan Update to Councils at Municipality of Bluewater and the Municipality of South Huron on Monday January 21 in advance of the January 25 public comment deadline.
- 8 Mari Veliz attended a Blue Flag meeting on January 18 with the Municipality of Bluewater, Pioneer Park Association and the Huron County Health Unit.
- 9 Davin Heinbuck was a speaker and participant at a number of meetings including a “Protecting Rural Headwaters” workshop hosted by UTRCA.