



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, March 21, 2019

Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Administration Centre
Morrison Dam Conservation Area

2:30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Chair'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 February 21, 2019
6. **Business Out of the Minutes**

7. **Presentation:** *Audited 2018 Financial Statement* - MacNeill Edmundson

8. **Presentation:** *Director's Roles and Responsibilities* - Grant Inglis, Solicitor

9. **Program Reports - Action Items**
Report 1: (a) Development Review (O Reg 147/06) - Meghan Tydd-Hrynyk
(b) Violation/Appeals Update - Geoff Cade
Program Reports - Information Items
Report 2: Flood Emergency Planning Meeting - Davin Heinbuck

10. **Presentation:** *Wetland Protection - a project update on wetland cover assessment and different policy perspectives and gaps that may leave wetlands vulnerable to loss*
- Megan Leedham

11. **General Manager's Report**
12. Correspondence
13. New Business
14. Committee of the Whole - legal, personal and property matter
15. Adjournment

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- March 21 - Partner Appreciation Evening & Awards - 5 p.m.
- April 11 - Conservation Dinner
- April 18 - Board of Directors Meeting at 10 a.m.
- April 20 - Easter in the Park at Morrison Dam CA at 11 a.m.
- April 27 - Jones Bridge Opening Ceremony at 10 am.

ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, February 21, 2019

Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Boardroom
Morrison Dam Conservation Area

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Ray Chartrand, Doug Cook, Adrian Cornelissen, Wayne Hall, Bob Harvey, George Irvin, Mike Tam, Marissa Vaughan

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Dave Jewitt, Alex Westman

STAFF PRESENT

Bev Brown, Geoff Cade, Abbie Gutteridge, Brian Horner, Ian Jean, Daniel King, Kate Monk, Judith Parker, Meghan Tydd-Hrynyk, Mari Veliz

OTHER PRESENT

Sue Haskett, Jan Purvis - Bluewater Shoreline Residents' Association
Leslie Myers, Zena Besterd - Beach O Pines Association

CALL TO ORDER

Chair George Irvin called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION #BD 01/19

Moved by Ray Chartrand
Seconded by Marissa Vaughan

“RESOLVED, THAT the agenda for the February 21, 2019 Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Annual 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 02/19

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

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on December 20, 2018 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”

Carried.

BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTES

Draft Shoreline Management Plan

Geoff Cade, Water & Planning Manager reported that, since the last Board meeting, he had been invited to attend Council meetings at Municipalities of Bluewater, South Huron and Lambton Shores to provide a presentation on the draft Shoreline Management Plan (SMP) process.

Following the director’s decision at the November 22, 2018 to release the draft Shoreline Management Plan for public consultation, there were a number of comments submitted by the closing date of January 25, 2019. Staff compiled the feedback and the directors were provided with a copy of all comments received, plus the staff responses for their review before this meeting.

Mr. Cade outlined the recommended changes in the draft SMP as a result of the comments received. Chair Irvin asked for clarification on the revision to *Development Guidelines - Shoreline Protection for Dynamic Beach Area and Bluff Areas* which states - “Review by qualified Coastal Engineer which shows that the proposed works will not aggravate natural hazards may be required.” Following discussion, the directors all agreed a mandatory review of shoreline protection projects by a qualified expert is important to protect the landowner’s investment, to address impacts on neighbouring properties as well as liability concerns for the conservation authority. Marissa Vaughan inquired if there is a published list of qualified coastal engineering firms. Mr. Cade advised that Conservation Ontario has compiled a list which is available to applicants.

MOTION #BD 03/19

**Moved by Ray Chartrand
Seconded by Mike Tam**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors approve the proposed Shoreline Management Plan, 2019 including Appendix A, Development Guidelines subject to the recommended changes, and

FURTHER, THAT Appendix A, Development Guidelines be used when considering applications received after February 21, 2019,

FURTHER, THAT Development Guidelines, 2000 be used when considering existing applications currently under review by Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority, and

FURTHER, THAT staff be directed to post notification of the approval of the Shoreline Management Plan, 2019 through print, digital and social media.”

Carried.

Chair Irvin expressed his appreciation to staff, to the directors and to the public for all their input during the process of updating the Shoreline Management Plan.

Wayne Hall left the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

ELECTIONS

Chair Irvin asked for a motion to appoint a Chairperson for the Elections.

MOTION #BD 04/19

Moved by Mike Tam

Seconded by Ray Chartrand

“RESOLVED, THAT Brian Horner be appointed as chairperson for the election proceedings.”

Carried.

George Irvin departed the Chair and Brian Horner outlined the procedures prior to conducting the elections.

Appointment of Scrutineers

MOTION #BD 05/19

Moved by Mike Tam

Seconded by Adrian Cornelissen

“RESOLVED, THAT Mari Veliz and Daniel King be appointed scrutineers.”

Carried.

The positions of Chair and Vice Chair were declared vacant.

Election of Chair

Nominations were called for the position of Chair for 2019. Mike Tam nominated George Irvin for Chair. Mr. Horner called for nominations two more times.

MOTION #BD 06/19**Moved by Ray Chartrand
Seconded by Bob Harvey**

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

Carried.

George Irvin accepted his nomination and Mr. Horner declared Mr. Irvin, representative for the Municipality of Bluewater, as Chair of the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority for 2019.

Election of Vice Chair

Nominations were called for the position of Vice Chair for 2019. George Irvin nominated Doug Cook for Vice Chair. Mr. Horner called for nominations two more times.

MOTION #BD 07/19**Moved by Adrian Cornelissen
Seconded by Bob Harvey**

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

Carried.

Doug Cook accepted his nomination and Mr. Horner declared Mr. Cook, representative for the Municipalities of Lambton Shores and Warwick, as Vice Chair of the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority for 2019.

George Irvin assumed the Chair and thanked the directors for their support.

APPOINTMENTS

General Manager Brian Horner advised that the term for providing services by the auditor and financial institution has been completed and it was time to request proposals for another five year term.

MOTION #BD 08/19**Moved by Doug Cook
Seconded by Ray Chartrand**

“RESOLVED, THAT the appointment of auditor and financial institution be deferred until the results from request for proposals has been received.”

Carried.

Appointment of Solicitors

MOTION #BD 09/19**Moved by Adrian Cornelissen
Seconded by Marissa Vaughan**

“RESOLVED, THAT the firms of Little, Masson & Reid, Exeter; Little, Inglis, Price & Ewer, London; and Raymond & McLean, Exeter be the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority solicitors for 2019.”

Carried.

PROGRAM REPORTS

1. (a) Development Review

Daniel King, 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 8 *Applications for Permission* and 1 *Minor Works Permit*.

1. (b) Violation/Appeals Update

Staff reported there is a court date in March for the violation on Chicken Island in Lambton Shores. In addition, there is no update on the applicant who has appealed to the Mining and Lands Tribunal after being denied at the last Hearing.

MOTION #BD 10/19

Moved by Ray Chatrand

Seconded by Doug Cook

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

Carried.

2. Habitat Stewardship Funding Projects

Ian Jean, Forestry & Land Stewardship Specialist presented the stewardship projects eligible for Habitat Stewardship Program funding and Species at Risk Stewardship funding in the Ausable River watershed. The projects presented were for planting trees for buffers, windbreaks or on marginal land.

MOTION #BD 11/19

Moved by Bob Harvey

Seconded by Ray Chartrand

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors affirm the approval of applications #AB-2661; AB-2662; AB-2663; AB-2664; AB-2665; AB-2666; AB2667 for funding as presented.”

Carried.

4. MPAC Request for Reconsiderations

Ian Jean provided an update on the status of property assessment Requests for Reconsideration filed with MPAC for a number of properties in Hay Swamp (Municipality of Bluewater). A package was submitted for reconsideration last year for 17 ABCA properties that had seen value increases not consistent with similar properties in the municipality. MPAC has indicated that there will be a reduction of approximately 60% for the 17 properties filed. An example was the Schroeder Tract which will drop from \$416,000 to \$116,000.

MOTION #BD 12/19

**Moved by Doug Cook
Seconded by Adrian Cornelissen**

“RESOLVED, THAT the report be received as presented.”

Carried.

5. Huronview Innovative Drainage Demonstration

Mari Veliz, Healthy Watersheds Manager advised that in June 2019, Huron County Soil and Crop Improvement Association (HCSCIA) will install three innovative systems for side-by-side research and demonstration on 60 acres near Clinton. The demonstration day for the public will be held on June 15. The tiling approaches will be monitored from a water quality and water quantity perspective for effectiveness of the different tile approaches. This is a community project comprised of HCSCIA, Huron County Warden Jim Ginn and county staff, ABCA, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and Ducks Unlimited. There were four local drainage contractors who provided estimates when applying for project funding from Agriculture Adaptation Council. Staff are proposing to contract the same four local drainage companies to install the sub-surface drainage as there is opportunity to involve their industry and share knowledge on different approaches.

MOTION #BD 13/19

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

“RESOLVED, THAT the ABCA Board of Directors direct staff to contact Parker & Parker Limited, Williams Drainage, Roth Drainage and KMM Drainage to prepare an update to the Huronview Innovative Drainage Demonstration, and

FURTHER, THAT provided the proposal with costs is within the approved Canadian Agricultural Partnership budget, the Board of Directors authorize staff to retain Parker & Parker Limited, Williams Drainage, Roth Drainage and KMM Drainage to construct the works.”

Carried.

6. Unaudited Profit/Loss Statement

Brian Horner presented the unaudited profit and loss statement to December 31, 2018. The auditor will be presented the 2018 financial statements at the next Board meeting.

MOTION #BD 14/19

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

“RESOLVED, THAT the report be received as presented.”

Carried.

7. Watershed Champion Grant

Kate Monk presented on behalf of Conservation Educator, Denise Iszczuk that six applications were received for the Watershed Champions \$500 grant being offered to four local schools through financial support from NextEra Energy. Five were received in the Creating Action category and one in the Creating Awareness category. The four applications approved were from Stephen Central School, Wilberforce Public School, East Williams School and Precious Blood School.

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 15/19**

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

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Striking Committee meeting held January 17, 2019 and the motions therein be approved as presented.”

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Reference: Healthy Lake Huron
File: W.11.14.1
Brief: Correspondence from Hon. Rod Phillips, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks in response to a request from ABCA for the province to continue funding the Healthy Lake Huron-Clean Water, Clean Beaches Partnership.
- b) Reference: Municipality of Huron East
File: F.6
Brief: Resolution from Municipality of Huron East that Council acknowledges the 2019 ABCA Budget and levy increase of 2.12%.

- c) Reference: Source Protection Plans
File: L.9.57
Brief: Approval was received from the Minister of Environment, Conservation & Parks for the amended Ausable Bayfield and Maitland Valley source protection plans and assessment reports pursuant to Section 34 of the *Clean Water Act*.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

George Irvin
Chair

Judith Parker
Corporate Services Coordinator

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

Prepared for the Board of Directors
by Brian Horner

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.

Projects, Programs and Studies

1. On February 21st, January 25, 2019 the ABCA Board of Directors unanimously approved the updated Shoreline Management Plan. The new plan includes up-to-date technical work to accurately reflect natural hazards along the shoreline, policies that reflect current land use trends and provincial policy, and new, clear, consistent, practical, local guidelines.
2. Fundraising continues for the Jones Pedestrian Bridge project. 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 27th.
3. On February 6, 2019 the Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley (ABMV) Source Protection Region sent out a news release notice to let people know that the "Province of Ontario approved the source protection plan amendments for Maitland Valley, Ausable Bayfield source protection areas" Amended AR's and SPP's were approved on January 31, 2019 and changes took effect on February 5, 2019.
4. Staff have been busy coordinating the Huronview project. Meeting with Huron County Soil and Crop Improvement Association as well as participating contractors and others to finalize the tile and project design. In connection with the project the committee is working to plan a Demonstration Day on June 15th for drainage engineers, contractors, farmers and the general public.
5. Staff identified and removed hazardous trees along conservation area trails.

Training

- 1 Staff participated in First Aid/CPR recertification training on March 5, 2019.
- 2 Staff participated in River Watch and flood emergency training at the administrative centre on February 13, 2019

Meetings and Special Events

- 1 Conservation Dinner tickets are \$85 each. The charitable fundraiser put on by the Foundation and partner, Exeter Lions Club will take place April 11, 2018 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 Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley (ABMV) Drinking Water Source Protection Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday March 22 in Holmesville at the White Carnation.
- 3 The Education Department received applications for “Watershed Champions Grants” for up to \$500. Successful applicants were Stephen Central School, Wilberforce Public School in Lucan, East Williams School in Ailsa Craig and Precious Blood School in Exeter.
- 4 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.
- 5 Brian Horner participated in Conservation Ontario’s Budget and Audit Committee meeting held on March 18, 2019.
- 6 We hosted our Annual Flood Emergency Planning meeting in Exeter on February 19 at the Masonic Hall in Exeter. Over 30 attendees included representatives from 7 watershed municipalities as well as staff and/or CEMC from 4 counties. Staff made presentations/discussions on the Roles and Responsibilities during flood emergencies, watershed conditions and flood outlook. Keynote speaker Gerald Cheng, Warning Preparedness Meteorologist with Environment and Climate Change Canada, made a presentation on weather patterns over the last six months, and the weather ahead.