



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wednesday, May 22, 2019
(RESCHEDULED MEETING DATE)

Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Administration Centre
Morrison Dam Conservation Area

7:00 p.m.

HEARING

Pursuant to Ontario Regulation 147/06

(Development, Interference with Wetlands & Alteration to Shoreline and Watercourses)

Regarding Application #2019-14

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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 April 18, 2019
6. **Business Out of the Minutes**
7. **Program Reports - Action Items**
 - Report 1: (a) Development Review (O Reg 147/06) - Meghan Tydd-Hrynyk
(b) Violation/Appeals Update - Geoff Cade
 - Report 2: Records Retention Policy - Brian Horner
- Program Reports - Information Items**
 - Report 3: Update on Provincial Funding Reductions - Brian Horner
8. **General Manager's Report**
9. **Committee Reports**
 - Friends of South Huron Trail - Kate Monk
10. Correspondence
11. New Business
 - Huronview Innovative Drainage Project Update
12. Committee of the Whole - legal matter
13. Adjournment

Source Protection Authority Meeting to follow

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- May 16 Turtle Monitoring Program Workshop in Port Franks
- May 25 Help Remove Invasive Plants Community Event -- at Clinton CA and McNaughton Park Exeter
- June 20 Board of Directors Meeting at 10 a.m.

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. On April 12, 2019, in connection with the 2019 Provincial Budget, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) announced that funding for critical conservation authority programs that warn people about flooding and protect property from costly damages would be reduced in half. (For ABCA this will amount to approximately \$55,000). This comes despite the fact the Province has recently stated that the flood forecasting is one of the core programs for CA's.
2. The 45 day comment period, for the two postings made by Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks (MECP) on the Environmental Registry, ends May 20, 2019. ERO #013-5018 entitled "Modernizing Conservation Authority Operations – Conservation Authorities Act" and ERO#013-4992 entitled "Focusing Conservation Authority Development permits on the protection of people and property" can be found on the Environmental Registry website. www.ebr.gov.on.ca.

Projects, Programs and Studies

1. As required by the *Clean Water Act, 2006*, the Drinking Water Source Protection Annual Progress Report was submitted to the Province of Ontario by the end of April, as was the 2019-2020 budget submission.
2. On April 29 and 30, staff assisted students at Huron Centennial Public school in planting trees at the school to replace damaged Ash trees that had been removed.
3. Tommy Kokus has been meeting with representatives from UTRCA to discuss logistics in moving from the Eastern CA WISKI Hub to the Upper Thames CA Hub for managing water data.

4. Staff continue to work closely with Huron County Soil and Crop Improvement Association as well as participating contractors and others to finalize the tile and design of the Huronview Demo Farm drainage project. The committee is also busy planning the onsite Demonstration Day on June 15 for drainage engineers, contractors, farmers and the general public.
5. Kari Jean and Davin Heinbuck have submitted a funding proposal to Department of Fisheries and Ocean (DFO) drain classification program. This project is ongoing and the purpose is to classify “not rated” drains to help guide drain maintenance activities.

Meetings and Special Events

1. Summer Nature Day Camps will be held July 8-12 Ages 6-9 (Explorers) and July 22-26 Ages 10-12 (Adventures). There are still openings for the Adventures camp. For those that are interested in registering or volunteering please contact Denise Iszczuk or Nina Sampson in our Education Department.
2. The 30th Annual Conservation Dinner was held on April 11th. The event raised approximately \$58,000 for the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation and Exeter Lions Club.
3. The official Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening of the Jones Bridge on the South Huron Trail was held on Saturday, April 27 with over 80 supporters attending. Final landscaping and restoration work will be completed later this spring. The capital fundraising campaign was achieved and is complete! Thank you to all that donated, either in-kind or financially to this project.
4. Two new municipal representatives joined the Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Drinking Water Source Protection Committee. The two new members were Dave Frayne, representing the West group of municipalities and Allan Rothwell representing the East group of municipalities.
5. The Morrison Dam Fishing Derby took place on Saturday, May 4. The annual event is a partnership between the Conservation Foundation and the Exeter Lions Club with 400 rainbow trout being stocked in time for the derby.
6. Kate Monk attended the Huron Clean Water Project meeting on April 12 in Goderich as well as the Lambton Shores Phragmites Community Group meeting in Port Franks on April 25.
7. Davin Heinbuck hosted and was Chair for the Southwestern Ontario Flood Forecasting Alliance (SWOFFA) semi-annual meeting on April 9. Representatives from the 8 Southwestern CA's were in attendance. Topics of discussion included updates from the Provincial Flood Forecasting and Warning Committee and Lake Level messaging.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, April 18, 2019

Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Boardroom
Morrison Dam Conservation Area

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Ray Chartrand, Doug Cook, Adrian Cornelissen, Bob Harvey, George Irvin, Dave Jewitt, Mike Tam, Marissa Vaughan

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Alex Westman

STAFF PRESENT

Bev Brown, Geoff Cade, Abbie Gutteridge, Davin Heinbuck, Davin Heinbuck, Brian Horner, Daniel King, Mary Lynn MacDonald, Judith Parker, Meghan Tydd-Hrynyk

OTHER PRESENT

Bob Montgomery, CKNX Radio
Adam Skillen, Skillen Investment Management

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 23/19

**Moved by Dave Jewitt
Seconded by Marissa Vaughan**

“RESOLVED, THAT the agenda for the April 18, 2019 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 24/19

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

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on March 21, 2019 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”

Carried.

BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTES

None

PROGRAM REPORTS

1. (a) Development Review

Meghan Tydd-Hyrnyk, 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 *5 Applications for Permission* and *8 Minor Works Permits*.

1. (b) Violation/Appeals Update

Staff have initiated discussion with a landowner in the Municipality of Bluewater Poplar Beach area regarding a notice of violation issued for a seawall.

MOTION #BD 25/19

**Moved by Ray Chartrand
Seconded by Dave Jewitt**

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

Carried.

2. Meeting Provincial Priorities for Reducing Regulatory Burden

General Manager Brian Horner provided a report seeking endorsement of the Board of Directors for staff to investigate streamlining of planning and development approval process. Conservation Ontario (CO) is working to identify recommendations for solutions that will address issues identified by the new government around housing supply, while still protecting natural hazards management and plan review activities required to protect the health and safety of Ontario's watersheds and residents. The CO working group identified three key solutions: Improve client

service and accountability; increase speed of approvals and reduce ‘red tape’ and regulatory burden. It was noted by staff that the ABCA timing for permits falls within the limits but is committed to continuous improvement.

MOTION #BD 26/19

**Moved by Ray Chartrand
Seconded by Marissa Vaughan**

“WHEREAS the provincial government intends to increase the supply of housing and streamline the land use planning and development approval process to achieve this goal; and

WHEREAS the conservation authorities play an important role in the planning and development review process with respect to watershed protection and hazard lands; and

WHEREAS conservation authorities support and can help deliver the Government’s objective not to jeopardize public health and safety or the environment;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors endorse the three key solutions developed by the Conservation Ontario working group: to improve client service and accountability; increase speed of approvals; and reduce “red tape” and regulatory burden; and

FURTHER, THAT staff be directed to work with Conservation Ontario and our clients to identify additional improvements; and implement these solutions as soon as possible.”

Carried.

3. Investment Income Update

Adam Skillen, of Skillen Investment Management presented an update on the investment income. After hearing the information on performance, the directors decided any changes to the portfolio could be reviewed when an update is presented in November.

4. Profit/Loss Statement

Brian Horner presented the financial statement for January through March 2019 with comparables to the 2019 budget.

PRESENTATION

Davin Heinbuck, Water Resources Coordinator provided a presentation on the ABCA Flood Forecasting & Warning Program. The conservation authority is responsible for collecting and interpreting weather forecasts and modelling data from gauges, volunteer rain gauge readers, snowcourse surveys and ice measurements/ice quality readings. MNRF provides early notice of

approaching weather systems. Municipalities are then informed of potential flooding through a safety message, flood watch or flood warning communication. During a flooding event, staff will carry out river watch keeping a log for future reference and Parkhill Dam may be operated if needed.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Brian Horner provided a written report with a brief update on the progress of various projects, staff training, upcoming meetings or events and general activities over the previous month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MOTION #BD 27/19

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

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation meeting held March 28, 2019, the Pedestrian Bridge Community Working Group meeting held March 28, 2019; the Source Protection Committee meeting held March 22, 2019 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Reference: Thank you
File: A.5.1
Brief: A note of appreciation from Roger Ratz for the service he has received from Nathan Schoelier, ABCA Stewardship Technician in undertaking conservation work on his farm.
- b) Reference: Section 39 Transfer Payment Funding Cut
File: F.6
Brief: Correspondence from MNRF Assistant Deputy Minister Monique Rolf von den Baumen advising that the budgeted transfer payment of \$113,000 for Section 39 Eligible Natural Hazard Management Grant has been reduced to \$58,390.52 for the 2019-20 fiscal year.

MOTION #BD 28/19

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

“RESOLVED, THAT a letter of response be sent by the Chair to Hon. John Yakabuski and Hon. Rod Phillips expressing the Board's concerns in delivering the core flood management program with a 50% reduction in funding.”

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

George Irvin
Chair

Judith Parker
Corporate Services Coordinator

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