

## ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, February 15, 2018

Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Boardroom  
Morrison Dam Conservation Area

### DIRECTORS PRESENT

Ray Chartrand, Doug Cook, Wayne Hall, Bob Harvey, George Irvin, Burkhard Metzger, Mike Tam

### DIRECTORS ABSENT

Dave Frayne, Brian Ropp

### STAFF PRESENT

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

### OTHER PRESENT

Sue Haskett - Bluewater Shoreline Residents' Association  
Leslie Myers, Zena Besterd - Beach O Pines Association  
Bob Montgomery - CKNX Radio

### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Burkhard Metzger called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

#### **MOTION #BD 01/18**

**Moved by George Irvin  
Seconded by Mike Tam**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the agenda for the February 15, 2018 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 02/18**

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

**“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on December 21, 2017 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”**

**Carried.**

BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTES

None

ELECTIONS

Chairman Metzger asked for a motion to appoint a Chairperson for the Elections.

**MOTION #BD 03/18**

**Moved by Mike Tam  
Seconded by George Irvin**

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

**Carried.**

Burkhard Metzger departed the Chair and Brian Horner outlined the procedures prior to conducting the elections.

Appointment of Scrutineers

**MOTION #BD 04/18**

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

**“RESOLVED, THAT Geoff Cade and Meghan Tydd-Hrynyk be appointed as scrutineers.”**

**Carried.**

The positions of Chair and Vice Chair were declared vacant.

Election of Chair

Nominations were called for the position of Chair for 2018.

Mike Tam nominated Burkhard Metzger for Chair. Mr. Horner called for nominations two more times.

**MOTION #BD 05/18****Moved by Doug Cook  
Seconded by Ray Chartrand**

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

**Carried.**

Burkhard Metzger accepted his nomination and Mr. Horner declared Mr. Metzger, representative for the Municipality of Central Huron as Chair of the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority for 2018.

Election of Vice Chair

Nominations were called for the position of Vice Chair for 2018. Wayne Hall nominated George Irvin for Vice Chair. Mr. Horner called for nominations two more time.

**MOTION #BD 06/18****Moved by Ray Chartrand  
Seconded by Burk Metzger**

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

**Carried.**

George Irvin accepted his nomination and Mr. Horner declared George Irvin, representative for the Municipality of Bluewater as Vice Chair of the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority for 2018.

Burkhard Metzger assumed the Chair and thanked the directors for their support as he enjoys working together as a Board.

APPOINTMENTSAppointment of Auditor**MOTION #BD 07/18****Moved by Bob Harvey  
Seconded by Ray Chartrand**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the firm of MacNeill Edmunson of London be appointed as the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority auditor for 2018.”**

**Carried.**

Appointment of Solicitors**MOTION #BD 8/18****Moved by Doug Cook  
Seconded by Wayne Hall**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the firms of Little, Masson & Reid, Exeter; Little, Inglis, Price & Ewer, London; Analee Ferreira, London; and Raymond & McLean, Exeter be the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority solicitors for 2018.”**

**Carried.**

Appointment of Financial Institution

**MOTION #BD 9/18**

**Moved by George Irvin  
Seconded by Wayne Hall**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the Bank of Montreal, Exeter Branch be appointed as the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority’s financial institution for 2018.”**

**Carried.**

PROGRAM REPORTS

1. (a) Development Review

Meghan Tydd-Hyrnyk 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 7 *Minor Works Permits*.

1. (b) Violation/Appeals Update

Staff reported there were no updates to report on any violations.

**MOTION #BD 10/18**

**Moved by Bob Harvey  
Seconded by Mike Tam**

**“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. Stewardship activities will include working with watershed residents to fence livestock out of the watercourse at up to two sites, re-establish wetlands at up to six sites, plant native trees and shrubs at up to 15 sites and establish cover crops on up to 121 hectares of land in the Ausable River watershed.

**MOTION #BD 11/18**

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

**“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors affirm the approval of applications #AB-2492; AB-2493; AB-2494; AB-2495; AB-2496; AB-2598; AB2499; AB-2502 for Habitat Stewardship Funding as presented.”**

**Carried.**

**3. ABCA Shoreline Management Plan Update Next Steps**

Geoff Cade, Water & Planning Manager gave an update on the Shoreline Management Plan project as it continues to move forward. Staff are currently assembling a Planning Group with appointees from the counties, municipalities and neighbouring Lake Huron conservation authorities. The first meeting will be held in mid March with results presented to the ABCA Board of Directors before being incorporated into the draft SMP Update and released for public comment.

The cost for a consultant to prepare the draft SMP Update was included in the ABCA approved budget for 2018. It is recommended that W.F. Baird & Associates Coastal Engineers Ltd. be contacted to provide a proposal for completing the document in time for the public open houses this coming summer.

**MOTION #BD 12/18**

**Moved by Doug Cook**

**Seconded by Ray Chartrand**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the ABCA Board of Directors direct staff to contact W.F. Baird & Associates Coastal Engineers Ltd. and request a proposal with costs, to prepare an update to the ABCA’s Shoreline Management Plan, 2000, and**

**FURTHERMORE, that provided the proposal with costs is within the approved 2018 budget, the Board of Directors authorize staff to retain W.F. Baird & Associates Coastal Engineers Ltd. to prepare the Shoreline Management Plan Update for the Board of Director’s review.”**

**Carried.**

**4. ABCA Property Taxes**

Kate Monk, Stewardship, Land and Education Manager advised that the ABCA paid 10 percent more in property taxes in 2017 compared to 2016. Last November, the new MPAC valuations were received and 40 properties were flagged with significant increases. Examples are a 100 acre forests in South Huron increasing from \$234,000 in 2012 to \$450,000. A 125 acre forest in Bluewater had increased from \$155,000 in 2012 to \$600,000 with an average 200% increase across the municipality. In North Middlesex, the assessed values have increased by 16%. Because there is a potential for significant increases in property taxes, staff would like to submit Requests for Reconsideration to MPAC.

**MOTION #BD 13/18**

**Moved by Wayne Hall**

**Seconded by Bob Harvey**

**“RESOLVED, THAT staff submit Requests for Reconsideration to MPAC to reduce the Current Value Assessment for properties with significant increases in Current Value Assessment which have resulted in significant increases in property taxes.”**

**Carried.**

5. 2018 Watershed Report Cards

Mari Veliz, Healthy Watersheds Supervisor circulated a summary pamphlet outlining the new 2018 Watershed Report Cards that will be launched in March across the province. Watershed Report Cards are released every five years are based on forest, surface water and groundwater quality conditions in 16 watersheds in the ABCA area. Forest conditions in the ABCA jurisdiction typically receive a D grade. Water quality has remained steady with the majority of sub-watersheds receiving C grade. Groundwater is generally good, however some monitoring wells, tend to approach or exceed the drinking water standard for nitrate and the guideline for chloride so grade less than A. Each report card suggests appropriate actions for protecting and improving watershed health and acknowledges the efforts made since the 2013 edition.

**MOTION #BD 14/18**

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

**“RESOLVED, THAT the proposed 2018 Watershed Report Cards for Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority be received and approved.”**

**Carried.**

6. Unaudited Profit/Loss Statement

Brian Horner presented the unaudited profit and loss statement to December 31, 2017. The auditor will be presented the 2017 financial statements at the next Board meeting.

7. Watershed Champion Grant

Denise Iszczuk, Conservation Educator reported that the \$500 grant being offered to local schools had five applications - four in the action category and one in the awareness category. The Watershed Champions Grant program was made possible through financial support from NextEra Energy. Applications were approved from Stephen Central School, Wilberforce Public School, St. Joseph’s School and Exeter Elementary School.

8. ABCA Forest Management & Timber Harvest

Ian Jean provided a summary of the forest management and timber harvesting activity on ABCA properties. The ABCA is the largest owner of forest lands in the watershed with over 8000 acres to manage. Just under 3000 acres is enrolled in the Conservation Land Tax Incentive Program with features such as provincially significant wetlands or provincial areas of scientific interest. Just over 5000 acres is enrolled in the Management Forest Tax Incentive Program. Between 100 and 200 acres are selectively harvested annually. Revenue from timber sales helps offset the cost of property ownership.

## 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.

## CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Reference: Thank you  
File: A.5.1  
Brief: A note of thanks for the gift and open house reception was received from Alec Scott, former Water & Planning Manager with the ABCA who retired after 35 years of service.
- b) Reference: SMP Planning Group  
File: W.4.11.1  
Brief: Municipality of Bluewater advised that Arlene Parker will be their representative on the Shoreline Management Plan Update Planning Group.
- c) Reference: Great Canadian Hideaway  
File: L.9.29  
Brief: Approval was received from the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry for renewing the 21 year lease with Eric and Tania Vieria of Grand Canadian Hideaway at Parkhill Conservation Area.
- d) Reference: Shangrila Beach  
File: W.4.11.1  
Brief: Letter received from a cottage owner on Shangrila Beach expressing concerns about changes to the beach following shore protection installations by adjacent landowners.
- e) Reference: Bluewater Shoreline Residents' Association  
File: W.4.11.1  
Brief: Email correspondence was forwarded to the Board from Sue Haskett, President of the BSRA on behalf of a constituent wanting clarification on questions regarding the report "*Considerations for Shoreline Protection Structures*" presented by W.F. Baird and Associates Coastal Engineers Ltd. A response will be prepared for the Board's review at the next meeting.

## NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

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Burkhard Metzger  
Chair

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Judith Parker  
Corporate Services Coordinator

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