

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, May 19, 2022

Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Boardroom  
Morrison Dam Conservation Area

### VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE

#### DIRECTORS PRESENT

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

#### STAFF PRESENT

Andrew Bicknell, Hope Brock, Geoff Cade, Tina Crown, Abbie Gutteridge, Brian Horner, Denise Iszczuk, Daniel King, Tommy Kokas, Tracey McPherson, Kate Monk, Brooklyn Rau, Nathan Schoelier, Meghan Tydd-Hrynyk, Angela Van Niekerk, Mari Veliz

#### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dave Jewitt called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., welcomed everyone in attendance, both in person and virtually.

#### LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

Chair Jewitt read the Land Acknowledgement Statement, acknowledging the original stewards of this land, the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe.

#### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

#### **MOTION #BD 47/22**

**Moved Ray Chartrand  
Seconded by Doug Cook**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the agenda for the May 19, 2022 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**

Chair Jewitt noted that this meeting was being recorded on Zoom for temporary posting online, and is not an official record. The official record of this meeting will be the approved minutes.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES****MOTION #BD 48/22****Moved by Bob Harvey****Seconded by Marissa Vaughan**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on April 21, 2022 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”**

**Carried.**

**BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTES****a) In Person Meetings**

Chair Jewitt and Brian Horner, General Manager and Secretary-Treasurer, brought forward the possibility of returning to in-person Board Meetings and requested direction from Board members. Brian noted that the ABCA boardroom does have the space to create distance between members. The majority of Members agreed that it would be possible to return to in-person meetings. They noted that most municipalities have returned to in-person meetings for at least part of their council meetings. It was agreed that in-person meetings would be preferred, but a hybrid option will be kept for staff presentations, delegations from the community and Board Members that are not able to attend due to illness.

**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 9 *Applications for Permission* and 15 *Minor Works Applications*.

(b) Violations/Appeals Update

Daniel King noted that one of the ongoing violations will be before the courts this month, but that there are no other updates at this time.

**MOTION #BD 49/22**

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

**“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors affirm the approval of applications as presented in Program Report # 1 – a) Development Review and receive the Violations and Appeals update as presented.”**

**Carried.**

2. Conservation Authorities Act Update

Kate Monk, Projects Coordinator, and Brian Horner presented an update on the ongoing changes to the Conservation Authorities Act. Kate Monk reported that the Phase II Regulations were released late on April 21. These regulations build on the budget process that is already working between municipalities and conservation authorities. There are some changes in terminology used, and these changes will not come into effect until the 2024 budget. Some changes include making the draft budget public and provide it to municipalities and the province ahead of voting. There are also some changes that need to be made on the website, as it will be the primary way of communicating with the public. Staff are currently working on these changes, and Geoff Cade, Water and Planning Manager, is working with neighbouring conservation authorities to develop a consistent agreement for planning services. In addition, the first quarterly progress report for the MECP is due by July 1, 2022.

**MOTION #BD 50/22**

**Moved by Doug Cook  
Seconded by Marissa Vaughan**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors receive the update on the Conservation Authorities Act as presented.”**

**Carried.**

3. Education Report

Denise Iszczuk, Conservation Educator, provided an update on education activities over the past months. Of note, programs are still being delivered virtually, but there are many in-person programs, both in the schoolyard and in the classroom. Class trips to conservation

areas have also resumed. Snowshoe rentals were high over the winter months, including snowshoeing programs at St. James and Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Other highlights include non profit programs supported by the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation, 2800 participants in River Safety programs and 1600 participants in Earth month programs. In addition, the Watershed Champions Grant for 2022 was awarded to Parkhill West Williams Public School.

**MOTION #BD 51/22**

**Moved by Ray Chartrand  
Seconded by Bob Harvey**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors receive the update on Education programming as presented.”**

**Carried.**

**4. WECI Application – Parkhill Dam Electrical Upgrades**

Geoff Cade, Water and Planning Manager, presented an update on a project that was brought to the Board in April 2021. On occasion, non-routine maintenance is needed for equipment to keep the Parkhill Dam in good running order. An electrical repair revealed that the interior of the main control box was severely rusted. In 2021, the Board approved the repairs to the electrical box if funding to offset the costs could be obtained. Funding was not approved at that time; however, the project was put back into the budget for 2022, and was successful in receiving Water and Erosion Control Structure Infrastructure (WECI) funding from the Province. Staff would like to begin the repairs by obtaining quotes for the electrical work.

**MOTION #BD 52/22**

**Moved by George Irvin  
Seconded by Adrian Cornelissen**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the ABCA Board of Directors receives the staff report on the Parkhill Dam electrical panel repair, and**

**“FURTHER, THAT the ABCA Board of Directors directs staff to proceed with the repairs.”**

**Carried.**

**PRESENTATION**

As the Partnership Appreciation Evening was once again cancelled, due to the pandemic, the Management Team wanted to take the opportunity to present the Years of Service Awards

to both staff and Board Members. Chair Jewitt, as well as Managers, took turns acknowledging staff members and Board Members for their continued excellent work.

**Staff Members Receiving Awards:**

- Five Years of Service: Tommy Kokas
- Ten Years of Service: Jeff Van Niekerk
- Fifteen Years of Service: Hope Brock, Aaron Clarke, Abbie Gutteridge, Angela Van Niekerk, and Ross Wilson

**Board Members Receiving Awards:**

- Three Years of Service: Adrian Cornelissen, Dave Jewitt, Marissa Vaughan, Alex Westman
- Six Years of Service: Bob Harvey

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**MOTION #BD 53/22**

**Moved by Alex Westman  
Seconded by Marissa Vaughan**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Arkona Lions Museum Committee meeting held on May 2, 2022 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”**

**Carried.**

**CORRESPONDANCE**

- a) Reference: Letter of Thanks from David Piccini, Minister of the Environment Conservation and Parks  
File: A.39.1.2  
Brief: A letter of thanks directed to Kate Monk, for her participation in the Conservation Authorities Working Group, to provide feedback and direction with the Conservation Authorities Act Update.
  
- b) Reference: WECI Application, Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry  
File: W.3.16.1  
Brief: A letter informing Brian Horner about the successful application for WECI funding for the Parkhill Dam Electrical Panel Replacement.

- c) Reference: Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation Member Retirement  
File: A.9  
Brief: A letter from Peter Darbishire to the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation informing him of his retirement from the Foundation Board, and expressing thanks for the many years of work that has been accomplished.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. George Irvin noted that on May 4, 2022 Bluewater Council had a special meeting to discuss beach access. George contacted ABCA staff ahead of this meeting and was informed that the Lake Huron lake level is down 40 cm from last year, and is expected to continue to decrease up to another 20 cm. He reported that this was good news for all lakeshore municipalities.
2. Chair Jewitt asked that ABCA staff send out the levy apportionment for 2022 to remind Board members of what their apportionment was last year, and to help better understand the Phase II Regulations for the Conservation Authorities Act Update.
3. Due to a scheduling conflict, staff are asking the Board of Directors to change the date of the July Board Meeting. It was suggested that it be held on either Thursday July 14 or Thursday July 28. Abbie Gutteridge will send a poll around to Board Members to determine which date will work best.

### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

**MOTION #BD 54/22**

**Moved by George Irvin  
Seconded by Alex Westman**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of the Directors go into Committee of the Whole at 11:02 a.m. to a property matter and personnel matter with Brian Horner, Nathan Schoelier, Abbie Gutteridge and Tracey McPherson remaining in attendance.”**

**Carried.**

**MOTION #BD 55/22**

**Moved by Alex Westman  
Seconded by George Irvin**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report at 11:23 a.m.”**

**Carried.**

**MOTION #BD 56/22**

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

**“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors proceed as directed in both the property matter and personnel matter.”**

**Carried.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

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Dave Jewitt  
Chair

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Abigail Gutteridge  
Corporate Services Coordinator

*Copies of program reports are available upon request.  
Contact Abigail Gutteridge, Corporate Services Coordinator*