



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, September 15, 2022

**Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Administration Centre
Morrison Dam Conservation Area**

HYBRID IN-PERSON/VIDEO CONFERENCE

10:00 a.m.

AGENDA

1. Chair's Welcome and Call to Order
2. Land Acknowledgement Statement
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest
5. Disclosure of intention to record this meeting by video and/or audio device
6. Approval of Minutes from July 14, 2022
7. Business Out of the Minutes
8. **Program Reports**
 - Report 1: (a) Development Review (O Reg147/06) – Daniel King
(b) Violations/Appeals Update – Geoff Cade/Daniel King
 - Report 2: CA Act Update – Brian Horner/Kate Monk
 - Report 3: Conservation Lands Strategy – Kate Monk
 - Report 4: Stewardship Project Review – Angela Van Niekerk/Ian Jean
 - Report 5: Enforcement Services Contract – Nathan Schoelier
 - Report 6: Parkhill Scenic Lookout Agreement – Nathan Schoelier
 - Report 7: Vehicle Tender Results – Nathan Schoelier
 - Report 8: National Disaster Mitigation Project Grant Program – Geoff Cade
 - Report 9: Education Update – Denise Iszczuk
9. **Committee Reports**
 - Source Protection Committee – Mary Lynn MacDonald
10. **Correspondence**
11. New Business
12. Committee of the Whole
13. Adjournment

Source Protection Authority Meeting to follow

Upcoming Meetings and Events

October 13, 2022 – Budget Committee Meeting at 9:30 a.m.
October 22, 2022 – Board of Directors Meeting

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, July 14, 2022

Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Boardroom
Morrison Dam Conservation Area

IN PERSON/VIDEO CONFERENCE

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Ray Chartrand, Adrian Cornelissen, Bob Harvey, George Irvin, Dave Jewitt, Alex Westman

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Doug Cook, Mike Tam, Marissa Vaughan

STAFF PRESENT

Jada Burt, Geoff Cade, Tina Crown, Abbie Gutteridge, Brian Horner, Denise Iszczuk, Ian Jean, Daniel King, Mary Lynn MacDonald, Tracey McPherson, Kate Monk, Nathan Schoelier, Meghan Tydd-Hrynyk, Mari Veliz

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dave Jewitt called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., and 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 67/22

**Moved Ray Chartrand
Seconded by Bob Harvey**

“RESOLVED, THAT the agenda for the July 14, 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 68/22**

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

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on June 16, 2022 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”

Carried.

BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTES

Brian Horner, General Manager, noted that staff looked into terms of service for Board Members in light of the upcoming Municipal Election. The majority of Board Member terms continue until the end of 2022, with a couple of exceptions. Ray Chartrand noted that swearing in of new council members is scheduled to take place earlier than has been typical.

PROGRAM REPORTS1. (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 18 *Applications for Permission* and 10 *Minor Works Applications*.

MOTION #BD 69/22

**Moved by Alex Westman
Seconded by Adrian Cornelissen**

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

Carried.

(b) Violations/Appeals Update

Daniel King noted that staff are working on a number of violations. One of the violations in the Municipality of Bluewater regarding an erosive property on the Bayfield River has been ongoing for some time. Staff issued a stop work order last year; however, work did not stop and another structure was constructed. Staff recently issued a new notice of violation.

There is a new violation in the Municipality of Bluewater regarding a deck built over the top of the bank. This is in contravention to the ABCA and the municipality. There are also a number of smaller violations along Lake Huron.

MOTION #BD 70/22

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

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors receive the Violations and Appeals update as presented.”

Carried.

2. Conservation Authorities Act Update

Kate Monk, Projects Coordinator, provided an update on the ongoing implementation of the *Conservation Authorities Act* Update. She noted that the Governance section of the ABCA website has now been completed, and the draft agreement for planning services was sent out to primary municipal contacts. ABCA staff are also reaching out to municipal primary contacts regarding the current inventory and to begin discussions on future programs and services. As such, staff developed a four page summary document, *Beyond 2023*, that explains ABCA programs and services. Staff have also completed the ABCA Programs and Services Directory, which is a complete list of what the ABCA can provide to municipalities and the public.

MOTION #BD 71/22

**Moved by Bob Harvey
Seconded by Alex Westman**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors approve the *Beyond 2023* document as presented to be distributed to member municipalities for their information, and receive the update on the *Conservation Authorities Act* as presented.”

Carried.

3. ABCA Land Disposition Policy

Kate Monk, Projects Coordinator, presented the ABCA Land Disposition Policy Plan (2022-2042), which is an update to the property disposition section of the *2008-2020 ABCA Land*

Securement Plan. This policy is a requirement of the *Conservation Authorities Act* Section 9(1)2(vi). This policy provides guidance for the disposition of lands by the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority, following the principals of sound watershed management, transparency and accountability. Kate noted that the ABCA is very cautious about disposing of properties, and that, generally, the vendor or donor of the property will be given first right of refusal or requested to consent to sell, unless otherwise stated in the terms of the donation or bequest.

MOTION #BD 72/22

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

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors approve the ABCA Land Disposition Policy as presented.”

Carried.

4. Profit & Loss Statement

Brian Horner, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer, provided the profit and loss statement to June 30, 2022 including a projection for the remaining six months of 2022.

MOTION #BD 73/22

**Moved by George Irvin
Seconded by Bob Harvey**

“RESOLVED, THAT the ABCA Board of Directors receive the financial statement to June 30, 2022 as presented.”

Carried.

5. Five Year Forecast

Brian Horner presented the proposed five year forecast for 2022 – 2026, using a wage increase of 2 per cent. The overall increase for the general levy is forecast at 3.56 percent and the project levy at 9.20 per cent. Of note this year, Schedules 8 and 9 were added to show the five year forecast in light of the Conservation Authorities Act Update.

MOTION #BD 74/22

**Moved by Ray Chartrand
Seconded by Adrian Cornelissen**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Five Year Forecast be approved as presented and distributed to the member municipalities for their information.”

Carried.

6. Spring 2022 Tree Planting Program

Ian Jean, Stewardship and Forestry Specialist, presented a summary of the spring tree planting program for 2022. Tree sales and landowner participation vary from year to year, but generally remain consistent. In 2022, there was an increase in landowner pickup of trees. In total, the ABCA planted just under 40,000 trees, which equates to approximately 60 acres. Overall, there were good weather and ground conditions for planting, and with several hired tree planters the ABCA was able to have two planting crews.

MOTION #BD 75/22

Moved by George Irvin

Seconded by Alex Westman

“RESOLVED, THAT the update on the 2022 Spring Tree Planting Program be received as presented.”

Carried.

7. Education Update

Denise Iszczuk, Conservation Educator, presented a summary of education programming through the months of May and June. Some highlights include programs delivered to 2500 students. In contrast to the last couple of years, none of these programs were virtual, but instead were delivered to 1350 students at conservation areas and 1150 students at schools. The 2022 Watershed Champion Grant is being awarded to Huron Centennial Public School, Seaforth Public School, and Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Two grants were also approved for fall including, Parkhill West Williams Public School and St. Anne’s Catholic Secondary School.

MOTION #BD 76/22

Moved by George Irvin

Seconded by Ray Chartrand

“RESOLVED, THAT the update on education programming be received as presented.”

Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

CORRESPONDANCE

- a) Reference: Letter from Steve Bujaki Regarding Permit Fee Refund

File: W.6.1.3

Brief: A letter addressed to Brian Horner requesting that the fee of \$450 for a permit application be refunded as he will not be proceeding with any of the proposed work

at his cottage. As work on this application had already been undertaken by staff, ABCA would typically not refund. The Board of Directors were all in agreement that the fee should be retained, and no refund be offered.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Adrian Cornelissen noted that the *More Homes, More Choices Act* in Ontario was increasing pressure to get approvals for building done in a timely manner, and wondered about staff's response to this increased pressure. Geoff Cade, Water and Planning Manager, noted that staff do their best to respond to inquiries and permit applications in a timely fashion. When staff are presented with requests from the municipality for comments, there is typically a deadline associated that staff abide by.
2. Adrian Cornelissen asked if there were boundary signs at the Mystery Falls property in North Middlesex. Nathan Schoelier noted that there was some signage and the trails were well marked. He also noted that Bill Menzies, from the Municipal Enforcement Unit (MEU), passed away in early July, and staff were waiting to hear about the status of MEU going forward.
3. Abbie Gutteridge introduced Jada Burt, Junior Conservationist at the ABCA for 2022. This eight-week summer position is funded by the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation, and provides a student interested in pursuing an education in the environmental field with the opportunity to experience the day-to-day workings of a Conservation Authority.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

Dave Jewitt
Chair

Abigail Gutteridge
Corporate Services Coordinator

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

ABCA Program Report

To: Board of Directors
Date: September 15, 2022
From: Daniel King, Regulations Coordinator
Subject: Applications for Permission - Ontario Regulation 147/06 - *Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alteration to Shorelines and Watercourses*

The following *Applications for Permission* have been issued by staff since the last Board of Directors Meeting.

* A Coastal Assessment and coastal engineering design was submitted as part of the application

MAJOR PERMIT

1. PERMIT: #2021-85BB
NAME: Jane McIver
MUNICIPALITY: Bluewater
PERMISSION TO: permission extended to allow installation of shore protection works
STAFF NAME: Andrew Bicknell

2. PERMIT: # 2022-65
NAME: Robert and Karen Brouwer
MUNICIPALITY: Bluewater
PERMISSION TO: replace an onsite sewage disposal system in a regulated area
COMPLETED APPLICATION RECEIVED ON DATE: May 30, 2022
PERMISSION GRANTED BY STAFF DATE: June 30, 2022
OF BUSINESS DAYS TO REVIEW: 23
STAFF NAME: Andrew Bicknell

3. PERMIT: #2022-69
NAME: Gerry & Lisa Lassaline
MUNICIPALITY: Lambton Shores
PERMISSION TO: permission to construct new house and associated works
COMPLETED APPLICATION RECEIVED ON DATE: June 16, 2022
PERMISSION GRANTED BY STAFF DATE: July 11, 2022
OF BUSINESS DAYS TO REVIEW: 17
STAFF NAME: Meghan Tydd-Hrynyk

4. PERMIT: #2022-70
NAME: Peter & Julie Schoonderwoerd
MUNICIPALITY: Central Huron
PERMISSION TO: permission to construct wave-overtopping protection and associated works
COMPLETED APPLICATION RECEIVED ON DATE: June 12, 2022
PERMISSION GRANTED BY STAFF DATE: July 13, 2022
OF BUSINESS DAYS TO REVIEW: 21
STAFF NAME: Daniel King
5. *PERMIT: #2022-71
NAME: Gregory R. Puley & Kim Taylor
MUNICIPALITY: Bluewater
PERMISSION TO: permission to replace existing shore protection and associated works
COMPLETED APPLICATION RECEIVED ON DATE: July 14, 2022
PERMISSION GRANTED BY STAFF DATE: July 14, 2022
OF BUSINESS DAYS TO REVIEW: 1
STAFF NAME: Daniel King
6. PERMIT: #2022-76
NAME: Kelly & Terry Gillis
MUNICIPALITY: Lambton Shores
PERMISSION TO: permission to allow new house and associated works
COMPLETED APPLICATION RECEIVED ON DATE: July 14, 2022
PERMISSION GRANTED BY STAFF DATE: July 18, 2022
OF BUSINESS DAYS TO REVIEW: 3
STAFF NAME: Geoff Cade
7. PERMIT: # 2022-75
NAME: Peter Luney and Sandra March Luney
MUNICIPALITY: Lambton Shores
PERMISSION TO: renovate an existing residence within a regulated area
COMPLETED APPLICATION RECEIVED ON DATE: July 12, 2022
PERMISSION GRANTED BY STAFF DATE: July 18, 2022
OF BUSINESS DAYS TO REVIEW: 4
STAFF NAME: Andrew Bicknell
8. PERMIT: # 2022-78
NAME: Karen Perkin
MUNICIPALITY: Bluewater
PERMISSION TO: construct an addition and install a septic system within a regulated area
COMPLETED APPLICATION RECEIVED ON DATE: June 22, 2022
PERMISSION GRANTED BY STAFF DATE: July 22, 2022

- # OF BUSINESS DAYS TO REVIEW: 31
STAFF NAME: Meghan Tydd-Hrynyk
9. PERMIT: # 2022-77
NAME: Glenn Hayter
MUNICIPALITY: South Huron
PERMISSION TO: construct a detached accessory shed in a regulated area
COMPLETED APPLICATION RECEIVED ON DATE: July 19, 2022
PERMISSION GRANTED BY STAFF DATE: July 26, 2022
OF BUSINESS DAYS TO REVIEW: 5
STAFF NAME: Andrew Bicknell
10. PERMIT: # 2021-87A
NAME: Sharyn Smith & Rob Teasdale
MUNICIPALITY: Bluewater
PERMISSION TO: renewal of a permit to reconstruct a dwelling in a regulated area
PERMISSION GRANTED BY STAFF DATE: July 29, 2022
STAFF NAME: Meghan Tydd-Hrynyk
11. PERMIT: # 2022-80
NAME: Tim Henry & Christine Winder
MUNICIPALITY: Lambton Shores
PERMISSION TO: construct an addition in a regulated area
COMPLETED APPLICATION RECEIVED ON DATE: June 27, 2022
PERMISSION GRANTED BY STAFF DATE: August 2, 2022
OF BUSINESS DAYS TO REVIEW: 37
STAFF NAME: Meghan Tydd-Hrynyk
12. PERMIT: # 2022-82
NAME: Mo Navo
MUNICIPALITY: Bluewater
PERMISSION TO: reconstruct a new dwelling in a regulated area
COMPLETED APPLICATION RECEIVED ON DATE: July 21, 2022
PERMISSION GRANTED BY STAFF DATE: August 4, 2022
OF BUSINESS DAYS TO REVIEW: 11
STAFF NAME: Meghan Tydd-Hrynyk
13. PERMIT: #2022-86
NAME: Murray Hodge c/o Huron District Contracting
MUNICIPALITY: Bluewater
PERMISSION TO: allow installation of shore protection works
COMPLETED APPLICATION RECEIVED ON DATE: July 11, 2022
PERMISSION GRANTED BY STAFF DATE: August 12, 2022
OF BUSINESS DAYS TO REVIEW: 21
STAFF NAME: Andrew Bicknell

14. PERMIT: # 2022-84

NAME: Estate of Phil Durand c/o Joe Durand
MUNICIPALITY: Bluewater
PERMISSION TO: repair an existing culvert and road regrading in
a regulated area
COMPLETED APPLICATION RECEIVED ON DATE: August 2, 2022
PERMISSION GRANTED BY STAFF DATE: August 11, 2022
OF BUSINESS DAYS TO REVIEW: 8
STAFF NAME: Meghan Tydd-Hrynyk

15. PERMIT: MW # 2022-68

NAME: Paul Kerkhof
MUNICIPALITY: Bluewater
PERMISSION TO: construct a garage in a regulated area
COMPLETED APPLICATION RECEIVED ON DATE: August 12, 2022
PERMISSION GRANTED BY STAFF DATE: August 18, 2022
NUMBER OF BUSINESS DAYS TO REVIEW: 4
STAFF NAME: Daniel King

16. PERMIT: MW # 2022-88

NAME: Joy Croke
MUNICIPALITY: Bluewater
PERMISSION TO: replace existing shore protection
COMPLETED APPLICATION RECEIVED ON DATE: August 09, 2022
PERMISSION GRANTED BY STAFF DATE: August 19, 2022
NUMBER OF BUSINESS DAYS TO REVIEW: 8
STAFF NAME: Daniel King

17. PERMIT: MW # 2022-87

NAME: Michael Epstein
MUNICIPALITY: Bluewater
PERMISSION TO: reconstruct an existing dwelling
COMPLETED APPLICATION RECEIVED ON DATE: August 18, 2022
PERMISSION GRANTED BY STAFF DATE: September 6, 2022
NUMBER OF BUSINESS DAYS TO REVIEW: 12
STAFF NAME: Daniel King

MINOR WORKS PERMIT

1. PERMIT: MW # 2022-71
NAME: Jennifer Zammit
MUNICIPALITY: Bluewater
PERMISSION TO: repair an existing retaining wall within a regulated area

COMPLETED APPLICATION RECEIVED ON DATE: July 6, 2022
PERMISSION GRANTED BY STAFF DATE: July 12, 2022
NUMBER OF BUSINESS DAYS TO REVIEW: 4
STAFF NAME: Daniel King

2. PERMIT: MW # 2022-73
NAME: Greg Adkin
MUNICIPALITY: Bluewater
PERMISSION TO: develop a new residence partially within a regulated area

COMPLETED APPLICATION RECEIVED ON DATE: July 14, 2022
PERMISSION GRANTED BY STAFF DATE: July 18, 2022
NUMBER OF BUSINESS DAYS TO REVIEW: 2
STAFF NAME: Andrew Bicknell

3. PERMIT: MW # 2022-70
NAME: Brad Boere - Paul Bunyan Trailer Park
MUNICIPALITY: Bluewater
PERMISSION TO: construct a deck in a regulated area

COMPLETED APPLICATION RECEIVED ON DATE: June 18, 2022
PERMISSION GRANTED BY STAFF DATE: July 18, 2022
NUMBER OF BUSINESS DAYS TO REVIEW: 20
STAFF NAME: Meghan Tydd-Hrynyk

4. PERMIT: MW # 2022-75
NAME: Mark Limback c/o Oveholt Excavating
MUNICIPALITY: Bluewater
PERMISSION TO: repair a concrete ramp and steel wall in a regulated area

COMPLETED APPLICATION RECEIVED ON DATE: May 24, 2022
PERMISSION GRANTED BY STAFF DATE: July 22, 2022
NUMBER OF BUSINESS DAYS TO REVIEW: 42
STAFF NAME: Andrew Bicknell

5. PERMIT: MW # 2022-76
NAME: Glenn Denomme c/o Overholt Excavating
MUNICIPALITY: Bluewater
PERMISSION TO: repair a concrete ramp and steel wall in a regulated area

COMPLETED APPLICATION RECEIVED ON DATE: May 24, 2022

PERMISSION GRANTED BY STAFF DATE: July 22, 2022
NUMBER OF BUSINESS DAYS TO REVIEW: 42
STAFF NAME: Andrew Bicknell

6. PERMIT: MW # 2022-77

NAME: Nikki DeVries
MUNICIPALITY: South Huron
PERMISSION TO: construct a detached accessory shed in a regulated area

COMPLETED APPLICATION RECEIVED ON DATE: July 6, 2022
PERMISSION GRANTED BY STAFF DATE: July 22, 2022
NUMBER OF BUSINESS DAYS TO REVIEW: 12
STAFF NAME: Andrew Bicknell

7. PERMIT: MW # 2022-79

NAME: Diana Hull
MUNICIPALITY: Bluewater
PERMISSION TO: repair existing shore protection in a regulated area

COMPLETED APPLICATION RECEIVED ON DATE: June 20, 2022
PERMISSION GRANTED BY STAFF DATE: July 28, 2022
NUMBER OF BUSINESS DAYS TO REVIEW: 27
STAFF NAME: Andrew Bicknell

8. PERMIT: MW # 2022-80

NAME: Enbridge Gas Inc.
MUNICIPALITY: North Middlesex
PERMISSION TO: directional drill a utility crossing in a regulated area

COMPLETED APPLICATION RECEIVED ON DATE: July 14, 2022
PERMISSION GRANTED BY STAFF DATE: July 28, 2022
NUMBER OF BUSINESS DAYS TO REVIEW: 10
STAFF NAME: Andrew Bicknell

9. PERMIT: MW # 2022-83

NAME: Kelly VanEnglen
MUNICIPALITY: North Middlesex
PERMISSION TO: construct an in-ground swimming pool in a regulated area

COMPLETED APPLICATION RECEIVED ON DATE: August 2, 2022
PERMISSION GRANTED BY STAFF DATE: August 10, 2022
NUMBER OF BUSINESS DAYS TO REVIEW: 6
STAFF NAME: Daniel King

10. PERMIT: MW # 2022-92

NAME: Peter Hall
MUNICIPALITY: South Huron

PERMISSION TO: construct a detached utility shed in a regulated area
COMPLETED APPLICATION RECEIVED ON DATE: August 10, 2022
PERMISSION GRANTED BY STAFF DATE: August 15, 2022
NUMBER OF BUSINESS DAYS TO REVIEW: 3
STAFF NAME: Andrew Bicknell

11. PERMIT: MW # 2022- 84

NAME: Danielle Solondz
MUNICIPALITY: Bluewater
PERMISSION TO: place fill and grading activity in a regulated area
COMPLETED APPLICATION RECEIVED ON DATE: July 26, 2022
PERMISSION GRANTED BY STAFF DATE: August 11, 2022
NUMBER OF BUSINESS DAYS TO REVIEW: 11
STAFF NAME: Andrew Bicknell

12. PERMIT: MW # 2022-78

NAME: Kate Fischer
MUNICIPALITY: Central Huron
PERMISSION TO: construct a replacement septic system
COMPLETED APPLICATION RECEIVED ON DATE: July 26, 2022
PERMISSION GRANTED BY STAFF DATE: July 26, 2022
NUMBER OF BUSINESS DAYS TO REVIEW: 1
STAFF NAME: Geoff Cade

13. PERMIT: MW # 2022-93

NAME: Paul & Rebecca Whitehead – in Wildwood by the River
MUNICIPALITY: Bluewater
PERMISSION TO: construct an add-a-room to an existing trailer
COMPLETED APPLICATION RECEIVED ON DATE: August 09, 2022
PERMISSION GRANTED BY STAFF DATE: August 19, 2022
NUMBER OF BUSINESS DAYS TO REVIEW: 8
STAFF NAME: Geoff Cade

14. PERMIT: MW # 2022-85A

NAME: Peter Dearing
MUNICIPALITY: South Huron
PERMISSION TO: allowing a bottom cleanout within a watercourse (private drain)
COMPLETED APPLICATION RECEIVED ON DATE: August 11, 2022
PERMISSION GRANTED BY STAFF DATE: August 25, 2022
NUMBER OF BUSINESS DAYS TO REVIEW: 10
STAFF NAME: Andrew Bicknell

15. PERMIT: MW # 2022-85B

NAME: Alan Renning
MUNICIPALITY: South Huron
PERMISSION TO: allowing a bottom cleanout within a watercourse (private drain)
COMPLETED APPLICATION RECEIVED ON DATE: August 11, 2022
PERMISSION GRANTED BY STAFF DATE: August 25, 2022
NUMBER OF BUSINESS DAYS TO REVIEW: 10
STAFF NAME: Andrew Bicknell

16. PERMIT: MW # 2022-81

NAME: Don Jesso
MUNICIPALITY: Bluewater
PERMISSION TO: Replace trailer, deck and retaining wall
COMPLETED APPLICATION RECEIVED ON DATE: July 28, 2022
PERMISSION GRANTED BY STAFF DATE: August 19, 2022
NUMBER OF BUSINESS DAYS TO REVIEW: 29
STAFF NAME: Meghan Tydd-Hrynyk

17. PERMIT: MW # 2022-94

NAME: John Bjerg
MUNICIPALITY: Huron East
PERMISSION TO: Construct new deck and shed
COMPLETED APPLICATION RECEIVED ON DATE: August 23, 2022
PERMISSION GRANTED BY STAFF DATE: August 25, 2022
NUMBER OF BUSINESS DAYS TO REVIEW: 3
STAFF NAME: Meghan Tydd-Hrynyk

18. PERMIT: MW # 2022-95

NAME: John Bjerg
MUNICIPALITY: Huron East
PERMISSION TO: Construct new deck and roof over
COMPLETED APPLICATION RECEIVED ON DATE: August 23, 2022
PERMISSION GRANTED BY STAFF DATE: August 25, 2022
NUMBER OF BUSINESS DAYS TO REVIEW: 3
STAFF NAME: Meghan Tydd-Hrynyk

19. PERMIT: MW # 2022-97

NAME: Municipality of North Middlesex
MUNICIPALITY: North Middlesex
PERMISSION TO: Install a utility crossing
COMPLETED APPLICATION RECEIVED ON DATE: August 5, 2022
PERMISSION GRANTED BY STAFF DATE: September 1, 2022
NUMBER OF BUSINESS DAYS TO REVIEW: 18
STAFF NAME: Daniel King

ABCA Program Report

To: Board of Directors
Date: September 15, 2022
From: Brian Horner, General Manager/Secretary Treasurer
Kate Monk, Projects Coordinator
Subject: Conservation Authorities Act Update - Progress Report

This report provides an update on the implementation of the Conservation Authorities Act and associated regulations, for information purposes. Additional information may be available at the board meeting.

Since the last update at the July 14 Board of Directors meeting:

1. Staff have started meeting with municipal staff with regard to the draft agreement for planning services.
2. Staff have drafted a Cost Apportioning Agreement for the Category 3 programs that require levy funding. This funding is matched by user fees, donations, and provincial and federal funding. Municipal staff are reviewing the draft. The draft, with any revisions, will be presented to the new municipal councils in early 2023. The Transition Plan identifies mid-2023 for the agreements to be signed so the programs can be included in the 2024 draft budget.
3. Brian and Kate are meeting with municipal staff on the following topics:
 - Transition Plan Progress
 - Current inventory and future programs and services
 - Programs and services ABCA can provide on a contract or fee-for-service basis outside of the municipal levy such as tree planting, invasive species control, water sampling, green infrastructure, trail construction, etc.
 - Draft Cost Apportioning Agreements and timeframe for entering into agreements
 - Financial implications for budgets beyond 2023.
4. Staff have provided input to Conservation Ontario on three guidance documents:
 - Watershed Based Resource Management Strategy
 - Conservation Area Strategy
 - Conservation Land Inventory
5. Conservation Authorities have been informed that through new Orders-In-Council made pursuant to the *Executive Council Act* that were approved by the Lieutenant Governor in Council on August 30, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) has been designated as the Ministry responsible for administering the *Conservation Authorities Act* (CAA). Moving forward, the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) no

longer has duties, functions or responsibilities under the CAA. However, administration of the source protection program under the *Clean Water Act, 2006* remains within the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks.

Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority – Municipal

Cost Apportionment Agreement for Programs and Services

Through subsection 21.1.2 of the *Conservation Authorities Act*, Conservation Authorities (CAs) are empowered to provide programs and services it determines are advisable to further the purposes of the Act, to municipalities through an agreement. It is important to note that the *Conservation Authorities Act* does not preclude CAs from receiving programs and services from their municipal partners. In general, CAs and municipalities can both benefit from the coordination of program and service initiatives as appropriate.

1. Conservation Authorities Act Requirements of Agreements
 - a. The agreement is to be made available to the public on the CA website or other means advisable by the Conservation Authority.
 - b. The agreement will be reviewed at intervals determined in the agreement;
 - c. Programs and services will be provided in accordance with the terms and conditions in the agreement.
 - d. The agreement must provide for the participating municipality to pay the capital and operating expenses apportioned to them.
 - e. The agreement will have clear termination dates.
 - f. The agreement will be reviewed by the parties to the agreement within at least six months or longer (as specified in the agreement) before the termination date.
 - g. The agreement will include requirements for dispute resolution;
 - h. The agreement must be approved by a resolution of the participating municipal council.
 - i. The province retains the right to prescribe standards and requirements for the provision of other programs and services. Should the province enact regulations regarding the provision of services, the regulation would prevail in the event of conflict between the terms and conditions set out in the municipal agreement.

Other

- a. Posting the agreement will be consistent with the requirements of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

Template –

Cost Apportioning Agreement

(hereafter, “Agreement”)

THIS AGREEMENT is made on the _____ day of _____, 2023 (the “**Effective Date**”).

BETWEEN:

MUNICIPALITY

(hereafter, “Municipality”)

AND:

AUSABLE BAYFIELD CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

(hereafter, “ABCA”)

WHEREAS ABCA is a conservation authority established under the *Conservation Authorities Act* (“Act”) and is governed by its participating municipalities in accordance with the Act;

AND WHEREAS Municipality is a lower-tier municipality, located wholly or partly within the area under the jurisdiction of ABCA;

AND WHEREAS ABCA is prepared to provide certain non-mandatory services to and on behalf of Municipality in a variety of service areas;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to Ontario Regulation 686/21, Conservation Authorities are authorized to apportion costs to municipalities for delivery of services;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to Ontario Regulation 686/21, Conservation Authorities and municipalities are required to enter into an agreement to levy municipalities for services provided, other than mandatory services;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the terms of this agreement and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. This MOU shall commence on the Effective Date and shall continue for four (4) years (the “**Initial Term**”). Thereafter, this Agreement shall continue for additional four year periods (each a “**Renewal Term**”) unless either party provides written notice of termination to the other party at least thirty (30) days prior to the expiry of the Initial Term or Renewal Term, as the case may be.
2. The following principles shall guide the implementation of this agreement between ABCA and Municipality:

- a. The Agreement will provide overarching terms and conditions for delivery of municipal programs and services by ABCA.
- b. ABCA agrees to provide to the Municipalities the services outlined in Schedule A.
- c. Municipality agrees to be charged a levy for such services to be apportioned among the participating municipalities.
- d. ABCA will not add to or delete from the services or programs funded through the levy without first consulting with the municipalities. Any such change would require an amendment to this Agreement agreed to by all parties.
- e. The parties will maintain the current annual approval process for determining the levy by a weighted vote based upon current value assessment in the watershed, and the overall ABCA budget.
- f. Municipality will continue to support the Inventory of Programs and Services throughout the period of this Agreement.

3. This Agreement shall be reviewed by the parties prior to the expiry of the Initial Term and each Renewal Term. It is ABCA's responsibility to initiate the review with Municipality at least one hundred and twenty (120) days prior to the expiry of the Initial Term or Renewal Term, as the case may be.

4. ABCA and Municipality will strive to facilitate open and timely communication at all levels.

5. Where a dispute arises between two or more parties, the parties agree that dispute resolution practices will be implemented using the following principles:

- a. Agree to a fair process for mediating issues;
- b. Utilize the services of a neutral facilitator, if required;
- c. Identify common agreement / ground;
- d. Identify all options to resolve;
- e. Select best option.

5. This Agreement shall be made available on the ABCA website and by other methods advisable.

6. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts and when each party has executed a counterpart, each of such counterparts shall be deemed to be an original and all such counterparts, when taken together, shall constitute one and the same agreement.

7. The following principle shall guide the efforts for the parties to identify opportunities for further collaboration to the benefit of both parties, and ensure efficiency, transparency and accountability in the use of resources:

- a. It is recognized that there are opportunities for collaboration between the parties outside the Agreement, including in-kind services and assistance, coordination of complementary policy and program initiatives, and projects involving third parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have entered into this Agreement as of the Effective Date.

AUSABLE BAYFIELD CONSERVATION AUTHORITY MUNICIPALITY

Per: _____
Chair - _____

Per: _____
Mayor - _____

Per: _____
General Manager/Secretary Treasurer - _____

Per: _____
Clerk - _____

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Schedule A – Category 3 Programs and Services Requiring Levy

SERVICE AREAS

Through subsection 21.1.2 of the *Conservation Authorities Act*, Conservation Authorities (CAs) are empowered to provide programs and services it determines are advisable to further the purposes of the Act, to municipalities through an agreement. The Act defines these programs as Category 3.

The ABCA Category 3 programs are important components of integrated watershed management. They are in the ABCA Community Conservation Strategy (2011) and Watershed Management Strategy (2015) and have become valued by the watershed community. These programs and services are funded by a variety of sources: municipal levy, self-generated (user fees, donations, foundations etc.) as well as provincial and federal funding.

Financial Summary of Category 3 programs requiring levy

Cost	Sources of Funding		
\$ _____	Federal/Provincial	\$ _____	___ %
	Municipal (total)	\$ _____	___ %
	Self-Generated	\$ _____	___ %

SERVICE AREA 1 – WATERSHED AND SUB-WATERSHED PLANS AND PROJECTS

Program description: Created for a drainage area, plans incorporate information on current watershed conditions and identify measures to protect, conserve and restore the watershed. Plans address natural hazard issues and recommends mitigation impacts from potential future land uses. The ABCA also facilitates community-based watershed plans.

Program details: The ABCA works with communities to develop and implement subwatershed plans. Current plans and initiatives are: Ausable River Recovery Strategy, Old Ausable Channel Management Plan and Port Franks Management Strategy, Bayfield River Watershed Plan and Lake Huron Tributaries Watershed Plan. Activities include: community engagement and objective setting, supporting protection, enhancement and restoration activities, and monitoring and evaluating actions. Note: Natural hazard considerations will be incorporated when the plans are reviewed and updated.

In the Natural Heritage Systems Implementation Phase, the ABCA incorporates natural heritage information particularly around wetlands to develop planning and regulatory strategies to mitigate downstream natural hazards.

Note: Watershed plans related to natural hazards is a Category 1 program.

Financial Information

Cost	Sources of Funding
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\$ _____	Federal/Provincial	\$ _____	___ %
	Municipal (total)	\$ _____	___ %
	Self-Generated	\$ _____	___ %

SERVICE AREA 2 – ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING AND RESEARCH

Program Description: Groundwater and surface water sites are monitored for a variety of indicators to support flood forecast and warning, low water response, watershed report cards, watershed plans, and stewardship project prioritization. Service Area 2 provides significant information to help guide municipal decision making and implement their legislated responsibilities. The program is a partnership of the municipal, provincial and federal governments and community organizations.

Program Details: Surface water quality monitoring at nine sites (in addition to Provincial Water Quality Monitoring Network), Lake Huron nearshore water monitoring at area beaches, edge-of-field monitoring at Huronview Demonstration Farm near Clinton, benthic monitoring at 30 sites across the watersheds. When appropriate, staff respond to local spills events at the request of Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks, municipalities and citizens.

Conservation Authorities report on local watershed conditions by producing the Watershed Report Card. The ABCA watershed is divided into 16 subwatersheds. Measuring increases understanding of the watershed, focuses efforts and tracks progress.

Financial Information

Cost	Sources of Funding		
\$ _____	Federal/Provincial	\$ _____	___ %
	Municipal (total)	\$ _____	___ %
	Self-Generated	\$ _____	___ %

SERVICE AREA 3 – WATERSHED STEWARDSHIP AND RESTORATION

Program Description: The stewardship and restoration program has three key components: one-on-one technical assistance to watershed landowners, connecting landowners with cost-share funding, and tree planting. Projects reduce the risk to life and property from natural hazards, protect water quality and quantity, improve forest conditions, increase biodiversity and make the watersheds more resilient to climate change.

Program Details: Staff work with property owners to implement Best Management Practices to mitigate flood and erosion hazards, improve and protect water quality, restore floodplains and river valleys, reduce nutrient contamination, restore and enhance wetlands to reduce flooding peaks and augment low flow, manage terrestrial non-native invasive species, protect groundwater, and improve aquatic species at risk habitat. Staff apply for and manage external funding, promote private land stewardship, provide technical advice and project technical design assistance.

Coordinating the Stewardship and Forestry program with the Environmental Monitoring and Research program allows for stewardship project prioritization. Prioritizing projects connects landowners with additional cost-sharing funding to best meet the needs of the community, and the environment, and leverages the contributions of local funds with other programs.

Financial Information

Cost	Sources of Funding		
\$ _____	Federal/Provincial	\$ _____	___ %
	Municipal (total)	\$ _____	___ %
	Self-Generated	\$ _____	___ %

SERVICE AREA 4 – CONSERVATION EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Program Description: Education and outreach programs increase knowledge and awareness in children and adults about local environmental issues, watersheds, ecosystems and conservation actions people can implement on their lands. Programs are linked to ABCA priorities.

Program Details: Staff provide curriculum-based education programs for elementary and secondary students. These programs focus on local watersheds, ecosystems, and environmental issues. Programs take place at schools (indoors and outdoors), field trips and through online learning.

Education and outreach programs and community events help achieve the objectives of the conservation authority. These programs are open to people of all ages.

Financial Information

Cost	Sources of Funding		
\$ _____	Federal/Provincial	\$ _____	___ %
	Municipal (total)	\$ _____	___ %
	Self-Generated	\$ _____	___ %

ABCA Program Report

To: Board of Directors
Date: September 15, 2022
From: Kate Monk, Projects Coordinator
Subject: Conservation Lands Strategy

The Conservation Authorities Act Update included new requirements for conservation authority properties including a conservation lands strategy and inventory of properties. These projects are to be completed by December 31, 2024. To spread out the workload of the other requirements of the Act, the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA) is working on the strategy in 2023. The Act calls the document a conservation *area* strategy, but all parcels owned by the ABCA need to be included in the strategy, not only the properties we identify as conservation areas (e.g. Morrison Dam Conservation Area).

Management Plans were prepared for Conservation Areas in the 1980s and as properties were acquired. These plans were updated in 2004. Our Management Areas (forests) have a Forest Management Plan and the agricultural land has the Environmental Farm Plan.

The Conservation Lands Strategy will be an overarching document with sections on the various properties. Management Areas can be grouped together instead of having individual plans for each parcel.

The timing for the project is good in that the properties have received significant changes in visitor use over the past five years. Climate change and other negative environmental factors need to be addressed to ensure the environmental and infrastructure features are resilient to climate change, and help the watersheds adapt to and combat climate change. Conservation Ontario is seeking input from CAs in order to develop a guidance document to help CAs develop the strategies.

Regulations set the baseline for the strategy but there is flexibility in how the requirements are achieved.

Ontario Regulation 686/21 Mandatory Programs and Services: Conservation and Management of Lands

Required components

9. (1) Programs and services provided by an authority with respect to the conservation and management of lands under subparagraph 1 ii of subsection 21.1 (1) of the Act shall include the following:

1. A conservation area strategy, prepared on or before December 31, 2024 for all lands owned or controlled by the authority, including any interests in land registered on title, that meets the requirements set out in section 10.

10. (1) A conservation area strategy referred to in paragraph 1 of subsection 9 (1) shall include the following components:

1. Objectives established by the authority that will inform the authority's decision-making related to the lands it owns and controls, including decisions related to policies governing the acquisition and disposition of such lands.

2. Identification of the mandatory and non-mandatory programs and services that are provided on land owned and controlled by the authority, including the sources of financing for these programs and services.

3. Where the authority considers it advisable to achieve the objectives referred to in paragraph 1, an assessment of how the lands owned and controlled by the authority may,

i. augment any natural heritage located within the authority's area of jurisdiction, and

ii. integrate with other provincially or municipally owned lands or other publicly accessible lands and trails within the authority's area of jurisdiction.

4. The establishment of land use categories for the purpose of classifying lands in the land inventory described in section 11 based on the types of activities that are engaged in on each parcel of land or other matters of significance related to the parcel.

5. A process for the periodic review and updating of the conservation area strategy by the authority, including procedures to ensure stakeholders and the public are consulted during the review and update process.

(2) The authority shall ensure stakeholders and the public are consulted during the preparation of the conservation area strategy in a manner that the authority considers advisable.

(3) The authority shall ensure that the conservation area strategy is made public on the authority's website, or by such other means as the authority considers advisable.

Staff propose the following framework:

A. Purpose:

- To fulfill the requirements of the Conservation Authorities Act and Ontario Regulation 686/21 Mandatory Programs and Services.
- To integrate existing studies, research and knowledge.
- To establish clear corporate priorities regarding the future management of ABCA conservation lands.
- To recommend changes to programs and services in response to research and input received.
- To develop an implementation plan to balance citizen/community needs with protecting the environment.

B. Draft Table of Contents:

- Executive Summary
- Introduction
- Strategy Vision, Principles, Goals and Objectives, Property Categories
- Watershed Context and Integration into Watershed Management
- Legislative and Regulatory Requirements, Designations
- Visitor Use and Community Needs
- Property Management Plans
 - Existing Environment
 - Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats
 - Public Use and Recreation Plan
 - Facilities and Amenities
 - Management Recommendations and Action
 - Operations and Maintenance
 - Implementation Schedule and Budget

C. Public Input

Receiving input from the public is a requirement of the legislation and improves the product and implementation. The ABCA website and social media will be the principle platform used for communication. Personal communication will be used for key stakeholder groups, and members of the public as required. A survey will be developed near the start of the process. Input on the draft document will also be obtained where appropriate.

Recommendation

Recommended that the Conservation Lands Strategy be developed using the framework in this report.

ABCA Program Report

To: Board of Directors
From: Angela Van Niekerk
Re: Canada Nature Fund Projects
Restoration and mitigation for Ausable River Species at Risk (SAR) in Ontario
Date: September 15, 2022

Background

The draft Ausable River Recovery Action Plan (2018) has reconfirmed that the two main threats to aquatic species at risk (SAR) in the Ausable River are nutrient enrichment and sediment deposition. The primary goal of this multi-year project is to improve aquatic habitat in the Ausable River for SAR freshwater mussels and fishes.

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) is providing \$250,000 in funding for the 2022-2023 project year. Stewardship activities will include working with watershed residents for up to five wetland restorations; up to 17 tree planting sites; up to 1,200 acres of cover crops; and up to five sediment and nutrient reduction activities (fencing out livestock and WASCOS). As well as monitoring SAR fish and the SAR mussel fish hosts at six long term index stations and education and outreach in the Ausable River watersheds.

Funding rate is 50% of project costs. However, where projects meet the eligibility requirements of both programs the federal and provincial funding can be stacked to recover up to 100% of project costs.

The following are the project categories and grant ceilings per project.

Project type	Grant rate	Maximum grant per property
Fragile Land Retirement	50%	\$4,000
Wetland Restoration	50%	\$5,000
Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Activities	50%	\$5,000
Livestock Access Restriction	50%	\$4,000
Cover Crops	\$15/acre	\$1,500

Applications for funding: WETLAND RESTORATION

The following applications for funding have been received and approved by ABCA staff.

CANADA NATURE FUND				
File #	Name	Location	Details	Grant
AB-3194	Grant Barker	Lot 15, Con 4, Lucan Biddulph	Restored 3 wetlands on property to capture field run off and provide habitat.	\$5,000 CNF Ausable Matched with DUC, OCEF, ALUS, landowner

Total Canada Nature Fund: \$5,000 of \$18,200 approved (Fisheries and Oceans Canada)

Applications for funding: SEDIMENT AND NUTRIENT REDUCTION ACTIVITIES

The following applications for funding have been received and approved by ABCA staff.

CANADA NATURE FUND				
File #	Name	Location	Details	Grant
AB-3264	Ducharme, Gerard	Concession 11, North Part Lot 3, Lobo, Middlesex Centre	Installation of 3 narrow-based WASCobS, designed by an OMAFRA certified contractor to control erosion. Middle Ausable sub-watershed.	\$3150 CNF Ausable \$3150 landowner portion

Total Canada Nature Fund: \$3,150 of \$15,000 approved (Fisheries and Oceans Canada)

Applications for funding: FRAGILE LAND RETIREMENT

The following applications for funding have been received and approved by ABCA staff.

CANADA NATURE FUND				
File #	Name	Location	Details	Grant
AB-3235	Griffiths, Brett	Part Lot 18, Con 10, Lobo, Middlesex Centre	Establish treed buffer around constructed wetland. 0.5 acres, 180 trees. 2 ft conifers (cedar, pine, spruce) and 5 ft potted deciduous (maple, oak, tulip tree). ABCA to provide trees and planting services.	\$2500 Proposed match with Ontario Community Environmental Fund
AB-3257	Huron Perth Ag Services	Lot 14, Con NTR, Usborne South Huron	Establish tree windbreak between cropped fields and buffer along drain. 776m	\$3500 CNF Ausable

			length, cedar at 3m spacing is 255 trees. White Cedar, 2 ft tree. ABCA to provide trees, planting and follow up herbicide.	Proposed match with Huron Clean Water Project
AB-3258	Elizabeth Borland	Lot 13, Con STR, Usborne South Huron	Establish tree windbreak between cropped fields. 776m length, cedar at 3m spacing is 255 trees. White Cedar, 2 ft tree. ABCA to provide trees, planting and follow up herbicide.	\$3500 CNF Ausable Proposed match with Huron Clean Water Project
AB-3259	Brad Borland	Lot 14, Con 6, Usborne South Huron	Establish tree windbreak between cropped fields. 1000m length, cedar at 3m spacing is 330 trees. White Cedar, 2 ft tree. ABCA to provide trees, planting and follow up herbicide.	\$4000 CNF Ausable Proposed match with Huron Clean Water Project
AB-3260	Jeff Borland	Part Lots C and D, Con 8, Usborne, South Huron	Establish tree windbreak between cropped fields. 335m length, cedar at 3m spacing is 110 trees. White Cedar, 2 ft tree. ABCA to provide trees, planting and follow up herbicide.	\$1500 CNF Ausable Proposed match with Huron Clean Water Project
AB-3261	Jeff Borland	Part Lot 14, Con 9 Usborne, South Huron	Establish tree windbreak between cropped fields. 800m length, cedar at 3m spacing is 260 trees. White Cedar, 2 ft tree. ABCA to provide trees, planting and follow up herbicide.	\$3400 CNF Ausable Proposed match with Huron Clean Water Project
AB-3265	Jeff Stephens	Lot 1, Con 15 HRS, Tuckersmith, Huron East	Establish treed buffer along Mitchell Drainage Works. 520m length, cedar at 3m spacing is 170 trees. White Cedar, 2 ft tree. ABCA to provide trees, planting and follow up herbicide.	\$2400 CNF Ausable Proposed match with Huron Clean Water Project

Total Canada Nature Fund: \$20,800 of \$46,000 approved (Fisheries and Oceans Canada)

Applications for funding: COVER CROPS

The following applications for funding have been received and approved by ABCA staff.

CANADA NATURE FUND				
File #	Name	Location	Details	Grant
AB-3226	Cassidy Farms Inc. (c/o James Masschelein)	Lots 19 & 20, Concession 17, West Williams, North Middlesex.	85 acres. 40lbs./acre: oats, rye, Austrian winter peas, faba beans, sunflower. Middle Ausable sub-watershed.	\$1275 CNF Ausable
AB-3228	Feeny, Tom	Lot 20, Concession 6, Hibbert, West Perth.	30 acres. 88lbs./acre: oats, crimson clover, soy beans. Ausable Headwaters sub-watershed.	\$450 CNF Ausable
AB-3218	Strang, Mike	Lot 29, Concession 3, Usborne, South Huron.	312 acres. Rye grass interseeded into corn. Upper Ausable sub-watershed.	\$1500 CNF Ausable
AB-3225	Eilers, Stephen and April	Part Lots 27 & 28, Concession 8, Hay, Bluewater.	200 acres. 110lbs./acre: oats, rye, wheat. Black Creek sub-watershed.	\$1500 CNF Ausable
AB-3242	Breimer Farms Ltd. (c/o Jan Breimer)	Part Lot 32, Concession 7ECR, McGillivray, North Middlesex	58 acres. 45lbs./acre: oats, rye, Austrian winter peas, faba beans, sunflower, buckwheat, pearl millet, flax, phacelia. Upper Ausable sub-watershed.	\$870 CNF Ausable
AB-3243	Breimer Farms Ltd. (c/o Jan Breimer)	Part Lot 21, Concession 20, McGillivray, North Middlesex.	13 acres. 45lbs./acre: oats, rye, Austrian winter peas, faba beans, sunflower, buckwheat, pearl millet, flax, phacelia. Upper Ausable sub-watershed.	\$195 CNF Ausable
AB-3244	Breimer Farms Ltd. (c/o Jan Breimer)	Lot 17, Concession 18, East Williams, North Middlesex.	7 acres. 45lbs./acre: oats, rye, Austrian winter peas, faba beans, sunflower, buckwheat, pearl millet, flax, phacelia. Upper Ausable sub-watershed.	\$105 CNF Ausable
AB-3252	Kaumanns Farms Ltd. (c/o Hilmar Kaumanns)	Part Lots 3 & 4, Concession 3, Biddulph, Lucan-Biddulph	100 acres. 50lbs./acre: oats, peas, sunflowers. Upper Ausable sub-watershed.	\$1500 CNF Ausable
AB-3255	Ducharme, Gerard	North Part Lot 3, Concession 11, Lobo, Middlesex Centre	60 acres. 99lbs./acre: oats, barley, peas, radish. Middle Ausable sub-watershed	\$900 CNF Ausable

Total Canada Nature Fund: \$8,295 of \$20,000 approved (Fisheries and Oceans Canada)

ABCA Program Report

To: Board of Directors
From: Angela Van Niekerk
Re: Canada Nature Fund Projects
Improving freshwater habitat for species at risk in the Bayfield watersheds
Date: September 15, 2022

Background

Aquatic Species at Risk (SAR) are also known in the Bayfield River and two Lake Huron shoreline tributaries (Gully Creek and Unknown Stanley J Drain). Aquatic SAR in these rivers face many threats to their survival and recovery (sediment loads, nutrient enrichment, altered flow regime, low oxygen concentrations and invasive species).

This project involves a three-pronged community approach. Best management practices on private lands include: tree planting, wetland restoration, implementing erosion control on ephemeral channels and supporting cover crops to prevent the development of these channels. The second approach is monitoring SAR, their habitat and the effectiveness of different practices on the reduction of downstream sediment and nutrients. Finally, ongoing communications about the project helps to raise awareness about the SAR, threats to their survival, and the approaches being taken to address these threats.

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) is providing \$121,825 in funding for the 2022-2023 project year. Stewardship activities will include working with watershed residents for up to two wetland restorations; up to three tree planting sites; up to six sites of 782 ha of cover crops; and up to two sediment and nutrient reduction activities (WASCOBS). As well as providing monitoring of aquatic ecosystems and providing outreach and education to watershed residents.

Funding rate is 50% of project costs. However, where projects meet the eligibility requirements of both programs the federal and provincial funding can be stacked to recover up to 100% of project costs.

The following are the project categories and grant ceilings per project.

Project type	Grant rate	Maximum grant per person
Fragile Land Retirement	50%	\$4,000
Wetland Restoration	50%	\$5,000
Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Activities	50%	\$5,000
Livestock Access Restriction	50%	\$4,000
Cover Crops	\$15/acre	\$1,500

Applications for funding: WETLAND RESTORATION

The following applications for funding have been received and approved by ABCA staff.

CANADA NATURE FUND				
File #	Name	Location	Details	Grant
AB-3263	Gil Garrett	Lot 35, Con 5, Goderich	Install water control structure on sediment pond to increase water storage during rain events.	\$1,500 CNF Bayfield Matched with OCEF, landowner

Total Canada Nature Fund: \$1,500 of \$6,000 approved (Fisheries and Oceans Canada)

Applications for funding: SEDIMENT AND NUTRIENT REDUCTION ACTIVITIES

The following applications for funding have been received and approved by ABCA staff.

CANADA NATURE FUND				
File #	Name	Location	Details	Grant
<i>No projects at this meeting.</i>				

Total Canada Nature Fund: \$0 of \$8,240 approved (Fisheries and Oceans Canada)

Applications for funding: FRAGILE LAND RETIREMENT

The following applications for funding have been received and approved by ABCA staff.

CANADA NATURE FUND				
File #	Name	Location	Details	Grant
AB-3266	Huron Tract Land Trust	BAYFIELD PLAN 147 MILL PROPERTY PT, Bluewater	Plant Shrub Sandbar willow along Bayfield River to reduce bank erosion. Length 60m requires 200 seedlings. Bayfield River Flats Property. ABCA to supply willow seedlings and planting services.	\$700 CNF Bayfield Proposed match with Huron Clean Water Project

Total Canada Nature Fund: \$700 of \$12,820 approved (Fisheries and Oceans Canada)

Applications for funding: COVER CROPS

The following applications for funding have been received and approved by ABCA staff.

CANADA NATURE FUND				
File #	Name	Location	Details	Grant
<i>No projects at this meeting.</i>				

Total Canada Nature Fund: \$ of \$29,500 approved (Fisheries and Oceans Canada)

ABCA Program Report

To: Board of Directors
From: Angela Van Niekerk, Wetland Specialist
Re: Conservation Ontario ECCC Fund
Ausable River Recovery Strategy - Land Stewardship
Date: September 15th, 2022

Background

ABCA seeks to restore the Ausable and Bayfield watershed area by working with the community to implement restoration projects such as riparian buffers, wetlands and prairie habitat and adopting best management practices such as cover crops, grassed waterways and permanent vegetation cover.

Environment Canada and Climate Changes is providing \$32,500 in funding for the 2022-2023 project year. This is the first year of a two-year grant for this project. Stewardship activities will include working with watershed residents to create and enhance water storage and water filtration on the landscape, and plant native trees and shrubs.

Funding rate is 50% of project costs. However, where projects meet the eligibility requirements of both programs the federal and provincial funding can be stacked to recover up to 100% of project costs.

The following are the project categories and grant ceilings per project.

Project type	Grant rate	Maximum grant per person
Fragile Land Retirement	50%	\$5,000
Wetland Restoration	50%	\$5,000

Applications for funding: WETLAND RESTORATION

The following applications for funding have been received and approved by ABCA staff.

Conservation Ontario ECCC Fund				
File #	Name	Location	Details	Grant
AB-3197	Triebner Tract	Lot 5, Con 4, Hay	Restoring three wetlands within 4.5 acres of retired field and planting pollinator habitat around the edges.	\$10,000 ECCC Matched with DUC, HCWP, OCEF, ABCF
AB-3196	Tina Gokstorp	Lot 13, Con 7 ECR, McGillivray	Restoring one acre of field with wetland and pollinator habitat.	\$6,000 ECCC

				Matched with DUC, ALUS, OCEF
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Total CO ECCC September 2022: \$16,000 of \$22,500 (Environment and Climate Change Canada)

Applications for funding: FRAGILE LAND RETIREMENT

The following applications for funding have been received and approved by ABCA staff.

Conservation Ontario ECCC Fund				
File #	Name	Location	Details	Grant
<i>No projects at this meeting.</i>				

Total CO ECCC September 2022: \$ of \$10,000 (Environment and Climate Change Canada)

ABCA Program Report

To: Board of Directors
From: Angela Van Niekerk, Wetland Specialist
Re: EcoAction Projects
Investing in Lake Huron: Green infrastructure to control storm water
Date: September 15th, 2022

Background

ABCF seeks to create wetlands or water retention areas located in, or at the edge of fields, floodplains and near existing wetlands, bio-retention demonstration site in the village of Bayfield and planting riparian habitats with native trees and plants within the Lake Huron watershed (Middlesex, Huron and Lambton Counties). Restoring at least 25 acres (2020 to 2023) will provide water quality improvements for Lake Huron.

Environment Canada and Climate Changes is providing \$34,133 in funding for the 2022-2023 project year. This is the third and final year of the grant for this project. Stewardship activities will include working with watershed residents to create and enhance water storage and water filtration on the landscape, and plant native trees and shrubs. As well, the education department provides 10 school programs on the benefits of wetlands and green infrastructure.

Funding rate is 50% of project costs. However, where projects meet the eligibility requirements of both programs the federal and provincial funding can be stacked to recover up to 100% of project costs.

The following are the project categories and grant ceilings per project.

Project type	Grant rate	Maximum grant per person
Fragile Land Retirement	50%	\$4,000
Wetland Restoration	50%	\$5,000

Applications for funding: WETLAND RESTORATION & BIORETENTION

The following applications for funding have been received and approved by ABCA staff.

ECOACTION PROGRAM				
File #	Name	Location	Details	Grant
AB-3191	Skylar & Lorin	Lot 9, Con 15, McGillivray	Create 2 acres of wetland and 8 acres of prairie in a retired field. The wetland will capture surface water run-off and provide water storage.	\$5,000 EcoAction Matched with ALUS, Ontario

				Community Environment Fund, and Landowner
AB-3096	Gerald Hayter	Lot 13, Con LRE, Stanley	Control structure and installation of water control structure to wetland for erosion control. Should eliminate erosion through field in South Gullies watershed.	\$4,775 EcoAction Matched with DUC, HCWP, MOECP, and landowner
AB-3262	Brideau	Lot 44, Con 1HRS, Tuckersmith	Created a raingarden in Clinton to keep roof water clean and directed it into raingarden to provide water filtration to help SAR.	\$500 EcoAction Matched with Landowners expenses.

Total EcoAction Fund for April 2022 to Sept 2022: \$10,275.00 of \$15,533 (Environment and Climate Change Canada)

Applications for funding: FRAGILE LAND RETIREMENT

The following applications for funding have been received and approved by ABCA staff.

EcoACTION				
File #	Name	Location	Details	Grant
<i>No projects at this meeting.</i>				

Total EcoAction Fund for April 2022 to Sept 2022: \$ of \$15,000 (Environment and Climate Change Canada)

ABCA Program Report

To: Board of Directors
From: Angela Van Niekerk, Wetland Specialist
Re: Habitat Stewardship Project
Community Actions to Protect Black Redhorse in the Little Ausable
Date: September 15, 2022

Background

Black redhorse is a Threatened SARA schedule 1 species. The goal of this project is to protect Black Redhorse habitat and mitigate human impact. The three year project objectives are to support community infrastructure that improves aquatic habitat, support private land stewardship to reduce sediment and nutrients loads and to educate the local community about land-river linkages to promote long-term protection. The known threats to Black Redhorse include pollution from agricultural and urbanized landscape runoff, as well as the effect of climate change and extreme weather events.

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) is providing \$15,200 in funding for the 2022-2023 project year. The goal of the project is to protect Black Redhorse habitat and mitigate human impact. The funds will restore one wetland, provide multiple planting events with over 300 students in the Lucan area and include monitoring water quality.

Funding rate is 50% of project costs. However, where projects meet the eligibility requirements of both programs the federal and provincial funding can be stacked to recover up to 100% of project costs.

The following are the project categories and grant ceilings per project.

Project type	Grant rate	Maximum grant per person
Wetland Restoration	50%	\$5,000

Applications for funding: WETLAND RESTORATION

The following applications for funding have been received and approved by ABCA staff.

Habitat Stewardship Project				
File #	Name	Location	Details	Grant
AB-3195	Derek & Danielle Greenlee	Lot 15, Con 3, Lucan Biddulph	Restored one wetland on property to capture field run off and provide habitat.	\$2,370 HSP Matched with OCEF, ALUS, landowner

Total Habitat Stewardship Project: \$2,370 of \$2,370 approved (Fisheries and Oceans Canada)

ABCA Program Report

To: Board of Directors
From: Angela Van Niekerk, Wetland Specialist
Re: Ontario Community Environment Fund
Enhancing rural green infrastructure in the Ausable and Bayfield Watersheds
Date: September 15, 2022

Background

Ontario Community Environment Fund collects funds through environment violations and provides it in the same regions for environmental restoration and remediation activities, resilient communities and local solutions to environmental issues.

This project is to improve water quality create wildlife, fish habitat, prevent the risk of flooding, reduce erosion, mitigate the effects of climate change and create recreational opportunities. The ABCA will restore 20 wetlands and plant 20,000 trees with the \$82,575 over two years.

Funding rate is 50% of project costs. However, where projects meet the eligibility requirements of both programs the federal and provincial funding can be stacked to recover up to 100% of project costs.

The following are the project categories and grant ceilings per project.

Project type	Grant rate	Maximum grant per property
Fragile Land Retirement	50%	\$4,000
Wetland Restoration	50%	\$5,000

Applications for funding: WETLAND RESTORATION

The following applications for funding have been received and approved by ABCA staff.

Ontario Community Environment Fund				
File #	Name	Location	Details	Grant
AB-3044	Will Rempel	Lot 6 & 7, Con 20, West Williams	Create 0.2 acre wetland in a wet grassy area. The wetland will capture water and provide water storage.	\$1,236 OCEF Matched with EcoAction, DUC, landowner
AB-3094	Tracy Roberts	Lot 18, Con 5, East Williams	Restoring 0.35 acre marsh area in low wet area inside buffer of trees. Wetland outlets to Bear Creek. This marsh will provide more water storage and provide habitat for waterfowl.	\$2,258 OCEF Matched with CNF, DUC, landowner

AB-3197	Triebner Tract	Lot 5, Con 4, Hay	Restoring three wetlands within 4.5 acres of retired field and planting pollinator habitat around the edges.	\$1,000 OCEF Matched with ECCC, DUC, HCWP, ABCF
AB-3196	Tina Gokstorp	Lot 13, Con 7 ECR, McGillivray	Restoring one acre of field with wetland and pollinator habitat.	\$1,000 OCEF Matched with ECCC, DUC, ALUS
AB-3263	Gil Garrett	Lot 35, Con 5, Goderich	Install water control structure on sediment pond to increase water storage during rain events.	\$1,200 OCEF Matched with CNF, landowner
AB-3194	Grant Barker	Lot 15, Con 4, Lucan Biddulph	Restored 3 wetlands on property to capture field run off and provide habitat.	\$2,000 OCEF Matched with CNF, DUC, ALUS, landowner
AB-3195	Derek & Danielle Greenlee	Lot 15, Con 3, Lucan Biddulph	Restored one wetland on property to capture field run off and provide habitat.	\$1,000 OCEF Matched with HSP, ALUS, landowner
AB-3191	Skylar & Lorin	Lot 9, Con 15, McGillivray	Create 2 acres of wetland and 8 acres of prairie in a retired field. The wetland will capture surface water run-off and provide water storage.	\$2,500 OCEF Matched with ALUS, EcoAction, and Landowner

Total Ontario Community Environment Fund: \$12,194 of \$49,775 approved

Applications for funding: FRAGILE LAND RETIREMENT

The following applications for funding have been received and approved by ABCA staff.

Ontario Community Environment Fund				
File #	Name	Location	Details	Grant
AB-3235	Griffiths, Brett	Part Lot 18, Con 10, Lobo, Middlesex Centre	Establish treed buffer around constructed wetland. 0.5 acres, 180 trees. 2 ft conifers (cedar, pine and spruce and 5 ft potted deciduous (maple, oak and tulip tree). ABCA to provide trees and planting services.	\$2500 Proposed match with Canada Nature Fund

Total Ontario Community Environment Fund: \$2500 of \$32,800 approved

ABCA Program Report

To: Board of Directors
From: Nathan Schoelier, Stewardship & Lands Manager
Re: Enforcement services contract
Date: September 15, 2022

Background

ABCA relies on the services of contracted enforcement companies to complete pro-active patrol, as well as respond to complaints received regarding unauthorized uses on ABCA-owned or managed properties. Previously, ABCA contracted Municipal Enforcement Unit (MEU) to provide these services.

MEU informed ABCA on July 15, 2022, that they were ceasing operations, due to unfortunate and unforeseen circumstances. Upon receiving this information, ABCA staff began investigating options for enforcement services that meet the needs of ABCA. Staff became aware of two enforcement services. Staff met with Ed Pimentel, of Tenet Security Group to discuss ABCA's enforcement needs, Tenet Security Group's operations, and their approach to managing enforcement matters and reporting. The other company was not interested in pursuing a contract due to the nature of the enforcement that ABCA requires.

Tenet Security Group is an agency started by a small group of security professionals, who have experience completing pro-active patrols, and managing situations that require enforcement. Tenet Security Group reports that they implement an education-style approach whenever it is suitable, when completing their services. Tenet Security Group is based out of Lucan, and provide services to several municipalities within Perth County, including the Municipality of West Perth. Recently, multiple other municipalities within the ABCA watershed have reserved the services of Tenet Security Group.

Contract

The complete contract, provided by Tenet Security Group, with input from ABCA staff to reflect enforcement requirements, is appended to this report. Several key points from the contract are outlined, below:

- The contract will be in effect until December 31, 2023. ABCA will have the option of two, one-year agreement extensions after the agreement term expires
- The contractor shall provide a minimum of 6-hours of patrol on a bi-weekly basis
- Tenet Security Group shall provide written reports to ABCA within 72 hours of end of shift, or responding to a call
- The contractor shall provide a valid WSIB certificate and proof of coverage for liability insurance in the amount of \$5 000 000.00 for carrying out all duties as provided for in this agreement
- The contractor shall be paid an hourly rate of \$70 per uniform member, not including HST. This rate is all-inclusive (use of patrol vehicle and mountain bike)

Recommendation

Recommended that, Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority enter into an agreement with Tenet Security group until December 31, 2023.

Further that, the Board of Directors designate Tenet Security Group as responsible for regular enforcement duties associated with the Conservation Authorities Act and Trespass to Property Act, with respect to Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority properties and Huron Tract Land Trust Conservancy properties.

AGREEMENT made this ____ day of (), 2022.

BETWEEN:

Tenet Security Group Incorporated,
(Hereinafter the “**Contractor**”)

and

The Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority,
(Hereinafter the “**ABCA**”)

WHEREAS the ABCA deems it expedient to enter into a contract to provide services for the enforcement of relevant rules of the ABCA and/or regulations under the Conservation Authorities Act of Ontario;

AND WHEREAS both parties hereby mutually covenant and agree that all services and supplies provided to the ABCA by the Contractor, shall be on the following terms and conditions;

NOW THEREFORE be it enacted as follows:

ARTICLE 1 - INTERPRETATION

1. Definitions

In this Agreement:

- a) “Designate” means the Stewardship and Lands Manager or designate for ABCA with binding authority.
- b) “Agreement” means this agreement and all schedules which may be a part thereof.

2. Severability

If any one or more clauses or paragraphs, or part or parts thereof, in this Agreement are illegal or unenforceable, it or they shall be considered separate and severable from this Agreement, and the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect and shall be binding upon the parties hereto as though the said clause or part/parts of clauses had never been included.

3. Number and Gender References

Whenever a word imparting the singular number only is used in this Agreement, such word shall include the plural, and words imparting either gender or firms or corporations shall include the person or other gender and firms or corporations where applicable. Any reference to the terms of this Agreement shall, unless the context otherwise required, be deemed to include any renewals thereof.

4. Headings

The headings appearing in this Agreement have been inserted as a matter of convenience, for reference only and in no way define, limit or enlarge the scope of meaning of this Agreement or of any provisions thereof.

5. Entire Agreement

This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding between the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof, and cancels and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations and agreements, either written or oral. Changes, alterations, or modifications to this Agreement will be effective in stated in writing and signed by the parties hereto.

6. Representations

Each party represents that it is authorized to enter into and perform this Agreement in all respects is in full compliance with all applicable federal legislation provincial statutes and/or regulations, and further represents that it is duly authorized hereunto.

ARTICLE II - TERMS

7. Terms and Nature of Contract

The ABCA hereby agrees to contract the services of the Contractor, who accepts such conditions, and agrees to serve the ABCA to provide services for the enforcement of ABCA rules and relevant provincial legislation and regulations requested by the ABCA for the period from contract commencement until December 31, 2023. The contract will commence on the execution date of this Agreement and subject to any changes to the scope of work and subject to the provisions of this Agreement and services required as outlined on Schedule 'A' and Schedule 'B' attached hereto.

The ABCA and the Contractor further agree that the ABCA has the option of two, one-year Agreement extensions after the Agreement term expires.

The Contractor will provide a minimum of 6 hours of service on a bi-weekly basis, at the discretion of the contractor, unless otherwise advised by the ABCA.

8. Compensation

In consideration of the services to be performed by the Contractor hereunder and further described in Schedule 'A' attached hereto, the Contractor during the term of this Agreement shall be paid in accordance with rates set out in Schedule 'B' attached hereto, and subject to an increase of 2% for any extension awarded annually.

No ABCA benefits will be paid to the Contractor or its employees. HST shall be paid in addition to the Contractor's remuneration set out in Schedule "B".

9. Termination Prior to Term

This Agreement may be terminated prior to the end of the term specified herein with Sixty (60) days written notice by either party prior to the termination date, or in the following manner in the specified circumstance(s):

At any time by the ABCA for cause, including any material breach of the provisions of this Agreement, and without notice or pay in lieu thereof;

For the purposes hereof, "cause" shall include, but shall not in any way be limited to:

- The theft or fraud by the Contractor involving property of the ABCA;
- Action of gross moral turpitude or other criminal acts bringing the Municipality into disrepute;
- Intoxication of the Contractor, as determined by the ABCA, while providing services under the terms of this contract, or when representing the Municipality;
- Failure to maintain a valid driver's license; and,
- Failure to complete the required work to satisfaction and standard of performance acceptable to the ABCA.

10. Termination at End of Agreement

On or before the thirtieth (30th) day prior to the Term of this Agreement expiring the ABCA shall advise whether it intends to extend this Agreement in accordance with section 7.

In the event that the ABCA does not advise the Contractor that it wishes to renew this Agreement, then this Agreement will terminate on the expiration date of this Agreement in accordance with section 7

The Contractor will not be entitled to any further notice, pay or remuneration whatsoever.

After the termination of this Agreement, the Contractor shall promptly return, without request from the ABCA information, materials and other property, which may be subsequently in Contractor's possession.

11. Reporting

Unless otherwise designated, the Contractor will report directly to the Designate.

Unless extenuating circumstances dictate otherwise, and when requested, the Contractor shall provide written reports within 72 hours of end of shift and/or call in.

12. Other Provisions

The ABCA will provide the Contractor the following:

- administrative and operational forms/certificates, including office stationary, for the purposes of enforcement and prosecution;
- if required by ABCA, end-user access to any relevant software applications and information owned or managed by them for the purposes of aiding an investigation and incident documentation;
- appropriate identification and appointment under the Conservation Authorities Act; and,
- Postage for notices, orders and correspondence.

13. Notice

Any notice required to be given hereunder shall be deemed to have been properly given if delivered personally or sent prepaid registered mail as follows:

To:

Tenet Security Group, Ed Pimentel,
President and Managing Director
34 Hardy Court, Lucan, ON
N0M 2J0

AND

The Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority,
71108 Morrison Line, R.R.#3, Exeter, On
N0M 1S5

AND, if sent by registered mail, shall be deemed to have been received on the fourth business day of uninterrupted postal service following the date of mailing. Either party may change its address for notice at any time, by giving notice to the other party pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement.

14. Disputes

All disputes shall be settled in a timely manner between the Contractor and the Designate.

16. Independent Contractor The parties hereby acknowledge that the Contractor shall, unless otherwise provided herein, supply all equipment, personnel and incur all expenses necessary to deliver the services set out in Schedule "A".

The Contractor shall deliver the said services as an independent contractor.

Agreement between Designate of ABCA and Tenet Security Group Incorporated

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and seals this ___ day of (...) 2022.

THE Ausable Bayfield Conversation Authority

Brian Horner, General Manager and Secretary - Treasurer

TENET SECURITY GROUP

President and Managing Director: Ed Pimentel

Schedule 'A'

The contractor shall, upon receiving a request from ABCA, the contractor will:

- act as appointed agents under the Trespass to Property Act and the Conservation Authorities Act of Ontario.
- conduct proactive foot and mobile patrols of ABCA property to assist with the safety and security of all patrons;
- monitor trails, parklands, and the use thereof, to ensure that ABCA rules are in compliance;
- detect and deter violations under the Conservation Authorities Act of Ontario, in particular, O. Reg. 688/21: RULES OF CONDUCT IN CONSERVATION AREAS, and other provincial legislation such as the Liquor Licence Act and the Off Roads Motor Vehicles Act of Ontario;
- have a working knowledge of Part I, II and III of Provincial Offences Act of Ontario; Provincial Crown briefs;
- conduct investigations, including the documentation of any wrongdoings and to undertake remedy as authorized under the Provincial Offences Act of Ontario when reasonable;
- liaise with local police and other ABCA relevant agencies whenever required;
- undertake an operational philosophy that focuses on community engagement and voluntary compliance, and offer alternative resolutions to formal charges whenever possible;
- educate the public, whenever, possible, regarding ABCA rules and relevant regulations
- provision of a patrol vehicle that is readily identifiable and a mountain bike to assist with patrolling parks and trails;
- provision of a mobile phone and laptop to facilitate communications and information references.
- maintain accurate records of complaints, logs and document occurrence reports
- comply with all appropriate legislation related to occupational health and safety
- to work jointly with the Stewardship and Lands Manager to devise a service delivery model and coverage schedule which will include pertinent contact methods for service call requests;
- uniformed response including appropriate identification badge indicating they are representing the ABCA;
- when requested provide activity reports provided to the Designate regarding open files; and
- in consultation with the Designate, work with local police and any other agencies on ABCA related matters and respond to any requests from the local police and other agencies in regard to ABCA matters;
- have a working knowledge of Part I, II and III of Provincial Notices and Provincial Crown briefs;
- the Contractor shall be responsible for properly trained and knowledgeable staff;

- the Contractor shall provide a Valid WSIB Certificate and proof of coverage for liability insurance in the amount of \$5,000,000.00 for carrying out all duties as provided for in this Agreement;
- undertake and operational philosophy that focuses on community engagement and voluntary compliance, and offer alternative resolutions to formal charges whenever possible; and
- educate the public, whenever, possible, regarding ABCA rules and relevant regulations under the Conservation Authorities Act of Ontario.

Schedule 'B'

The Contractor shall be paid an hourly rate of \$70.00 per uniform member, not including HST. This rate is all-inclusive (use of patrol vehicle and mountain bike).

At the request of the Designate, any work conducted on a statutory holiday shall be paid at time and a half.

When directed by the Designate, utilizing two uniformed members with one patrol vehicle, the contractor shall be paid an hourly rate of \$120.00.

The Contractor will issue invoices for a two-week period and terms of the invoice will be upon receipt from the date of receipt of the invoice. Any invoices past due 30 days will have a 2% penalty surcharge.

The Contractor is not responsible for the cost of any specialized equipment that may be required for enforcement, which shall be billed to the ABCA as required with prior approval by the Designate.

ABCA Program Report

To: Board of Directors
From: Nathan Schoelier, Stewardship & Lands Manager
Re: Parkhill Scenic Lookout agreement
Date: September 15, 2022

Background

Several garden beds exist at Parkhill Conservation Area's Scenic Lookout. This includes two raised garden beds, which are located amongst the entranceway and the parking lot, as well as a garden that is associated with the Parkhill Lions' Club 'arch.'

The Parkhill Area Horticultural Society (PAHS) is interested in working with Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA) to renovate and maintain the two raised garden beds. PAHS will be responsible for providing ABCA staff with a plan, including plant species, for approval; be responsible for all costs associated with the renovation of the garden beds; and be responsible for the maintenance of the garden beds. Formerly, the Parkhill Lions Club has completed the maintenance of the raised garden beds. The Parkhill Lions Club was consulted during the preparation of the agreement and was in support of the PAHS assuming responsibility for the garden beds. The Lions Club will continue to maintain the garden associated with their 'arch' structure, under agreement with ABCA, expiring in 2027.

The draft agreement between ABCA and PAHS is appended to this report.

Recommendation

Recommended that, Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority enter into an agreement with Parkhill Area Horticultural Society for the renovation and maintenance of the garden beds at the Scenic Lookout at Parkhill Conservation Area.

This Agreement between

THE AUSABLE BAYFIELD CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

herein referred to as the ABCA

and

PARKHILL AREA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

herein referred to as the PAHS

is for the Parkhill Scenic Lookout at Parkhill Conservation Area for the purposes of:

- a. renovating the existing gardens at the Parkhill Scenic Lookout area, with the exception of the garden that is associated with the Parkhill Lions Club arch;
- b. maintaining the gardens as required.

The parties hereto agree to the following:

The PAHS agree to:

- 1. Be responsible for the revitalization of the garden areas at the Parkhill Scenic Lookout, except for the garden that is associated with the Parkhill Lions Club arch.
 - a. Provide ABCA with a plan for revitalization, as well as list of species to be used.
 - b. Use native plant species, unless otherwise approved by ABCA.
 - c. Be responsible for all costs associated with revitalization.
- 2. Be responsible for the maintenance of the garden areas at the Parkhill Scenic Lookout
 - a. Be responsible for all costs associated with the maintenance of the garden areas.
- 3. Maintain insurance for the PAHS activities and property at the Parkhill Scenic Lookout and hold harmless the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority for any injuries and damages as a result of activities and property.

The ABCA agrees to:

- 1. Be responsible for the general maintenance and clean-up of the conservation area.
 - a. Review the PAHS plan for revitalization and maintenance.
 - b. Maintain the remainder of the Scenic Lookout area.
 - c. Maintain the existing liability insurance for the property.
 - d. Designate Nathan Schoelier (519-235-2610 office or 519-671-0166 cell) as its contact for the Lions.

This agreement is for a **five-year period June 1, 2022 – May 31, 2027** and can be renewed and modified upon mutual agreement of both parties.

In witness whereof, the parties have signed and sealed this agreement in the presence of the undersigned;

at _____ on this ____ day of _____ 20____.

Parkhill Area Horticultural Society

Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority

ABCA Program Report

To: Board of Directors
From: Nathan Schoelier, Stewardship and Land Manager
Date: September 15, 2022
Subject: Vehicle Tender Results

The 2022 ABCA budget included funding for the capital purchase of a four-wheel-drive pick-up truck for field staff to replace the 2010 Ford F-150 truck. This purchase is funded through the Motor Pool. The parameters for the vehicle were specific to the needs of the ABCA.

On February 1, staff sent requests for quotations to watershed vehicle dealers with a closing date of February 14. Brian Horner, Jeff VanNiekerk and Nathan Schoelier met on Monday, February 14, 2022 to open and review the tenders for the new 2022 pickup truck.

The following were the results:

Company	Vehicle	Price	Taxes and fees	Total	Net price plus non-refundable taxes
Exeter Toyota	2022 Tundra SR5	\$54 511.97	\$7086.56	\$61 598.53	\$55 471.38
Exeter Chrysler	2022 Ram 2500	\$57 610.00	\$7489.30	\$65 099.30	\$58 623.94
HMP	2022 Silverado 2500	\$49 649.01	\$6450.21	\$56 099.22	\$50 522.83

At the February 17, 2022, Board of Directors meeting, the purchase of a 2022 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 from Huron Motor Products, Exeter, was approved, in the amount of \$49 649.01 plus taxes. The estimated delivery time of that pickup truck was three to nine months. On July 19, 2022, Bill Vanderworp, New Vehicle Sales Manager at Huron Motor Products (HMP) notified ABCA that General Motors Canada had ended the production of the 2022 Chevy Silverado 2500, prior to building the truck ordered by ABCA in February 2022.

On August 18, staff sent requests for quotations to watershed vehicle dealers with a closing date of September 6. Brian Horner and Nathan Schoelier met on Tuesday, September 6, 2022 to open and review the tender submissions.

The following are the results:

Company	Vehicle	Price	Taxes and fees	Total	Net price plus non-refundable taxes
Exeter Chrysler	2022 Ram 2500	\$57 870.00	\$7523.10	\$65 393.10	\$58 888.51
HMP	2023 Silverado 2500	\$55 135.00	\$7159.88	\$62 294.88	\$56 105.38

The estimated delivery time for the 2023 Chevrolet Silverado, from Huron Motor Products, Exeter, is 6 months.

The 2022 motor pool budget included an anticipated \$3000 under 'Product Sales' which encompasses the sale of the 2010 Ford F-150, supporting the purchase of a 2022 truck for field services. However, given the current market, realizing a greater return than \$3000 for the sale of the 2010 Ford F-150 may be expected, reducing the budget implications on the Vehicle & Motor Pool reserves, should the tender be awarded to the low bidder. The 2010 Ford F-150 would be sold upon arrival of a new truck, should the purchase be approved.

The five-year forecast for the vehicle and equipment replacement schedule outlines the purchase of field equipment in 2023 and 2024, without a vehicle replacement forecasted until 2025. This will provide the opportunity to realize vehicle cost-recovery funds for the motor pool budget.

Recommendation

Recommended that the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority accept the low tender of \$55,135.00 plus taxes for the purchase of a 2023 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 from Huron Motor Products, Exeter.

ABCA Project Report

To: Board of Directors
Date: September 08, 2022
From: Geoff Cade, Water & Planning Manager

**Subject: National Disaster Mitigation Project
Grant Program**

The federal government has announced a 50/50 cost sharing program - the Flood Hazard Identification & Mapping Program (FHIMP).

This is a Canada wide grant program and which Ontario municipalities and conservation authorities are eligible to apply. Deadlines to apply are September 16, 2022.

The projects to which this grant is geared include

- data acquisition
- flood plain mapping
- research and data dissemination
- flood hazard assessment

As some of the ABCA's floodplain mapping is in excess of thirty years old, staff of the ABCA believes this is an opportunity to seek updates. Also, as development pressures and urban boundaries have increased since that existing mapping was prepared, this program is an opportunity to identify floodplain hazards in future development areas.

Staff of the ABCA have received inquiries from some municipalities about the program. Following the FHIMP webinar, ABCA staff reached out to interested municipalities to initiate further discussions. As of the time of the preparation of this report we have been unable to hold those discussions. Staff will provide a more fulsome report at the Board meeting.

ABCA Board Report

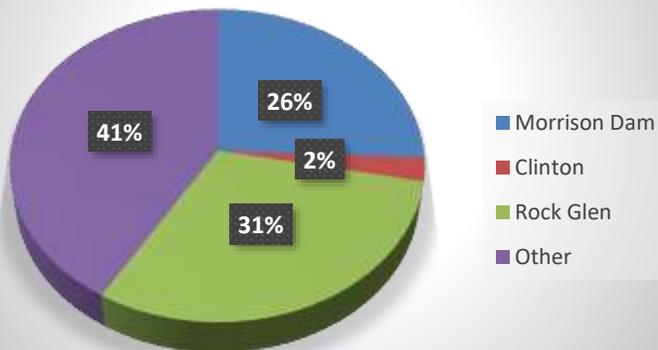
To: Board of Directors
From: Denise Iszczuk, Conservation Educator
Re: Education Report
Date: September 15, 2022

Summer Update:

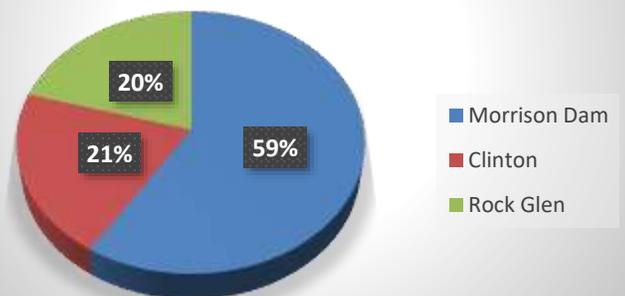
ABCA education staff have had a great summer for connecting with watershed residents through the delivery of in-person ABCA Nature Day Camps and delivery of in-person programs to community groups. In total, ABCA education staff saw almost four hundred youth over twenty-seven days of programming. This amounts to at least one of the two education staff delivering a program on any day they were in the office.

ABCA education staff were accommodating to the needs of watershed residents by delivering a variety of programs at locations across the watershed (see below).

Youth Attending Requested Programs by Location



ABCA Nature Day Camp Attendees by Conservation Area



ABCA Nature Day Camps required the hiring of one contract staff for four weeks to ensure camper to leader ratios met programming standards. Along with help from the contract staff, we were able to test out new locations for day camp programs. Thunderstorm alternatives proved to be an issue with respect to day camps at Clinton Conservation Area. Special thanks to REACH Huron for use of their lobby and Clinton Library for the fantastic bug program on that rainy day. Morrison Dam Conservation Area is still the preferred location for ABCA run day camps due to the facilities, staff support and availability of equipment and supplies.

Highlights:

1. All programs were delivered in-person and within the watershed
2. Most groups requested ABCA staff to deliver programs at their location
3. One program was delivered at Rock Glen to a non-watershed group
4. Majority of days education staff were working resulted in income being generated through user fees or program fees

Upcoming Plans:

- Deliver environmental education programs at conservation areas and at schools as requested (As it is time for teachers to negotiate a new contract, we are hopeful this won't interfere with our fall program numbers)
- Develop and deliver four virtual programs highlighting in-person programs or events
- Delivering ten sponsored wetland programs and one planting event in Lucan at the storm water pond
- Delivering ten sponsored species at risk programs
- Offer Oaks and Acorns for ages 18 months to 6 and care givers at both Morrison Dam and Rock Glen
- Training program for Specialist High Skills Major students from the Huron Perth Catholic District School Board
- Spirit of the Forest Festival, Lambton Heritage Museum October 1 from 9-12pm
 - Learn about native trees and plants, along with children's activities, live snakes and turtles and other wildlife, and lots more.
- Fundraising Owl Prowl events (dates and times to be determined)

SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE (SPC) MEETING MINUTES

July 27th, 2022

IN PERSON and

VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE

MEMBERS PRESENT

Matt Pearson, Dave Frayne, Paul Heffer, Ian Brebner, Jennette Walker, Bert Dykstra, Mary Ellen Foran, Alyssa Keller, Phillip Keightley, Rowland Howe

MEMBERS PRESENT VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE

Myles Murdock

MEMBERS ABSENT

Allan Rothwell, John Graham

LIAISONS PRESENT

Maitland Valley Source Protection Authority (SPA) Liaison – Phil Beard

LIAISONS PRESENT VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE

Ausable Bayfield Source Protection Authority (SPA) Liaison – Brian Horner

Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) Liaison Officer – Beth Forrest

Huron Perth Public Health Liaison – Lori Holmes

DWSP STAFF PRESENT

Donna Clarkson, Mary Lynn MacDonald, Tim Cumming, Elizabeth Balfour

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Emily Vandermeulen– Risk Management Inspector, Wellington

Dhawni Mittal – Student for Wellington

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Matt Pearson called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m., and welcomed Emily and Dhawni to the meeting.

AGENDA

MOTION #SPC: 2022-07-01

“That the amended agenda for the July 27th, 2022 meeting be approved as presented.”

Carried by Consensus.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION #SPC: 2022-07-02

**Moved by Jennette Walker
Seconded by Bert Dykstra**

“That the SPC minutes from March 31st, 2022 be approved as presented.”

Carried.

BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTES

None

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was received from the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) in regards to Early Engagement for the Section 36 Amendment. This correspondence was directed to Donna Clarkson and Mary Lynn MacDonald as the Project Managers for the Ausable Bayfield-Maitland Valley Source Protection Region (ABMV SPR). The letter referenced the specific updates to the assessment report that the ABMV SPR would be undertaking in their Section 36 and made additional recommendations

CHAIR'S UPDATE

Chair Matt Pearson reminded the committee that in the event that SPC members are unable to attend a meeting either in-person or via video conferencing that a proxy can be given to another SPC member who will be present at the meeting. By giving proxy to another member, it ensures that quorum is maintained. Chair Pearson also highlighted

the need to elect an Acting Chair as his term is coming to an end in August and the province has up to 6 months to fill the position. It is also beneficial to have someone in place if the chair is unable to attend meetings. Chair Pearson noted that all Source Protection chair terms across the province are ending at the same time.

ELECTION OF ACTING CHAIR

MOTION #SPC: 2022-07-03

**Moved by Ian Brebner
Seconded by Dave Frayne**

“That Bert Dykstra be elected as Acting Chair for the SPC.”

Carried.

PROGRAM UPATE

Mary Lynn MacDonald, Co-DWSP Program Supervisor, highlighted the ongoing Education and Outreach that the ABMV SPR participates in through the Water Wednesday social media campaign. This social media campaign does not target a specific audience and is directed toward the general public. Mary Lynn and Tim Cumming are working with Allan Rothwell on a Source Protection video that will focus on the consultation process required for the proposed Source Protection Plan amendment. Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Education staff have been using the SPC videos to educate watershed students about Source Protection. Source Protection staff have also sent out public and municipal e-newsletters. Mary Lynn informed the SPC that the DWSP workplan and budget submitted to MECP were approved. This approval will cover the 2022-2024 fiscal years. The annual progress report was also submitted to MECP on April 26th, 2022.

EARLY ENGAGEMENT COMMENTS AND RESPONSE

Donna Clarkson, Co-DWSP Program Supervisor, reviewed the Early Engagement process with the SPC members. In April, staff submitted the draft Source Protection Plan amendments and associated documents to MECP for Early Engagement review. MECP reviewed the documents and issued comments to staff on June 14th, 2022. For a list of comments received from MECP refer to the report ‘MECP Comments Regarding Draft SPP Amendments’. Most comments received were minor and required some wording changes for consistency. MECP suggested a review of the ASM, NASM, Grazing and

Organic Solvent polices and removal of detailed circumstances for consistency with other revised policies.

AGRICULTURAL POLICIES

As noted above, in their Early Engagement review MECP provided comments that suggested further revisions to some policies for simplification. In response, staff reviewed the agricultural policies and propose minor revisions to remove some of the threat circumstances. However, staff felt that leaving some circumstances in certain policies was helpful for Certified Crop Advisors and Nutrient Management Consultants who may be referencing these policies. The report 'Ag Policies Consistency with Other Amendment Policy Changes' outlines in detail the wording to be removed from the agricultural policies, and can be referenced for an understanding of the changes.

MOTION #SPC: 2022-07-04

**Moved by Jennette Walker
Seconded by Rowland Howe**

“That ASM, NASM, Pesticide and Fertilizer Policies AC 9.1 – 9.7 and RAC 9.8 be further revised as presented and approved to be included in the upcoming amendment to the Source Protection Plans.”

Carried.

Organic Solvents and Fuel Policies

Staff did not initially propose any policies changes to the Organic Solvent category because the new Technical Rules did not reference any changes. Comments from MECP during Early Engagement noted that the policies still retained detailed circumstances and suggested they be further simplified. Simplification of the Organic Solvent policies would be consistent with the approach taken for other policies. For a detailed description of the deletions and revisions to the policies refer to the report 'Organic Solvents Policies; Fuel Policies.'

MOTION #SPC: 2022-07-05

**Moved by Alyssa Keller
Seconded by Bert Dykstra**

“That Organic Solvent Policies RAC 7.1 and 7.2 be revised as presented and approved to be included in the upcoming amendment to the Source Protection Plans.”

Carried.

During the November 24th, 2021 SPC meeting, the committee approved revisions to the fuel policies to address the lowered threat thresholds in the 2021 Technical Rules. The policies were changed to align with the lower threshold. Staff have discussed the lower threshold for fuel with neighbouring Risk Management Officials, and there are concerns over the prohibition of fuel tanks less than 2500L. Staff recommends further policy revisions that would prohibit future fuel tanks greater than 2500L, but use the Risk Management Plan as a tool for existing and future tanks that are 250L to 2500L.

MOTION #SPC: 2022-07-06

**Moved by Mary Ellen Foran
Seconded by Philip Keightley**

“That revisions to the fuel policies RAC 2.1 and 2.2 be approved as presented and included in the upcoming amendment to the Source Protection Plans.”

Carried.

ZURICH PIPELINE UPDATE

Jennette Walker, SPC Environmental Representative, provided an update on the installation of pipeline along Hensall-Zurich Road that will provide water from the Lake Huron Primary Water Supply System to the village of Zurich. Consulting firm, BM Ross, was retained for this project in 2016 as Bluewater Council had concerns about the aesthetic qualities of the groundwater being supplied by the municipal well. Zurich’s water quality is consistent for the area with higher levels of iron content and hardness. In terms of health concerns, Zurich’s water meets all provincial standards for safe drinking water, but does tend to have elevated levels of sodium, fluoride, and arsenic. These are all naturally occurring and are still within legislated levels. BM Ross presented four different options to Bluewater Council for the pipeline based on current connections and existing infrastructure. Option Three which included running 200mm pipe from Hensall’s existing line to Zurich was considered the most economical. The proposed water line has been increased to 300mm to provide extra fire fighting capabilities to Zurich. The project has also expanded to include some county road improvements and sidewalks. The expected completion date is fall of 2022. The Municipality of Bluewater will keep the existing reservoirs, but will decommission the existing wells. Once the project is complete, the mapping and Source Protection Plan will be updated for Zurich by removing the Wellhead Protection Area either in the current proposed amendment or through an s.51 amendment. Once approved, existing

Risk Management Plans associated with Zurich WHPA properties will be made null and void.

Myles Murdock arrived to the meeting via video conferencing at 10:40 a.m.

LAKE HURON PRIMARY WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM – EA FOR DISINFECTION AND STORAGE UPGRADE

Marcy McKillop, Environmental Engineer for the Lake Huron Primary Water Supply System, gave a presentation on the review and expansion of the Lake Huron Primary Water Supply that is currently underway. The Lake Huron Primary Water Supply serves eight member municipalities, and can pump up to 340,000,000L of water a day. Completion of the 2020 Master Plan noted that there was a need for increased storage as well as a multi-barrier disinfection approach. Currently, the conventional plant relies solely on chlorine for disinfection, which is very effective, but there are concerns with its effectiveness when the water is extremely cold. A 2018 disinfection study noted this challenge. A list of alternatives was developed as solutions for the disinfection and storage issues. A short list of alternatives was created and the most feasible option chosen. The proposed expansion will include a below grade reservoir for increased storage and a UV disinfection treatment added prior to distribution. The building of the reservoir and UV building will require expansion into the Port Blake Day Use Park, owned by the Lake Huron Primary Water Supply. The expansion will also require some relocating of fuel storage. The proposed alternative will be taken to the Lake Huron Primary Water Supply System Board in the fall of 2022 and will be open for public consultation for 30 days in October. A detailed design will occur in 2023 and then construction as the final phase.

UPDATE ON CONSULTATION PLAN

Donna Clarkson reviewed the three stages of consultation required before the amendments can be submitted to MECP. These three stages include: Early Engagement, Pre-Consultation, and Public Consultation. Donna reviewed the timeline for the three stages noting that Early Engagement had been completed. Pre-Consultation, the next step, is expected to occur between August 2022 and October 2022 with Public Consultation occurring in January 2023. The Pre-Consultation process requires that all implementing bodies i.e., municipalities, ministries and agencies be notified. Information packages will be emailed with a request for written comments.

MOTION #SPC: 2022-07-07

**Moved by Dave Frayne
Seconded by Rowland Howe**

“That staff be directed to complete the remaining Source Protection Plan edits and begin Pre-Consultation.”

Carried.

LIAISON UPDATES

Lori Holmes, Huron Perth Public Health (HPPH) Liaison, gave an update on the activities occurring within HPPH. The Health Unit is still in the midst of pandemic response; however, the number of staff assigned to response is less. Currently, staff are engaging in beach sampling of public beaches for Huron and Perth Counties. Escherichia Coli (E. coli) levels this year are similar to previous years, and the lower Lake levels have allowed better access to beaches.

Ausable Bayfield Source Protection Authority (SPA) Liaison, Brian Horner, and Maitland Valley Source Protection Authority (SPA) Liaison, Phil Beard, had no update for the SPC at this time.

Emily Vandermeulen, Risk Management Inspector for Wellington, noted that they recently hired a Coordinator for development review and education/ outreach who has been focusing solely on development review. This is due to the large volume of development occurring in the area.

Beth Forrest, MECP Liaison Officer, was providing coverage for Catherine Eby. Beth noted that after the provincial election in June 2022, MECP retained their current Minister. Minister David Piccini is familiar with the operations of the Source Water Branch and the SPC Chair renewal process. Some restructuring did occur within the Source Water Branch, but no staff changes.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be November 30th, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

Matt Pearson
Chair

Elizabeth Balfour
Recording Secretary

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Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority
Source Protection Authority Meeting

Thursday, September 15, 2022

11:45 a.m.

Administration Centre Boardroom
Morrison Dam Conservation Area
VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of Agenda for September 15, 2022
3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest
4. Adoption of Minutes from April 21, 2022
5. Business Out of the Minutes
6. Program Report - Mary Lynn MacDonald
 - Program Update
 - Pre-Consultation Report
7. New Business
8. Adjournment



Ausable Bayfield
Maitland Valley
Source Protection Region

SOURCE PROTECTION AUTHORITY

Thursday April 21, 2022

**Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Administration Centre
Morrison Dam Conservation Area**

VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Ray Chartrand, Doug Cook, Adrian Cornelissen, Bob Harvey, Dave Jewitt, Marissa Vaughan, Alex Westman

DIRECTORS ABSENT

George Irvin, Mike Tam

STAFF PRESENT

Geoff Cade, Abbie Gutteridge, Brian Horner, Mary Lynn MacDonald, Tracey McPherson

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dave Jewitt called the meeting to order at 11:48 a.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION #SPA 04/22

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

“RESOLVED, THAT the agenda for the April 21, 2022 Source Protection Authority meeting be approved.”

Carried.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOTION #SPA 05/22

Moved by Doug Cook

Seconded by Marissa Vaughan

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Source Protection Authority meeting held on March 17, 2022 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”

Carried.

BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTES

None

PROGRAM REPORT**1. Program Update**

Mary Lynn MacDonald, Drinking Water Source Protection Co-Supervisor, reported that the Source Protection Committee met on March 31 in person and on Zoom. Topics of discussion included the Annual Implementation Progress Report by the SPC, the Phase II Directors Technical Rules and changes to the Assessment Report technical content, and the revision of policies for salt, snow storage, waste and sewage to reflect the new Technical Rules.

A new liaison from the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) was assigned to the Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection (ABMV SP) Region. Catherine Eby is replacing Olga Yudina as the new liaison.

Mary Lynn provided a summary of the updates to the Source Protection Plan. In total, there were 16 updates, 7 of which were required under Section 36. All required s36 amendments have been completed, with the exception of two that required funding, which was not approved. Additional policy changes were made to align with the 2021 Directors Technical Rules, and included fuel, salt application and storage, snow storage, sewage and waste. There were also several administrative policies, which were clarified. Mary Lynn provided a draft timeline for consultation. Also of note, appointed terms for the SPC Chairs are up for renewal in August.

2. Annual Progress Report on SPP Implementation

Mary Lynn MacDonald presented the 5th Annual Progress Report for the ABMV SP Region. This report prepared by the Source Protection Authority is submitted to the MECP and the SPC and made publically available. This report covers the 2021 reporting period and covers the Ausable Bayfield and Maitland Valley source protection areas.

Mary Lynn provided some highlights from the report. In 2021, Risk Management Officials issued 59 development review notices and completed nine risk management plans. There are eight threats remaining that need to be addressed. Overall, all reporting categories are listed as “Progressing Well/On Target.”

MOTION #SPA 06/22

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

“RESOLVED, THAT the Ausable Bayfield Source Protection Authority approve the fifth Annual Progress Report for submission to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks.”

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

Dave Jewitt
Chair

Abigail Gutteridge
Corporate Services Coordinator

To: Ausable Bayfield Source Protection Authority (AB SPA)
From: Donna Clarkson and Mary Lynn MacDonald, DWSP Co-Supervisors
Date: Sept. 15th, 2022
Subject: Program Update

1. Early Engagement

Correspondence was received from the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) on June 14th in regards to the Early Engagement review of the Section 36 Amendment to the ABMV Source Protection Plans.

The letter acknowledged the amount of work that had gone into updating and simplifying the source protection plans and to remove triplicate policies. It recommended a few editorial changes for map labeling, acronyms and punctuation. It also recommended further review of several policies to further simplify them by removing the detailed threat circumstances. This approach is consistent with the revision of the most policies.

2. Source Protection Committee (SPC)

A SPC meeting was held in-person and by Zoom on July 27th at the White Carnation, Holmesville. Agenda topics included:

- Election of an Acting Chair – Bert Dykstra
- Further revision of Source Protection Plan policies:
 - Additional changes to agricultural policies to remove circumstances. A few key circumstances were kept in the agricultural policies to aid Certified Crop Advisors and Nutrient Management Planners – passed.
 - Revision of Organic Solvents to remove circumstances – passed
 - Further revision to Fuel policies to require Risk Management Plans for storage 250 – 2500L and prohibition over this volume –passed.
- A Zurich Pipeline update was given by SPC member Jennette Walker. Zurich is switching from municipal wells to the Lake Huron Primary Water Supply System (LHPWSS). Work is progressing well and completion is expected in fall of 2022. Bluewater will keep the reservoirs but will decommission existing wells. Once complete, the Wellhead Protection Area mapping for Zurich will be removed.
- Presentation by Marcy McKillop regarding the EA for a disinfection and storage upgrade of the LHPWSS. She explained that there have been issues

- with chlorine disinfection in very cold lake water. The new proposed system would use ultra violet disinfection prior to distribution into the water system. There will be 30 days of public consultation in October.
- Donna Clarkston reviewed the stages and timelines of consultation required for the proposed SPP amendments. The SPC directed staff to complete the remaining SPP edits and begin Pre-Consultation with municipalities, ministries and agencies – passed.
 - Lori Holmes, Huron Perth Public Health, gave an update on activities occurring within HPPH. Less staff are now assigned to pandemic response. Beach sampling is happening at public beaches with bacteria levels similar to previous years.
 - Beth Forrest, MECP Liaison Officer, noted that David Piccini has remained Minister after the provincial election and is familiar with the SW branch and SPC Chair renewal.

3. Committee Update

Matt Pearson's term as Chair expired on Aug. 20th, as did all SPC chairs across the province. Matt has indicated to MECP that he would like to continue in this role and our office has indicated support of the same. The Minister has up to 6 months to appoint the chairs position.

Two of the SPC municipal council reps are now candidates for mayor/reeve positions. One is running for council again and one is still an appointed position.

To: Ausable Bayfield Source Protection Authority (AB SPA)
From: Donna Clarkson and Mary Lynn MacDonald, DWSP Co-Supervisors
Date: Sept 15th, 2022
Subject: Pre-consultation of ABMV Source Protection Plan Amendments

1. Pre-Consultation Roll Out

On Thursday, Aug 18th a Zoom “Coffee Break Premiere” was held with several Source Protection Committee (SPC) members to release the latest Source Protection video “Have Your Say” featuring East Group municipal rep, Alan Rothwell. This video will be used throughout the consultation period to explain changes being made to the SPP. This soft launch for pre-consultation will be promoted via e-mailed materials and newsletters. Once the process moves into public consultation, a full promotional launch will happen.

After the video had been previewed with the SPC, Tim Cumming, our Communication Specialist, uploaded consultation materials to the **Consultation** tab on the www.sourcewaterinfo.on.ca website and included the video and links. The SPC were then e-mailed all of the pre-consultation materials that were being sent to municipal/county clerks, ministries and agencies, for their reference.

On Friday, Aug 19 all of the municipal and county clerks, ministries, agencies and Project Managers from neighbouring Source Protection Regions (SPR) were e-mailed a Pre-consultation notice and Summary of Amendments (attached). The notice letters for clerks in affected municipalities provided more detailed information than for those without Wellhead Protection Areas where the policies are non-binding. Ministries, agencies and neighbouring SPRs received a more general consultation letter.

Comments for this Pre-consultation period are due into the ABCA office by Oct. 14th.

2. Updated Consultation Timelines

There will be an SPC meeting on November 30th to review the Pre-consultation comments and make any changes to policies deemed necessary.

With the Zurich municipal well system in the process of being switched out to the Lake Huron Primary Water Supply, decommissioning of the existing wells may happen in time for the Wellhead Protection Area to be removed from the SPP mapping and included as part of the amendment process.

Public consultation is scheduled to begin in early January for minimum 35 days. We have funding for two in-person Open Houses.