

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, October 19, 2023
Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Boardroom
Morrison Dam Conservation Area

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Ray Chartrand, Adrian Cornelissen, Steve Herold, Jaden Hodgins, Dave Jewitt, Greg Lamport, Marissa Vaughan

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Dave Marsh, Wayne Shipley

STAFF PRESENT

Geoff Cade, Tina Crown, Abbie Gutteridge, Brian Horner, Daniel King, Mary Lynn MacDonald, Tracey McPherson, Meghan Tydd-Hrynyk, Mari Veliz

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Marissa Vaughan called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m., welcomed everyone in attendance, and read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION #BD 94/23

**Moved Steve Herold
Seconded by Ray Chartrand**

“RESOLVED, THAT the agenda for the October 19, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting be approved,”

Carried.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

DISCLOSURE OF INTENTION TO RECORD

None.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES**MOTION #BD 95/23**

**Moved by Greg Lamport
Seconded by Jaden Hodgins**

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on September 21, 2023, the minutes of the Special Hearing held on September 28, 2023 and the minutes of the Budget Committee Meeting held on October 12, 2023 be adopted.”

Carried.

BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTES2024 Proposed Budget

Brian Horner, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer, reminded the Board that they asked staff to try to bring the budget to a total increase that falls between 2.5 percent and 3 percent. Staff were able to defer some smaller projects and move some funds from reserves. With these changes, the 2024 proposed total operating levy (\$1,440,622) equals a total increase to the Levy of 2.7 percent from 2023. Brian also brought back some information on the Special Benefitting Levy, as requested. This Levy is to support several structures that are located throughout the watershed, that specifically benefit certain municipalities. Municipalities that are invoiced for the Special Benefitting Levy include Lambton Shores, Huron East, South Huron, and North Middlesex.

All Directors were satisfied with the overall Proposed 2024 Budget and agreed that it can be sent to all member municipalities for review.

MOTION #BD 96/23

**Moved by Ray Chartrand
Seconded by Greg Lamport**

“RESOLVED, THAT the proposed amendments to the 2023 proposed budget be approved as presented, and

“FURTHER, THAT the member municipalities be advised of the 2024 Category 1 and Category 3 Operating Levy and budget, and provided with supplementary information for the 30 day review, as the weighted vote by apportionment is intended to be held at the December 14, 2023 Board of Directors meeting.”

Carried.

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 7 *Applications for Permission* and 4 *Minor Works Applications*.

(b) Violations/Appeals Update

Geoff Cade, Water and Planning Manager, noted that there were no updates on current violations.

MOTION #BD 97/23

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

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

Carried.

2. Profit and Loss Statement

Brian Horner provided the profit and loss statement to September 30, 2023, including a projection for the remaining quarter of 2023. He noted that levies were collected earlier this year, so the numbers appear higher than in 2022. In addition, a property donation accounts for the higher-than-expected number under Donations.

MOTION #BD 98/23

**Moved by Greg Lamport
Seconded by Jaden Hodgins**

“RESOLVED, THAT the financial statement to September 30, 2023 be received as presented.”

Carried.

3. Disposition of Disc Golf Baskets

Brian Horner reported that the Denver Boertien, Recreation Coordinator at the Municipality of Bluewater, formally requested that the ABCA consider donating the disc golf baskets from the Clinton Conservation area course to the Municipality of Bluewater. The course was closed earlier in 2023 and the equipment removed. While there have been other passive inquiries, this was the first formal request for the equipment. Staff recommend the disposition of the disc golf baskets to the Municipality of Bluewater.

MOTION #BD 99/23

**Moved by Greg Lamport
Seconded by Ray Chartrand**

“RESOLVED, THAT the report on the Disposition of Disc Golf Baskets be received as presented, and

“FURTHER, THAT the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Board of Directors approve the disposition of the disc golf baskets to the Municipality Bluewater.”

Carried.

PRESENTATION

Davin Heinbuck, Water Resources Coordinator, provided the Board of Directors with a presentation on the Flood Forecasting and Warning program at the ABCA, with emphasis on the last major rainfall in the watershed that prompted a flood message to be sent to member municipalities. He noted that the infrastructure and program that the ABCA uses is excellent, but aging. Working toward a new system is a project in the Proposed 2024 Budget.

MOTION #BD 100/23

Moved by Adrian Cornelissen

Seconded by Jaden Hodgins

“RESOLVED, THAT the presentation on Flood Forecasting and Modelling be received for information.”

Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MOTION #BD 101/23

Moved by Ray Chartrand

Seconded by Greg Lamport

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Arkona Lions Museum Committee meeting held on October 4, 2023 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”

Carried.

CORRESPONDANCE

- a) Reference: Letter from Jennifer Powell, University of Toronto Scarborough

File: A.5.1

Brief: A letter of concern on behalf of some of the community members of the Lambton Shores area expressing disappointment in the government response to a large-scale fish kill in the Ausable River in July 2023. Board Directors asked staff to respond to the letter, copying the University of Toronto Scarborough on the response.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Greg Lamport noted that the Municipality of Bluewater was receiving funds from short-term rental fees and had expressed that the funds would be used to benefit the community. Greg would like to see some of these funds go toward supporting ABCA lake monitoring in the

hope that it could help inform the need for a municipal septic replacement program. If such funds could be brought forward for this program, it would help reduce the levy for all municipalities.

MOTION #BD 102/23

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

“RESOLVED, THAT ABCA staff bring back a report on water quality monitoring efforts and data collected.”

Carried.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOTION #BD 103/23

**Moved by Dave Jewitt
Seconded by Dave Marsh**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors go into Committee of the Whole at 11:40 a.m. to discuss a personnel matter with Brian Horner and Abbie Gutteridge remaining in attendance.”

Carried.

MOTION #BD 104/23

**Moved by Greg Lamport
Seconded by Dave Jewitt**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report at 12:28 p.m.”

Carried.

MOTION #BD 105/23

**Moved by Ray Chartrand
Seconded by Jaden Hodgins**

“RESOLVED, THAT the information on the personnel matter be received as presented and staff move forward as discussed.”

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Marissa Vaughan
Chair

Abigail Gutteridge
Corporate Services Coordinator

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