



# MINUTES



## ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, January 17, 2008

Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Boardroom  
Morrison Dam Conservation Area

### DIRECTORS PRESENT

Adrian deBruyn, David Frayne, Jim Ginn, Paul Hodgins, George Irvin, Lawrence McLachlan, Bob Norris, Bill Siemon, Bill Weber

### OTHERS PRESENT

Pat Bolen, Exeter TA

### STAFF PRESENT

Bev Brown, Cathie Brown, Geoff Cade, Kate Monk, Judith Parker, Tom Prout, Alec Scott

### CALL TO ORDER

Bill Weber called the ABCA Annual Meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m.

### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

**MOTION #BD 01/08**

**Moved by Dave Frayne  
Seconded by Jim Ginn**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the agenda for the January 17, 2008 Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Annual Meeting be approved.”**

**Carried.**

### DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

### ELECTIONS

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

**MOTION #BD 02/08**

**Moved by Jim Ginn  
Seconded by Bob Norris**

**“RESOLVED, THAT Tom Prout be appointed as chairperson for the election proceedings.”**

**Carried.**

Bill Weber relinquished the chair and extended best wishes to the next Chair of the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority. Tom Prout proceeded with the Elections.

Appointment of Scrutineers

**MOTION #BD 03/08**

**Moved by Lawrence McLachlan  
Seconded by Adrian DeBruyn**

**“RESOLVED, THAT Geoff Cade and Cathie Brown be appointed as scrutineers.”**

**Carried.**

Election of Chairman

All positions were declared vacant and nominations were called for the position of Chair.

Jim Ginn nominated Lawrence McLachlan for Chairman. Mr. Prout called for nominations two more times.

**MOTION #BD 04/08**

**Moved by Bob Norris  
Seconded by Bill Siemon**

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

**Carried.**

Lawrence McLachlan accepted his nomination and Mr. Prout declared Lawrence McLachlan, representative for the Municipality of North Middlesex as Chairman of the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority for 2008

Election of Vice Chair

Nominations were called for the position of Vice Chair for 2008.

Lawrence McLachlan nominated Jim Ginn for Vice Chair. Mr. Prout called for nominations two more times.

**MOTION #BD 05/08**

**Moved by Dave Frayne  
Seconded by George Irvin**

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

**Carried.**



Proposed 2008 Project Levy**MOTION #BD 08/08****Moved by Jim Ginn****Seconded by Bill Siemon****“RESOLVED, THAT the 2008 Project Levy be approved at \$276,545.”**

	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Adelaide Metcalfe	✓		
Bluewater		✓	
Central Huron		✓	
Huron East	✓		
Lambton Shores		✓	
Lucan Biddulph	✓		
Middlesex Centre	✓		
North Middlesex	✓		
Perth South	✓		
South Huron		✓	
Warwick		✓	
West Perth	✓		

**The result was Yea 36% and Nay 64% based on property assessment schedule, therefore the motion was Defeated.**

Proposed 2008 Budget

Due to the fact the 2008 proposed Project Levy was not approved, the 2008 Proposed Budget cannot be voted on at this time.

Bill Siemon asked if the directors who voted Nay were prepared to discuss the project levy as proposed and give staff direction for revisions.

**MOTION #BD 09/08****Moved by Bill Siemon****Seconded by Bob Norris****“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors discuss the 2008 Project Levy.”****Carried.**Discussion

1. Bill Weber stated that the Municipality of Lambton Shores was concerned with the Port Franks Ice Management Study and why upstream landowners did not contribute more of a share. Lambton Shores would like to see changes made to the special benefitting levy apportionments.

2. Jim Ginn voted against the project levy because the percentage increase exceeded single digits.
3. George Irvin advised that the Bluewater council wants more information reported on the conservation development projects proposed.
4. Dave Frayne stated that the Municipality of South Huron thought that 13.5% was too high and asked that a representative attend a council meeting to give a report on the proposed budget.

For comparison purposes, Tom Prout provided prior years' project levy amounts that were approved.

2004	\$299,900
2005	\$235,000
2006	\$291,000
2007	\$245,000
2008	\$276,545

After discussion on what impacts there would be in reducing or phasing some of the projects the following motion was made.

**MOTION #BD 10/08**

**Moved by Paul Hodgins  
Seconded by Bill Siemon**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the General Manager go to the municipalities that have concerns and make a presentation to councils.”**

**Carried.**

## 5. APPOINTMENTS

### Appointment of Auditor

**MOTION #BD 11/08**

**Moved by Jim Ginn  
Seconded by Adrian DeBruyn**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the firm of MacNeill Edmunson be appointed as the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Auditor for 2008.”**

**Carried.**

### Appointment of Solicitors

**MOTION #BD 12/08**

**Moved by Bob Norris  
Seconded by George Irvin**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the firms of Little, Masson & Reid, Exeter and Little, Inglis and Price, London and Raymond & McLean, Exeter be the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority solicitors for 2008.”**

**Carried.**

Appointment of Financial Institution

**MOTION #BD 13/08**

**Moved by Bill Weber**

**Seconded by Dave Frayne**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the Bank of Montreal, Exeter Branch be appointed as the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority’s financial institution for 2008.”**

**Carried.**

PROGRAM REPORTS

1. Development Review

Geoff Cade, Supervisor of Water & Planning, presented the Development Review report pursuant to Ontario Regulation 147/06 Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses, as prepared by Andrew Bicknell, Regulations Coordinator. Through the application process, proposed developments within regulated areas are protected from flooding and erosion hazards. Staff granted permission for three *Applications for Permission*.

**MOTION #BD 14/08**

**Moved by Bill Weber**

**Seconded Dave Frayne**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the Development Review (O.Reg 147/06) program report be approved as circulated.”**

**Carried.**

2. Public Holidays

Tom Prout reported that the province has designated Family Day as a public holiday pursuant to the *Employment Standards Act* to be observed on February 18<sup>th</sup>. By consensus, the Board of Directors agreed that Family Day be added to the statutory holidays in the ABCA Personnel Regulations and recommended that the matter be referred to the Personnel Committee to investigate further.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Conservation Ontario

Tom Prout reported on a submission made to Honourable Dwight Duncan, Minister of Finance by Conservation Ontario. The Minister was reminded of the shortfall in transfer payments for protecting lives and property from natural hazards. Other priorities addressed were continued

support for source protection planning, ongoing programs for watershed stewardship, aging infrastructure of the 800 dams, channels, dykes, and erosion control works across Ontario.

## 2. Drinking Water Source Protection Update

Cathie Brown, Project Manager advised that members of the Source Protection Committee attended a training session led by Ministry of Environment. March 6<sup>th</sup> is an information day for municipalities to attend. Quarterly reports will be available and posted on the website [www.sourcewaterinfo.on.ca](http://www.sourcewaterinfo.on.ca)

## 3. Striking Committee

Lawrence McLachlan advised that the Striking Committee met earlier in the day and were presenting the appointments to Standing Committees for approval of the Board of Directors. The minutes of the meeting will be available at the next Board of Directors Meeting.

### **MOTION #BD 15/08**

**Moved by Bill Weber**

**Seconded by Paul Hodgins**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the roster of 2008 Standing Committee appointments be approved as presented.”**

**Carried.**

## 4. Property Management

Bill Weber advised that a property owner on Chicken Island (Armstrong West) in Port Franks is request a building permit. As previously reported by the Property Management Committee, approvals for new development are presently not being issued because there is no formal easement agreement for the road allowances to permit and ensure long term maintenance of the Bendway Weirs. Bill Weber inquired whether the ABCA would consider allowing new development if there was an agreement with the Municipality of Lambton Shores.

### **MOTION #BD 16/08**

**Moved by Bill Weber**

**Seconded by George Irvin**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the staff investigate a proposed Memorandum of Understanding with the Municipality of Lambton Shores regarding obtaining easements for maintenance work on the sections of the road allowances that are part of the Armstrong West Erosion Control project.”**

**Carried.**

## CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Reference: Provincial Audit  
File: L.9.57.1  
Brief: Notice was received that the Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Region for Drinking Water Source Protection Planning has been selected for a provincial audit review.

- b) Reference: Drain Mapping Workshop  
File: L.9.51.2  
Brief: Notice that Fisheries and Oceans Canada is hosting a Drain Mapping Workshop on February 12-13 in London for DFO, Conservation Authority staff and Drainage Superintendents who are involved in the review of drains.
- c) Reference: Emergency Response Services  
File: L.4.51  
Brief: Advisory from the Municipality of Lambton Shores that the Lambton Shores Fire Board has directed Northville Fire Department to no longer cross the Ausable River Cut to respond to emergencies on the island.
- d) Reference: Thank You  
File: A.5.1  
Brief: Thank you from Alyssa Dougall, Co-operative Education student from South Huron High School, for the opportunity to have a placement this past semester with the ABCA.
- e) Reference: Invitation  
File: A.5.1  
Brief: Invitation to attend the Leading the Rural Renaissance convention on March 18-20th in Ottawa.
- f) Reference: Director Appointment  
File: A.10.1  
Brief: Notice from Municipality of Lambton Shores of the re-appointment of Bill Weber as their representative to the ABCA Board of Directors for 2008.
- g) Reference: Special Benefitting Levy  
File: W.2.1.1  
Brief: Resolution from the Municipality of South Huron approving of special benefitting status for the Parkhill Dam Fencing Project as outlined in the ABCA 2008 Budget.
- h) Reference: Group Health Benefits  
File: P.8.2  
Brief: Request to include seasonal employees in the Group Health Benefit package.

**MOTION #BD 17/08**

**Moved by Bill Siemon**

**Seconded by George Irvin**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the matter be referred to the Personnel Management Committee.”**

**Carried.**



- i) Reference: Arkona Fall Colour Tour  
File: R.11.1  
Brief: Request from the organizers of the third annual Arkona Fall Colour Tour that the gate fees for Rock Glen CA be waived for participants.

**MOTION #BD 18/08**

**Moved by Dave Frayne  
Seconded by Adrian DeBruyn**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the gate fees be waived for participants of the Arkona Fall Colour tour to be held on October 4, 2008.”**

**Carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

1. George Irvin advised that he is on a working committee of the Bluewater Environment Committee that is pursuing the Blue Flag program for the beach and marina at Bayfield. They would appreciate a staff representative from the ABCA and want to contact the Municipality of Lambton Shores to inquire of their process.
2. Dave Frayne advised that the Lioness Club of Exeter is once again hosting the Easter in the Park event at Morrison Dam CA workshop.
3. Dave Frayne reported that the Municipality of South Huron is initiating the development of a master plan for the Port Blake conservation area.
4. As an FYI, Bill Siemon advised that the Councillors of Huron County received a report from Dan Carlow, Manager with the Environmental Branch of OMAFRA stating that paunch manure is not being stored or land applied in Huron County.
5. Bob Norris advised he will remain on the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

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Lawrence McLachlan  
Chairman

Judith Parker  
Corporate Services Coordinator

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

