



MINUTES



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, June 21, 2007

Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Boardroom
Morrison Dam Conservation Area

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Adrian DeBruyn, Dave Frayne, Jim Ginn, Paul Hodgins, George Irvin, Lawrence McLachlan, Bill Siemon, Bill Weber

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Bob Norris

OTHERS PRESENT

Nina Lieshout, Exeter TA
Bob Montgomery, KKNX Radio
Brian Horner, MacNeill Edmundson, Chartered Accountants
Bob Edmundson, MacNeill Edmundson, Chartered Accountants

STAFF PRESENT

Andy Bicknell, Cathie Brown, Geoff Cade, Ian Jean, Kate Monk, Judith Parker, Tom Prout, Alec Scott

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Weber called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION #BD 74/07

**Moved by Jim Ginn
Seconded by Bill Siemon**

“RESOLVED, THAT the agenda for the June 21, 2007 Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Board of Directors Meeting be approved.”

Carried.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOTION #BD 75/07**Moved by Dave Frayne****Seconded by Adrian Debruyn**

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on May 17, 2007 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”

Carried.

BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTES

1. Audited 206 Financial Statement

The auditor will attend the meeting at 3:00 p.m. so this item is deferred until later in the meeting.

2. Motor Pool Inventory

At the previous meeting, the Board requested staff prepare a listing of the equipment motor pool with the current rates for use.

MOTION #BD 76/07**Moved by Lawrence McLachlan****Seconded by Paul Hodgins**

“RESOLVED, THAT the information on the vehicle and equipment motor pool be received for consideration in preparing the 2008 budget.”

Carried.

3. Bluewater Environment Committee

Tom Prout, General Manager reported that the Bluewater Environmental Committee has met and will begin plans for the information workshop to be held in the spring on developing bylaws to ensure homeowners are aware and responsible for improvements to water quality.

4. Pay Equity Review

Tom Prout reported that the staff have appointed Geoff Cade, Mari Veliz and Tracey Boitson as staff representatives for the Employment Equity Review. A meeting will be planned the end of July for the committee to receive the report from the consultant.

PROGRAM REPORTS

1. Development Review

The Development Review report pursuant to Ontario Regulation 147/06 Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses, was 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 7 *Applications for Permission* and 2 *Minor Works* applications.

2. Draft Policy & Procedures Manual

Geoff Cade, Supervisor of Water & Planning presented the Draft Policies and Procedures Manual for the Administration of Ontario Regulation 147/06 and Municipal Plan Input and Review Manual. The draft manual will be distributed to county and municipal staff for review and comments. A report of the comments will be brought to the Board at a future meeting.

3. Lakeshore Photography & Mapping Update

Alec Scott, Water & Planning Manager reported on the lakeshore photography and mapping project. In 2005 the southwestern Ontario orthophotography project (SWOOP) was created. Lambton County was the lead agency in the partnership to obtain new aerial photography of the area. The ABCA component of the project was planning level photography for the entire watershed area as well as engineering level photography for the ABCA shoreline area. The engineering level photography will be used to create contour and vector mapping which can be directly compared to mapping used for the ABCA Shoreline Management Plan.

4. Spring Reforestation Program

Ian Jean, Forestry and Land Stewardship Specialist presented an overview of the spring tree planting program. Interest in tree planting by watershed residents increased this year. The heightened environmental awareness and good cost-share incentive programs may have contributed to the increase in tree sales and tree planting. In total, 61,200 trees were planted by ABCA staff at 50 sites and 24,900 trees were purchased and planted by 170 landowners.

MOTION #BD 77/07

Moved by Bill Siemon

Seconded by Jim Ginn

“RESOLVED, THAT program reports # 1,2,3 and 4 be received for information.”

Carried.

5. Appointment of Officers

Alec Scott reported that the *Conservation Authorities Act* has provisions for the appointment of officers to enforce any regulation made under Section 28 of the Act. Therefore Ontario Regulation 147/06 - Regulation of Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alteration to Shorelines and Watercourses requires the appoint of officers.

MOTION #BD 78/07

Moved by Lawrence McLachlan

Seconded by Dave Frayne

“RESOLVED, THAT the following staff be appointed as officers for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of Ontario Regulation 147/06 – General Manager /Secretary- Treasurer, Water and Planning Manager, Water and Planning Supervisor, Regulations Coordinator, Land and Water Technologist, and

FURTHER, THAT Andrew Bicknell, Regulations Coordinator, be appointed as a Provincial Offences Officer for Ontario Regulation 147/06, and

FURTHER, THAT the following staff be appointed as signing officers for the purpose of issuing permits under Ontario Regulation 147/06 – General Manager/Secretary Treasurer, Water and Planning Manager, Water and Planning Supervisor, Regulations Coordinator.”

Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Arkona Lions Museum Management Committee

MOTION #BD 79/07

**Moved by George Irvin
Seconded by Paul Hodgins**

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Arkona Lions Museum & Information Centre Management Committee meeting held on May 10, 2007 and the motions therein be approved as presented.”

Carried.

Source Protection Planning Management Committee

Cathie Brown, Drinking Water Source Protection Project Manager presented the draft minutes of the Joint Management Committee meeting held on June 12, 2007. An overview of the activities currently underway was reviewed. The candidates for Source Protection Planning Chair will be sent to Minister of Environment and the various sectors are organizing for representation on the Source Protection Planning committee. The Source Protection Authority will be established to receive recommendations from the Joint Management Committee.

MOTION #BD 80/07

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

“RESOLVED, THAT the Source Protection Planning Management Committee minutes from June 12, 2007 and subsequent report be approved as presented.”

Carried.

HEARING

MOTION #BD 81/07

**Moved by George Irvin
Seconded by Adrian Debruyn**

“RESOLVED, THAT the ABCA Board of Directors adjourn the regular Board of Directors meeting at 2:04 p.m. and re-convene as a Hearing Committee pursuant to Ontario Regulation 147/06 - Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alteration to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation to consider Application #2007-17.”

Carried.

Chairman Bill Weber provided the procedures for conducting the Hearing and Andrew Bicknell, Regulations Coordinator introduced the applicants, Milford Purdy, Tim Purdy and spokespersons, Stewart McKay and David Bannister. Mr. Bicknell presented the location of the commercial site at 63 River Road, Grand Bend in the Municipality of Lambton Shores. The applicant is proposing to construct a new washroom on the lower level which is currently rented out as a commercial art studio. The second storey is to be modified for living accommodations with reconstruction of the roof line. The site is within the flood plain adjacent to the Grand Bend harbour. The location would be susceptible to high lake levels of 178.21 metres GSC with the property elevation at 177.8 metres. GSC. The proposed reconstruction will change the upper level current use from storage to habitable. Based on the current ABCA flood plain management policy and 2005 Provincial Policy Statement, the application does not meet current policies and its objectives to minimize property damage, social disruption and risk to life. Therefore, staff recommend that Application #2007-17 be denied.

Mr. Tim Purdy addressed the Hearing Committee stating that historically, the building has been part of the family commercial fishing operation for many years. A concept drawing of the second storey addition was circulated to portray the upgrades which will include sleeping quarters for up to four crew members when docked at Grand Bend during the fishing season. The proposed alterations ensure that the construction meets the current provincial building code requirements.

MOTION #BD 82/07

Moved by Lawrence McLachlan

Seconded by George Irvin

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors approve Application# 2007-17 pursuant to Ontario Regulation 147/06, conditional upon prior written confirmation from the Municipality of Lambton Shores, which confirms the proposed seasonal habitable use being accessory to an existing recognized commercial fishing operation is considered an ‘accessory’ use to the municipal Harbour Zone designation.”

Carried.

MOTION #BD 83/07

Moved by Bill Siemon

Seconded by Jim Ginn

“RESOLVED, THAT the Hearing regarding Application #2007-17 be closed at 2:57 p.m. and the Board of Directors meeting reconvene.”

Carried.

The applicants and delegation left the meeting.

BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTES (cont'd)

1. Audited 2006 Financial Statement

Bob Edmundson and Brian Horner of MacNeill Edmundson CA presented the 2006 audited financial statement to the Board.

MOTION #BD 84/07

**Moved by Jim Ginn
Seconded by Lawrence McLachlan**

“RESOLVED, THAT the report of the audited 2006 financial statement be approved as presented.”

Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (cont'd)Water Response Team**MOTION #BD 85/07**

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

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Ausable Bayfield Water Response Team meeting held May 15, 2007 and the motions therein be approved as presented.”

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Reference: Water Conservation Charges
File: A.7.1
Brief: Copy of comments and support from Conservation Ontario to Ministry of Environment on the province's proposal to levy a water conservation charge on some of the most consumptive industrial and commercial water takers.
- b) Reference: Special Use Permits
File: R.1.10.2
Brief: Landowner adjacent to “The Cut” at Port Franks expressing thanks for the ABCA initiative that users must have a special use permit for driving a vehicle on designated routes on the Armstrong East and Armstrong West subdivisions.
- c) Reference: Beach Water Monitoring Project
File: W.11.1
Brief: The Huron County Health Unit has received a grant from the U.S. EPA to participate as one of 9 Great Lakes beach water monitoring authorities in a beach water quality project this summer. The health unit requests the ABCA to partner as a consultant providing water quality information on the Bayfield River.
- d) Reference: Habitat Stewardship Program Funding
File: W.7.17.4
Brief: Notice from Environment Canada that the *Ausable River Recovery Strategy Implementation Project* will be receiving \$77,000 funding for the 2007/2008 Habitat Stewardship Program for Species at Risk.

- e) Reference: Camp Sylvan Program
File: C.17.6.1
Brief: Thank you from Hensall Public School Grade 7s for the opportunity and great experience the students had at the two-day Camp Sylvan outdoor education program.
- f) Reference: Thank you
File: R.15.14.7
Brief: Thank you and donation towards maintenance of Ausable Trail from the Lambton Wildlife Incorporation.
- g) Reference: Outreach and Education of Source Water Protection
File: S.69.2
Brief: Request for proposals for the \$2 million outreach and education component of the \$7 million stewardship program related to drinking water protection. Staff will be making a submission.
- h) Reference: Protection of Ontario's Water
File: A.7.2
Brief: Notice that Conservation Ontario will have a special report on protection of Ontario's Water published in the June 27th edition of the Globe and Mail.
- i) Reference: Thank you
File: W.7.18.1
Brief: Thank you to Davin Heinbuck, ABCA Water Resources Technologist, for attending the Huron Stewardship Council to make a presentation on the sinkhole investigations and the related groundwater research being conducted by the ABCA.
- j) Reference: Conservation Ontario
File: A.7.1
Brief: A copy of the 2006 financial statements for Conservation Ontario is available.

NEW BUSINESS

1. George Irvin inquired whether anyone knew more information on the new water testing at Grand Bend that was reported in the Lakeshore Advance.
2. A date for the Personnel Management Committee was discussed and tentatively set for July 24 or 25th. Tom Prout will contact the consultant to confirm.
3. A Property Management Committee meeting date and tour was set for August 9th. Board of Directors and staff will be invited to attend the tour.
4. The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on August 16, 2007 with no meeting scheduled in the month of July.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Jim Ginn declared a conflict of interest.

MOTION #BD 86/07

**Moved by Bill Siemon
Seconded by Lawrence McLachlan**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors go into Committee of the Whole at 3:55 p.m. to discuss property and personal matters with Tom Prout, Alec Scott, Cathie Brown and Judith Parker in attendance.”

Carried.

MOTION #BD 87/07

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

“RESOLVED, THAT Committee of the Whole rise and report at 4:20 p.m.”

Carried.

MOTION #BD 88/07

**Moved by Bill Siemon
Seconded by Dave Frayne**

“RESOLVED, THAT staff proceed with the property matters as discussed.”

Carried.

MOTION #BD 89/07

**Moved by Dave Frayne
Seconded by Lawrence McLachlan**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors receive the information from the Source Protection Planning Joint Management Committee as presented.”

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

Bill Weber
Chairman

Judith Parker
Corporate Services Coordinator

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

