

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, September 15, 2016

Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Boardroom
Morrison Dam Conservation Area

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Ray Chartrand, Doug Cook, Dave Frayne, Wayne Hall, Bob Harvey, George Irvin, Burkhard Metzger, Don Shipway

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Mike Tam

STAFF PRESENT

Jenna Allain, Bev Brown, Geoff Cade, Brian Horner, Kate Monk, Judith Parker, Alec Scott, Meghan Tydd-Hrynyk, Mari Veliz

OTHERS PRESENT

Bob Montgomery, CKNX Radio
Jackie Rombouts, Township of Warwick

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the General Manager at 10:10 a.m. In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, the following motion was made to appoint a Chair.

MOTION #BD 53/16

**Moved by Doug Cook
Seconded by Don Shipway**

“RESOLVED, THAT Past Chairman, Dave Frayne be appointed as interim chair for this meeting.

Carried.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION #BD 54/16

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

“RESOLVED, THAT the agenda for the September 15, 2016 Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority 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 PROCEEDINGS

None

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOTION #BD 55/16

**Moved by Don Shipway
Seconded by Doug Cook**

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on July 28, 2016 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”

Carried.

BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTES

Security System Update

Brian Horner, General Manager provided an update on the status of the security system upgrade and replacement of equipment, lost as a result of the break and enter. The majority of the security system installation is completed at a cost of \$7,500. The first submission has been made to the insurance company and the equipment is being replaced as needed.

PROGRAM REPORTS

1. (a) Development Review

Geoff Cade, Supervisor of Water & Planning reported on behalf of Andrew Bicknell, Regulations Coordinator on 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 10 *Applications for Permission* and 11 *Minor Works Permits* to construct works within regulated areas.

1. (b) Violation/Appeals Update

Geoff Cade, Supervisor of Water and Planning provided an update on violations and appeals.

- a) Staff are working with the landowners in Municipality of Lambton Shores who plowed the sand dunes into the lake from in front of their residences and will be asking for a remediation plan.

MOTION #BD 56/16

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

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

Carried.

Vice Chair Burkahrd Metzger arrived at 10:25 a.m. and assumed the chair from Dave Frayne.

2. Variable Source Area Final Report

Mari Veliz, Healthy Watersheds Supervisor reported that a considerable amount of data has been generated through the New Directions Research Grant received in 2012. The project’s goal was to better understand the effects of watershed runoff and best management practices to control runoff. It is important that the monitoring results be integrated with the Watershed Based BMP Evaluation and Rural Stormwater Management Model projects in a comprehensive synthesis report. J.L. Richards & Associates Ltd. produced a synthesis report from monitoring data in 2013 and staff are requesting Board approval to hire the same consultant.

MOTION #BD 57/16

**Moved by Dave Frayne
Seconded by Don Shipway**

“RESOLVED, THAT the J.L. Richards & Associates Limited be hired for the required works on the Variable Source Area Final Report at a cost of \$5,725.00 plus HST.”

Carried.

3. DWSP Tier 3 Water Budget

Jenna Allain, Source Protection Program Supervisor provided an update on the Tier 3 Water Budget for the Century Heights Municipal Drinking Water System. This project was started in 2009 and significant delays have hampered its completion. In July of 2015 approval was granted from the Director of the Source Protection Programs Branch that SPA technical staff prepare a final technical report detailing all the available data and information and rationale for why a low water quantity risk is assumed. Staff did this preparation, however the Source Protection Programs Branch have advised recently that geoscientists on the project peer review committee should be approached about authoring the report. Matrix Solutions Inc. has agreed to author the report and a quote for the work is being prepared for approval of the Ministry of Environment & Climate Change.

PRESENTATION

Geoff Cade gave a progress report update on the Shoreline Management Plan (SMP) Update project. The first SMP was completed and approved in 1994. In 2000 the second version was released with some wording changes and approved by the Board. Conservation Authorities represent the Province with regard to natural hazards and were delegated the responsibility of an advisory role with development along the Great Lakes shorelines in 1988. CAs are required to plan for 100 years with a long term perspective. In 2006 changes were made to legislation so all CAs are now bound to administering regulations along the Great Lakes shorelines.

Land use has changed dramatically along the shoreline as cottages are being replaced with large permanent dwellings. There is more scientific knowledge available and a possible increase in storm events that are attributed to climate change. The consultants have examined the recession rate analysis and did express concern with the number of structures located within the unstable slope area. The consultants also noted that shoreline protection is uncoordinated and piecemeal with limited maintenance and a lot are failing.

The draft Consultant's Recommendation report is now available for review. Beginning September 1, 2016, there will be a 90 day consultation period for public input to the Steering Committee on the draft recommendations. The public can be engaged through attendance as observers at Steering Committee meetings, by viewing information on the ABCA website, receiving newsletters, media releases and FAQ document. In the summer of 2017, it is expected public meetings will be scheduled to present the Consultant's Report and the Steering Committee's recommended local policies to the Board of Directors for review and final approval.

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

Brian Horner presented the General Manager's report. Highlights were given on the progress of various projects, staff training and development, upcoming meetings and activities held over the previous month. This report is distributed to the municipalities for their councillors' information.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MOTION #BD 58/16

Moved by Ray Chartrand

Seconded by Doug Cook

“RESOLVED, THAT minutes of the Water Response Team meeting held on July 21, 2016 and motions therein be approved as presented.”

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

a) Reference: *Conservation Authorities Act Review*

File: A.8.3

Brief: Copy of letter being forwarded from the ABCA to Alex McLeod, Policy Officer with Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry Policy Division offering comments in regards to the *Conservation Authorities Act Review Discussion Paper*.

- b) Reference: Thank you
File: W.4.11.1
Brief: Acknowledgement from Sue Haskett, President of the Bluewater Shoreline Residents' Association thanking Geoff Cade for making a presentation at their annual meeting on the Shoreline Management Plan update project..
- c) Reference: Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Funding
File: F.22.1
Brief: Letter from Honourable Catherine McKenna informing of grant approval in the amount of \$228,150 over three years towards the Ausable River Action Plan Implementation Project.
- d) Reference: Shoreline Management Plan
File: W.4.11.1
Brief: Correspondence was sent to the Board members from Karen Mahon outlining her questions and concerns with legislation for lakefront cottage owners.

MOTION #BD 59/16

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

RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors direct the General Manager to send a letter of response to the correspondence received from Karen Mahon.

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- a) Brian Horner advised the Board of Directors on the Bayfield River Flats fundraising project being spearheaded by the Bayfield River Valley Trail Association for purchase of 4.75 acres along the Bayfield River.
- b) The 2017 budget information session for Board of Directors will be held on October 13, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Burkhard Metzger
Vice - Chair

Judith Parker
Corporate Services Coordinator

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