



MINUTES



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, September 18, 2008

Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Boardroom
Morrison Dam Conservation Area

DIRECTORS PRESENT

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Adrian DeBruyn, Bob Norris, Bill Weber

OTHERS PRESENT

Pat Bolen, Exeter TA
Bob Montgomery, CKNX
Brian Horner, MacNeill Edmundson Chartered Accountants

STAFF PRESENT

Bev Brown, Cathie Brown, Geoff Cade, Ian Jean, Judith Parker, Tom Prout, Alec Scott

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Lawrence McLachlan called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION #BD 93/08

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

“RESOLVED, THAT the agenda for the September 18, 2008 Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Board of Directors meeting be approved.”

Carried.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOTION #BD 94/08

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

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the ABCA Board of Directors Meeting held on August 21, 2008 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”

Carried.

BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTES

1. Hay Swamp Conifer Thinning Update

Ian Jean, Forestry and Stewardship Specialist provided an update on the “crop tree” thinning of the 50 acre conifer plantation at the north end of in Hay Swamp known as the Coleman Tract. The directors were invited to go for a short tour of the operation following the Board meeting.

2. PSAB 3150 Tangible Capital Assets

Brian Horner, the Authority’s auditor, attended the Board meeting to review the second draft of the policies and procedures for the financial reporting of tangible capital assets in compliance with PSAB 3150.

MOTION #BD 95/08

**Moved by George Irvin
Seconded by Bill Siemon**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors approve the *Accounting Policies and Procedures with Respect to Tangible Capital Assets* as presented.”

Carried.

PROGRAM REPORTS

1. Development Review

Andrew Bicknell, 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 nine *Applications for Permission*. The Directors were informed of a landowner who received a permit pursuant to Ont. Regulation 147/06 and has deviated from the conditions of the permit. Staff are investigating and will be meeting with the contractor and the landowner.

2. Essential Services Policy

As follow-up to the Board’s recently adopted policy of ensuring delivery of essential services, Alec Scott, Water & Planning Manager provided the list of staff identified for training and backup support in maintaining the Flood Forecasting and Warning system, the Ontario Low Water Response Program and the operation and maintenance of Parkhill and Morrison Dams.

3. Ont Regulation 147/06 - Application to Construct

Geoff Cade, Supervisor of Water & Planning informed the Board of the circumstances around an Application for Permission in which the applicant proposes to construct an in-ground swimming pool within a regulated area. The applicant has been working with staff and the proposed pool is elevated above the anticipated flood elevation and is not expected to negatively impact the slope. Staff recommend that the Board of Directors approve the application to construct the proposed pool with associated landscaping subject to the ABCA standard conditions.

MOTION #BD

Moved by Dave Frayne

Seconded by George Irvin

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors approve the recommendation of staff and approve the application to construct the proposed swimming pool subject the ABCA standard conditions.”

Carried.

4. Office Capacity and Service Delivery Issues

Tom Prout, General Manager presented an update on the crowded office conditions in the administration centre and the ability of the organization to service the needs of staff and the public. Terms of Reference for an Ad Hoc Building Committee were presented for review. It is recommended that an Ad Hoc Building Committee be made up of the Property Management Committee and the Ad Hoc Committee be authorized to employ a consultant to carry out a Needs Assessment Study this fall.

MOTION #BD 97/08

Moved by Jim Ginn

Seconded by George Irvin

“RESOLVED, THAT the Property Management Committee be appointed as the Ad Hoc Building Committee, and

FURTHER, THAT the Terms of Reference be approved as presented.”

Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Property Management Committee

MOTION #BD 98/08

Moved by Jim Ginn

Seconded by Dave Frayne

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Property Management Committee meeting held August 21, 2008 and the motions therein be approved as presented.”

Carried.

MOTION #BD 99/08

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

“RESOLVED, THAT the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority discontinue issuing special use permits for motorized vehicles crossing Authority owned property at the Armstrong East and West subdivisions at Port Franks.”

Carried.

MOTION #BD 100/08

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

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors approve the Stewardship Endowment Fund for maintaining ongoing stewardship and management costs associated with the long term land securement plan as recommended by the Property Management Committee.”

Carried.

MOTION #BD 101/08

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

“RESOLVED, THAT Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Long Term Land Securement Plan be approved, and

FURTHER, THAT staff be directed to request the Minister of Natural Resources approval of the project as per Section 24 of the *Conservation Authorities Act*, and

FURTHER, THAT the project be circulated to the watershed municipalities as the basis for funding and land securement opportunities, and

FURTHER, THAT staff be directed to seek funding for the project from the funding sources outlined in the project.”

Carried.

Source Protection Committee

MOTION #BD 102/08

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

“RESOLVED, THAT THE minutes of the Joint Management Committee meetings held on April 15 and June 9, 2008 and the Source Protection Committee meeting held on June 25, 2008 be approved as presented.”

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Reference: Thank you
File: A.5.1
Brief: Thank you from Nickel District Conservation Authority advising that a red pine will be planted in recognition of those attending the Biennial Tour.
- b) Reference: Lake Simcoe Protection Act
File: A.5.2
Brief: Notice that Bill 99 - Lake Simcoe Protection Act has been posted on the EBR registry for public review.
- c) Reference: Lake Simcoe Natural Capital
File: A.5.2
Brief: Notice of the release of the *Lake Simcoe Basin's Natural Capital: The Value of the Watershed's Ecosystem Services* which recognizes Lake Simcoe watershed as providing close to \$1 billion a year in ecological benefits to the Lake Simcoe ecosystem.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Tom Prout advised that the 2009 proposed budget will be calculated using a 3% consumer price index increase to the 2009 Pay Grid. The Board will meet as a Budget Committee on October 9th to receive the first draft of the 2009 Proposed Budget.
2. Judith Parker, Secretary for the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation recommended Teresa Ondrejicka be appointed to sit on the Foundation to replace Cliff Ryan.

MOTION #BD 103/08**Moved by Bill Siemon
Seconded by Dave Frayne**

“RESOLVED, THAT Teresa Ondrejicka be appointed to the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation effective immediately, and

FURTHER, THAT the Board of Directors thank Cliff Ryan for his contributions as a director on the Foundation over the past three years .”

Carried.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**MOTION #BD 104/08****Moved by Dave Frayne
Seconded by Bill Siemon**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors go into Committee of the Whole at 2:45 p.m. to discuss property and personal matters with Tom Prout and Judith Parker remaining in attendance.”

Carried.

MOTION #BD 105/08

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

“RESOLVED, THAT Committee of the Whole rise and report at 2:55 p.m.”

Carried.

MOTION #BD 106/08

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

“RESOLVED, THAT staff proceed with the personal matter as recommended.”

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Lawrence McLachlan
Chairman

Judith Parker
Corporate Services Coordinator

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

