

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, November 16, 2017

**Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Boardroom
Morrison Dam Conservation Area**

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Ray Chartrand, Doug Cook, Dave Frayne, Wayne Hall, George Irvin, Burkhard Metzger, Brian Ropp

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Bob Harvey, Mike Tam

STAFF PRESENT

Bev Brown, Geoff Cade, Davin Heinbuck, Brian Horner, Ian Jean, Daniel King, Kate Monk, Judith Parker, Alec Scott, Meghan Tydd-Hrynyk, Ross Wilson, Mari Veliz

OTHER PRESENT

Sue Haskett, BSRA
Leslie Myers, Zena Besterd - Beach O Pines Association

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Burkhard Metzger called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed all those in attendance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION #BD 103/17

**Moved by Dave Frayne
Seconded by Ray Chartrand**

“RESOLVED, THAT the agenda for the November 16, 2017 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 104/17****Moved by George Irvin
Seconded by Dave Frayne**

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on October 26, 2017 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”

Carried.

BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTESProposed 2018 Budget Revisions

As requested at the budget meeting, General Manager, Brian Horner provided the directors with the policy on reserve balances as approved June 21, 2012 and the policy on appropriations to and from reserves as approved December 15, 2015. The proposed 2018 projects were ranked for the Board’s consideration and some options presented to reduce the combined levy from a 5.87% increase to 2.00%.

MOTION #BD 105/17**Moved by Doug Cook
Seconded by Dave Frayne**

“RESOLVED, THAT the member municipalities be advised of the 2018 proposed project levy, general levy and budget and provided with the supplementary information for the 30 day review, as the weighted vote by apportionment is intended to be held at the December 21, 2017 Board of Directors meeting.”

Carried.

MOTION #BD 106/17**Moved by George Irvin
Seconded by Wayne Hall**

“RESOLVED, THAT a decision on approving the proposed 2018 pay grid and fee schedule be deferred until the next meeting.”

Carried.

PRESENTATION

Steve Jackson, Flood & Erosion Safety Services Coordinator with the Maitland Valley CA recounted the impacts and lessons learned after the June 23, 2017 flood event. The rainfall was not forecasted and it was because of the flood forecasting system issuing alarms through the night that staff were alerted to the emergency. In Harriston there are 213 homes and businesses in the floodplain and 100-160 mm of rain fell overnight forcing evacuations of residents. The Gorrie Dam failed because the stop logs were not removed due to North Huron not having the capacity to receive the water. The flows recorded were five times higher than the last 50 years. In summary, MVCA staff were thankful GPS had been installed in their vehicles so river watch staff could be tracked for follow-up and safety; rainfall information should be shared with

neighbouring conservation authorities during rainfall events; holding regular flood emergency exercises with municipal staff is important and ensure fire departments are trained in water rescue; have staff keep good notes for legal follow-up; the rain gauge network and flood forecasting and warning network were very important and should be maintained.

Chair Metzger thanked Steve for sharing the MVCA experiences during the flooding event.

DELEGATION

Mr. Fred Dutot of Central Huron attended the meeting to address the Board on the issue of stewardship funding being granted to landowners for construction of berms and surface water inlets that affect existing drainage works approved under the Drainage Act. His presentation was in regard to the Steenstra Drain and Wise Drain and four neighbouring farms. He wondered who decides when the outlet isn't sufficient for all the collected water. Under the Drainage Act, approvals for drainage works must be obtained from all the appropriate agencies and approved by the municipality. He suggested that when a landowner is requesting stewardship funding for erosion control measures, the applicant be required to have a signed letter of approval from the municipal drainage superintendent that the drain capacity is suitable for the works.

MOTION #BD 107/17

Moved by Doug Cook

Seconded by George Irvin

“RESOLVED, THAT staff meet with Mr. Fred Dutot and bring a report back to the Board.”

Carried.

PROGRAM REPORTS

1. (a) Development Review

Meghan Tydd-Hyrnyk, Planning and Regulations Officer, 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 8 *Applications for Permission* and 8 *Minor Works Permits*.

1. (b) Violation/Appeals Update

Geoff Cade, Supervisor of Water & Planning reported that he has met with the ABCA solicitor regarding moving forward on the violation in the Municipality Lambton Shores.

MOTION #BD 108/17

Moved by Dave Frayne

Seconded by Ray Chartrand

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

Carried.

2. Habitat Stewardship Program Funding

Ian Jean, Forestry Specialist presented the stewardship projects eligible for Habitat Stewardship Program funding.

MOTION #BD 109/17

**Moved by George Irvin
Seconded by Doug Cook**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors affirm the approval of applications #AB-2447; AB-2448; AB-2449 for Habitat Stewardship Funding and applications # AB-2447; AB-2448; AB-2449; AB-2386; AB-2450; AB-2388 and AB-2451 for Species at Risk Stewardship Funding, as presented.”

Carried.

3. Profit & Loss Statement

MOTION #BD 110/17

**Moved by Brian Ropp
Seconded by Ray Chartrand**

“RESOLVED, THAT the financial statement to September 30, 2017 be received as presented.”

Carried.

4. Conservation Education Program Update

Conservation Educators Denise Iszczuk and Deb Brown presented the year end report on outdoor education programs, special events, in-school and non-profit group participation over 2017. There were 7,690 youth from within the watershed and 1,135 non-watershed youth participate in an ABCA education program during 2017. This was an 8% decrease, however the numbers did not include the 4,000 students who attended the International Plowing Match in Walton and went through the Education Tent.

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

Brian Horner provided a written report with a brief update on the progress of various projects, staff training and development, upcoming meetings or events and general activities over the previous month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MOTION #BD 111/17

**Moved by George Irvin
Seconded by Brian Ropp**

“RESOLVED, THAT due to changes in long term disability and extended health care benefits, the Board approve the Human Resources Committee recommendation that the ABCA pay 100% of the long term disability premium and the remaining group benefits be split 45% employee and 55 % employer, effective January 1, 2018.”

Carried.

MOTION #BD 112/17

**Moved by Dave Frayne
Seconded by Ray Chartrand**

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Human Resources Management Committee meeting held on October 31, 2017 and the motions therein be approved as presented.”

Carried.

Friends of South Huron Trail

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Friends of South Huron Trail Annual Meeting held November 3, 2017 and the motions therein be approved as presented.”

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment to Huron Tract Land Trust Conservancy

Brian Horner brought forth two names to fill the vacancies as volunteer directors on the Huron Tract Land Trust Conservancy Board.

MOTION # BD 114/17

**Moved by Doug Cook
Seconded by George Irvin**

“RESOLVED, THAT Max Morden of Grand Bend and Paul Spittle of Bayfield be appointed to the Huron Tract Land Trust Conservancy Board of Directors.”

Carried.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOTION #BD 115/17

**Moved by Dave Frayne
Seconded by Ray Chartrand**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors go into Committee of the Whole at 11:58 a.m. to discuss personal matters with Brian Horner and Judith Parker remaining in attendance.”

Carried.

MOTION #BD 116/17

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

**“RESOLVED, THAT Committee of the Whole rise and report at 12:10 p.m.,
and
FURTHER, THAT the information on the personal matter be received as
presented.”**

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Burkhard Meztger
Chair

Judith Parker
Corporate Services Coordinator

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