

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, March 22, 2018

Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Boardroom
Morrison Dam Conservation Area

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Ray Chartrand, Doug Cook, Dave Frayne, Wayne Hall, Bob Harvey, George Irvin, Mike Tam

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Burkhard Metzger, Brian Ropp

STAFF PRESENT

Bev Brown, Geoff Cade, Brian Horner, Kate Monk, Judith Parker, Meghan Tydd-Hrynyk

OTHER PRESENT

Sue Haskett - Bluewater Shoreline Residents' Association

Leslie Myers, Zena Besterd - Beach O Pines Association

Bob Montgomery - CKNX Radio

Jeremy Giles, MacNeill Edmunson LLP

Dave Crockett, John Pook - Shangrila Beach Association

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair George Irvin called the meeting to order at 2:33 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION #BD 15/18

Moved by Dave Frayne

Seconded by Ray Chartrand

“RESOLVED, THAT the agenda for the March 22, 2018 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 16/18**

**Moved by Bob Harvey
Seconded by Doug Cook**

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors Annual Meeting held on February 15, 2018 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”

Carried.

BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTES

1. At the previous meeting, Bluewater Resident’s Association had forwarded questions from an association member in regards to the preliminary report from the engineering consultant’s report on shoreline structure considerations. A response was drafted for the Board’s review at this meeting.

MOTION #BD 17/18

**Moved by Ray Chartrand
Seconded by Wayne Hall**

“RESOLVED, THAT the draft correspondence addressed to Sue Haskett, President of the Bluewater Shoreline Resident’s Association be approved by the Board of Directors for signature by the Chair.”

Carried.

PROGRAM REPORTS1. (a) Development Review

Meghan Tydd-Hyrnyk 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 16 *Applications for Permission* and 3 *Minor Works Permits*.

1. (b) Violation/Appeals Update

Staff reported that the violation in Southcott Pines, Municipality of Lambton Shores is being referred to our solicitor.

MOTION #BD 18/18

**Moved by Mike Tam
Seconded by Dave Frayne**

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

Carried.

2. Audited 2017 Financial Statement

Brian Horner introduced Jeremy Giles of MacNeill Edmundson, Professional Corporation. The 2017 audited financial statement was presented to the Board for review.

MOTION #BD 19/18

**Moved by Doug Cook
Seconded by Wayne Hall**

“RESOLVED, THAT the 2017 audited financial statement be approved as presented.”

Carried.

3. Revised HR Personnel Regulations

Brian Horner provided a summary of the revisions made to the *Human Resources Personnel Regulations, 2010* bringing it into statutory compliance with various legislative amendments for employees and employers. Ward & Uptigrove Consulting and Human Resources of Listowel provided expertise in updating the document.

MOTION #BD 20/18

**Moved by Ray Chartrand
Seconded by Mike Tam**

“RESOLVED, THAT the amendments be accepted and the *Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Human Resources Personnel Regulations* be approved as presented to comply with current legislation employment standards.”

Carried.

4. Great Lakes Guardian Community Fund

Brian Horner reported on behalf of Angela Van Niekerk, Wetlands Specialist. ABCA has been successful over the past five years in receiving funding towards the Healthy Headwaters Wetland Initiative. To date, 65 wetlands have been created, 284,000 trees, shrubs and wetland plantings restoring or enhancing a total of 753 acres of wetland and riparian areas. Approval has been received for \$25,000 for a Great Lakes Guardian Community Fund to restore 2.5 acres of wetlands, create a community rain garden in Hensall, plant trees on 15 acres and plant 4 acres of Tallgrass Prairie.

MOTION #BD 21/18

**Moved by Wayne Hall
Seconded by Bob Harvey**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors authorize the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority to enter into the Grant Funding Agreement with the Province of Ontario for the Great Lakes Guardian Community Fund *Wetlands for a Healthy Watershed Project.*”

Carried.

5. Selection of a Consultant - ABCA Shoreline Management Plan Update

At the February 15, 2018 Board meeting, it was approved to request a proposal from W.F. Baird and Associates Coastal Engineers Ltd. to prepare an update for the *Shoreline Management Plan, 2000*. The proposal was received and includes some components that will provide a basis for clear methods of working with shoreline property owners on site specific issues. After discussion, staff feel the consultant’s proposal will reduce staff time costs required to complete this project and therefore recommend acceptance even though it is over the budgeted amount.

MOTION #BD 22/18

Moved by Doug Cook

Seconded by Ray Chartrand

“RESOLVED, THAT the proposal by W. F. Baird & Associates Coastal Engineers Ltd. for the development of policies and procedures for shore protection structures along the ABCA shoreline at a cost of \$67,512 plus HST be approved, and

FURTHER, THAT staff prepare a contract with W.F. Baird & Associates Coastal Engineers Ltd. for the proposed work and proceed to implement the project.”

Carried.

PRESENTATION

Kate Monk, Stewardship, Lands and Education Manager gave a presentation on the Huron Clean Water Project. Each year Maitland Valley and Ausable Bayfield conservation authorities provide Huron County Council with an update on the cost-share program that was initiated in 2004. Landowners voluntarily undertake stewardship projects in various categories that helps protect water quality. The county contributed \$302,196 in grant dollars towards the 124 stewardship projects completed in 2017. This translated into \$1 million in environmental projects in Huron County last year. Since 2005 there have been 2,655 projects completed – 170 km of windbreaks established; 527 unused wells and 92 liquid manure storages decommissioned; 10,000 acres planted in cover crops and 50 acres of trees.. Lambton, Middlesex and Perth Counties do not offer landowners a similar incentive program at this time.

DELEGATION

Dave Crockett and John Pook of Shangrila Beach Road attended the meeting to address the Board on behalf of the shoreline property owners who respect the lake and the natural process of dynamic beaches. Mr. Crockett said their vision of the 10,000 year old lakeshore is to have a healthy shoreline over the long term. Within 500 metres of Mr. Crockett’s shoreline property, there have been groynes removed by the cottage owners in the last four years so that there is a natural beach. There is a major concern on the impact the installation of armour stone walls

shoreline structures will have neighbouring properties and on the environment. The group endorses the Implementation Guidelines (pages 34-40) of the *Considerations for Shoreline Protection Structures* and support the need for the following when applying for an ABCA permit:

- a) stamped engineered drawings;
- b) a coastal engineer's report;
- c) municipal building permit;
- d) ongoing monitoring and accountability after the ABCA permitting process;
- e) replacement or regeneration of lost sand be the responsibility of the landowner.

Mr. Crockett expressed to the Board that the decisions made in adopting the updated shoreline management plan will be their legacy to the community. Dave Frayne commented that he agreed with the suggestion that a municipal building permit be needed for construction of shoreline protection structures. Mr. Crockett would like to see this suggestion moved forward through the appropriate channels.

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 23/18

**Moved by Mike Tam
Seconded by Wayne Hall**

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Human Resources Management Committee meeting held on February 15, 2018 and the Ad Hoc Pedestrian Bridge Community Working Group meeting held on February 8, 2018 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Reference: Source Protection Plan Amendments
File: Z.5.12
Brief: Correspondence from Heather Malcolmson, Director of the MOECC Source Protection Program, acknowledging receipt of the proposed amendments to the Ausable Bayfield and Maitland Valley Source Protection Plans under subsection 34(4) of the *Clean Water Act, 2006*.
- b) Reference: Ontario Tree Seed Plant Closure
File: S.29.1.1
Brief: Letter from Nathalie Des Rosiers, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry acknowledging receipt of the letter from ABCA Board of Directors with concerns on the province's decision to close the Ontario Tree Seed Plant.

NEW BUSINESS

None

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOTION #BD 24/18

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

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors go into Committee of the Whole at 4:22 p.m. to discuss a property matter with Brian Horner, Kate Monk and Judith Parker remaining in attendance.”

Carried.

MOTION #BD 25/18

**Moved by Ray Chartrand
Seconded by Mike Tam**

**“RESOLVED, THAT Committee of the Whole rise and report at 4:32 p.m.,
and
FURTHER, THAT the information on the property matter be received as
presented.”**

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

George Irvin
Vice Chair

Judith Parker
Corporate Services Coordinator

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