



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, June 17, 2021

**Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Administration Centre
Morrison Dam Conservation Area**

VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE

10:00 a.m.

AGENDA

1. Chair's Welcome and Call to Order
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Discloser of Pecuniary Interest
4. Disclosure of intention to record this meeting by video and/or audio device
5. Adoption of Minutes from April 29, 2021 and May 20, 2021
6. Business Out of the Minutes

7. **Presentation:** Investments Update – *Adam Skillen, Skillen Investment Management*

8. **Program Reports**
Report 1: (a) Development Review (O Reg147/06) - Meghan Tydd-Hrynyk/Daniel King
(b) Violations/Appeals Update – Daniel King/Geoff Cade
Report 2: Stewardship Funding Project Review – Nathan Schoelier
Report 3: CA Act Update – Brian Horner
Report 4: ABCA 75th Anniversary Update – Abigail Gutteridge
Report 5: Years of Service Awards – Brian Horner

9. **General Manager's Report**
10. Committee Reports
11. Correspondence
12. New Business
13. **Committee of the Whole** – personnel matter
14. Adjournment

Source Protection Authority Meeting to follow

Upcoming Meetings and Events

July 15, 2021 – Board of Directors Meeting at 10:00 a.m.
September 16, 2021 – Board of Directors Meeting at 10:00 a.m.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, April 29, 2021

Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Boardroom
Morrison Dam Conservation Area

VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE

HEARING

Pursuant to Ontario Regulation 147/06
(Development, interference with Wetlands and Alteration to Shorelines and Watercourses)
Application #2021-10 A-E

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Ray Chartrand, Doug Cook, Adrian Cornelissen, Bob Harvey, George Irvin, Dave Jewitt, Mike Tam, Marissa Vaughan, Alex Westman

STAFF PRESENT

Geoff Cade, Abbie Gutteridge, Brian Horner, Daniel King, Tracey McPherson, Meghan Tydd-Hrynyk,

OTHERS PRESENT

Evelyn Bush, Jason Brown, Joe Carapella, Jacob Damstra (Lerners LLP), Sue Farquharson, Chris Gibbons, Nicholas Krygsman, Gary McLean, Marvin Mills, Richard Peever, Jeff Risdon (Lerners LLP), Philip Sceviour, Glenn Sheppard, Dave Tilford, Wendy Tilford, Rachael Van Diepen

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Doug Cook called the virtual Hearing pursuant to Ontario Regulation 147/06, to order at 10:07 a.m. for consideration of Permit Application #2021-10 A-E. The chair welcomed the applicants and other attendees.

Chair Cook stated the procedures for conducting the Hearing and asked Meghan Tydd-Hrynyk, Planning and Regulations Officer, to provide details on the application.

Geoff Cade, Manager of Water and Planning, requested through the Chair to make an initial comment and recommendation. He reported that the initial engineering report for these applications was submitted to the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA) on December 18, 2020. It was on the basis of this report that the application was reviewed. However, on April 26, 2021, staff received an addendum to the report, and as such have not had sufficient time to review it. Mr. Cade noted that staff can proceed with the Hearing on the basis of the earlier report, but if the Board Members would

like the Hearing based on the new report, it is recommended that this Hearing be adjourned until staff have had time to review the report.

A motion was put forward by Ray Chartrand to adjourn the Hearing and let staff investigate the report further.

Mr. Jacob Damstra, representative for the applicants, requested through the Chair to respond to the request to adjourn, stating that it was not necessary. However, as a motion had been brought forward, the Chair did not feel it appropriate to continue while the motion was on the table. Marissa Vaughan requested that a date be established for the Hearing, and staff agreed that the Hearing could occur during the May 20, 2021 Board of Directors meeting.

MOTION #BD 52/21

**Moved by Raymond Chartrand
Seconded by Mike Tam**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Hearing for Application #2021-10 A-E be adjourned until May 20, 2021 to allow staff time to review the report submitted on April 26, 2021.”

Carried.

HEARING

**Pursuant to Ontario Regulation 147/06
(Development, interference with Wetlands and Alteration to Shorelines and Watercourses)
Application #2021-39**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Doug Cook called the second virtual Hearing pursuant to Ontario Regulation 147/06, to order at 10:25 a.m. for consideration of Permit Application #2021-39. The chair welcomed the applicants and other attendees.

Chair Cook stated the procedures for conducting the Hearing and asked Meghan Tydd-Hrynyk, Planning and Regulations Officer, to provide details on the application.

Ms. Tydd-Hrynyk advised that the application in question was put forward by the Kingsmere Syndicate. The application is for three properties on Kingsmere Drive (numbers 17, 19 and 21), as well as part of a common property, which provides beach access to the Syndicate. The applicants would like to install shoreline protection to help prevent further erosion to their properties along the shoreline.

The design drawing for the new protection was received by staff on March 19, 2021. The drawing showed the planned revetment, which would be installed on an angle with approximately five feet being buried. The Shoreline Management Plan shows this area as a cohesive bluff; however, it is in a transition zone, and therefore can be recognized and treated as dynamic beach area. Ms. Tydd-Hrynyk noted that new shoreline protection is approved to protect the primary dwelling. The primary

dwelling in in this application are not at imminent risk. However, the application does meet the other criteria of being located landward of the 15 meter uprush. The Kingsmere Syndicate also retained a coastal engineer, Ecosystem Recovery and Dillon Consulting, to design the protection. ABCA staff recommend that this application be denied, as the current wording for the policy for new shoreline protection in dynamic beach areas would not support it.

Several Board of Directors Members had several questions for clarification. Marissa Vaughan asked staff why they would review this area as dynamic beach area if the Shoreline Management Plan noted it as cohesive bluff. Geoff Cade, responded that the mapping for the Shoreline Management Plan was done at a very high level, but that this areas of the shoreline has always been deemed to be more like dynamic beach area from orthophotography and oblique photos. Staff are being consistent with shoreline applications in treating everything south of the Water Treatment Plant at Port Blake as dynamic beach. Ray Chartrand wanted clarification that this application met all of the criteria except for protecting the primary dwelling, and noted that this was the policy that staff had proposed to change. Dave Jewitt also asked if the houses were too far from the shoreline to be considered at imminent risk, according to the current shoreline policy. Ms. Tydd-Hrynyk answered that both were correct, and that due to the houses distance from the shoreline the application did not meet the criteria for shoreline protection with the current policy wording.

The Chair asked Philip Sceviour to present as representative for the applicant. Mr. Sceviour first noted that remediation work had taken place at the nearby water treatment plant, as well as to the north, and were holding up well. He reported that the Kingsmere Syndicate was formed in 1941 and consists of 23 properties. They share the roadways, beach, park and other common areas, but own their own lands. Turnbull Drain is directly to the north.

Mr. Sceviour reported that there has been extensive damage to the bank over the past year. Two of the three properties in question have septic systems that are located between the house and the bank, and one property has the house closer to the bank. The property owners have engaged a coastal engineer to understand the risk associated with the erosional area and potential shoreline protection. They have also been engaged with ABCA staff to understand their role in regulating shoreline areas. They spoke with all members of the Syndicate and have consensus to move forward. In designing the protection, the applicants have tried to make the design criteria consistent and have looked at the impact it may have on adjacent properties. The goal is to protect the properties from further erosion and to safeguard critical infrastructure, and would like to request an exemption from the current policy to allow protection to be put in place.

Several Board of Directors Members had questions for clarification. George Irvin asked if the residences were full time or seasonal. Mr. Sceviour clarified that the two outer residences were full time, and the middle residence was seasonal. Dave Jewitt asked if the existing stairs in the middle would be impacted. It was determined that they would need to be removed, but would work to preserve the common area stairs. Doug Cook asked about the 200 foot length of the revetment, and if it could cause issues downstream. Mr. Sceviour replied that it was recommended by the engineer, and while there is always a risk of downstream impacts, he believed it was a more robust design. Finally, Marissa Vaughan asked if erosion was also being caused by the Turnbull Drain outlet. Staff noted that there could be some impact, although this observation was anecdotal; however, it is unlikely that it is impacting this situation. Mr. Cade further explained that stream outlets do tend to shift, and as such they try to install shoreline protection that will also assist with any outlet erosion.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**MOTION #BD 53/21****Moved by Dave Jewitt
Seconded by George Irvin**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors go into Committee of the Whole at 11:06 a.m. to discuss the information presented at the Hearing, with Brian Horner, Abbie Gutteridge, and Tracey McPherson remaining in attendance.”

Carried.**MOTION #BD 54/21****Moved by Mike Tam
Seconded by George Irvin**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report at 11:18 a.m.

Carried.

Those in attendance at the Hearing were invited back into the Zoom meeting and the Chair asked the Board for a decision.

MOTION #BD 55/21**Moved by Ray Chartrand
Seconded by George Irvin**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Board of Directors not support the staff recommendation and approve Application for Permission #2021-24 pursuant to Ontario Regulation 147/06 *Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alteration to Shorelines or Watercourses* in this dynamic beach area.”

Carried.ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Doug Cook
Chair

Abigail Gutteridge
Corporate Services Coordinator

*Copies of program reports are available upon request.
Contact Abigail Gutteridge, Corporate Services Coordinator*

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, May 20, 2021

Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Boardroom
Morrison Dam Conservation Area

VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Ray Chartrand, Doug Cook, Adrian Cornelissen, Bob Harvey, George Irvin, Dave Jewitt, Mike Tam, Marissa Vaughan, Alex Westman

STAFF PRESENT

Geoff Cade, Abbie Gutteridge, Brian Horner, Daniel King, Mary Lynn MacDonald, Tracey McPherson, Kate Monk, Sharon Pavkeje, Nathan Schoelier, Meghan Tydd-Hrynyk

OTHERS PRESENT

Jonathan Graham, *Municipality of North Middlesex*
Adam Skillen, *Skillen Investment Management*

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Doug Cook called the virtual meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION #BD 56/21

**Moved George Irvin
Seconded by Mike Tam**

“RESOLVED, THAT the agenda for the May 20, 2021 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

Chair Cook noted that this meeting was being recorded on Zoom for temporary posting online.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES**MOTION #BD 57/21****Moved by Bob Harvey
Seconded by Ray Chartrand**

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on April 15, 2021 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”

Carried.

BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTESShoreline Protection Policy, Dynamic Beach Areas

Geoff Cade, Manager of Water & Planning, presented an update on the proposed Shoreline Protection Policy for Dynamic Beach Areas. The intent of the proposed change would be to allow some shoreline protection even where it does not meet the current criteria of the primary structure being in imminent danger. The results of the public engagement for the proposed revisions were presented to the Board of Directors at the March 18, 2021 meeting; however, the Board postponed consideration of the matter to allow the ABCA further time to liaise with concerned parties.

The ABCA’s solicitor had discussions with the individual representing many landowners in the dynamic beach area and some progress toward a consensus was made. However, the ABCA’s solicitor and staff believe that, while the process was productive, greater consensus would not be gained by further discussion. The two parties were not able to reach consensus on the definition of maintenance, as well as the statement regarding including a peer review by a Coastal Engineer.

The wording of the proposed change that was presented in March required that accessory structures interfering with the installation of the protection were to be removed or relocated. The current proposed wording was revised to relocation only. Staff recommends that the Board approves for immediate implementation the proposed revised Development Guidelines for Shore Protection Structures as attached, and that any existing applications that were received prior to May 20, 2021 be reviewed under the new policy.

Marissa Vaughan noted that it would still be appropriate to look at applications on a site specific basis. Geoff agreed that this is how staff approach the applications, and that this policy revision would assist staff in helping applications get to a position where staff can approve the permit.

MOTION #BD 58/21**Moved by Ray Chartrand
Seconded by Mike Tam**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors approves for immediate implementation the proposed revised Development Guidelines for Shore Protection Structures as it is shown by Figure 1 in the attached document, and

“FURTHER, THAT any existing applications which may have been received prior to May 20, 2021 be reviewed under the new policy.”

Carried.

PROGRAM REPORTS

1. (a) Development Review

Meghan Tydd-Hrynyk, Planning & 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 30 *Applications for Permission* and 20 *Minor Works Applications*.

(b) Violations/Appeals Update

Daniel King, Regulations Coordinator, advised that staff are still working on a number of violations, including some that are before the courts. At present some settlements are being discussed, and staff hope to have more information at a later date.

MOTION #BD 59/21

**Moved by George Irvin
Seconded by Marissa Vaughan**

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

Carried.

2. Application Submission Requirements, Ontario Reg. 147/06

Geoff Cade provided a report on criteria requirements and process for processing applications under Ontario Regulation 147/06 *Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses*. While staff do their best to work with applicants to secure needed information to support an application, they often receive sporadic submissions, sometimes with days or weeks following the submission of the application form. This leads to incomplete applications, increased review time, misunderstandings and complaints. In September 2018, the Board of Directors approved an application checklist and fact sheet for applicants to use when submitting an application. However, staff rarely receive the requested information. Staff would like to request permission from the Board to prepare a report with recommendations for additional applications checklists and a policy governing the receipt of incomplete applications for permissions under Ontario Regulation 147/06.

MOTION #BD 60/21

**Moved by Dave Jewitt
Seconded by George Irvin**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors directs staff to return with a report with recommendations for application fact sheets, check lists, and a possible protocol with respect to incomplete applications.”

Carried.

3. 2021 Stewardship Projects Summary and 2022 Stewardship Projects Update

Nathan Schoelier, Stewardship Technician, presented two reports to the Board of Directors. The first report was a summary for the 2020-2021 projects funded by the Canada Nature Fund (CNF) and EcoAction. Funds approved for projects this year funding year from CNF was \$72,124, which helped fund 53 projects. EcoAction approved \$17,123 for nine projects under the Investing in Lake Huron funding stream and \$5000 for one project under the Urban and Rural Stormwater Improvements for Lake Huron funding stream.

The second report outlined funding available through CNF and EcoAction for the 2021-2022 year. To date, one project has been approved by staff for CNF funding.

MOTION #BD 61/21

**Moved by Ray Chartrand
Seconded by Adrian Cornelissen**

“RESOLVED, THAT the reports on Stewardship project funding be received as presented.”

Carried.

4. Mystery Falls Management Area

Kate Monk, Stewardship, Lands and Education Manager, presented a report on some of the challenges with the Mystery Falls Management Area, located at 176 Elm Tree Drive in the Municipality of North Middlesex. Jonathan Graham, CAO for North Middlesex joined the meeting. This 130 acre property is one of several forested properties owned by the ABCA in the Ausable Gorge and is a provincially-significant Area of Natural and Scientific Interest. The trail system has become very popular in the past few years, and especially in the last year due to the pandemic. The hilly, forested area is owned by the ABCA, while the land surrounding the area is farmed.

There is a small parking area at Mystery Falls, which allows for approximately 10 vehicles. However, due to increased popularity of this site, visitors have been parking along Elm Tree Drive, which has sometimes blocked the roadway to the extent that farm implements cannot pass. It would be possible to increase the parking to this Management Area, from conservation area generated funds. However, as an immediate solution, this location has been removed from local trail organization and provincial websites. Staff would also like to work on additional signage for the area to direct visitors away from privately owned lands.

The Municipality of North Middlesex has asked the ABCA to close Mystery Falls to visitors. At present ABCA has a community police officer assigned to this issue, and the Municipal Enforcement Unit (MEU) employed by the ABCA has been out regularly to the site on weekends. Both Kate and Mr. Graham expressed the benefits of having a meeting with all stakeholders involved in this issue to try to come to a solution that is beneficial to all.

Mr. Graham noted that municipal staff have been doing traffic counts to the site, and typically see 25-50 vehicles on a weekday, and 70-90 vehicles on weekend days. He noted that there is no winter maintenance on this road. When asked if it would be possible for the municipality to do some roadwork to increase the road width, he noted that it would be a very costly endeavor for the municipality.

A number of other issues have arisen with this management area, including increased usage by ATVs. The ABCA does not allow ATVs on any of its lands, including the Mystery Falls Management Area. The MEU has spoken to a number of ATV drivers using this property. Hikers have also reported hearing gunshots in the area. This issue requires further investigation. Hunting is permitted in this management area, but is it not typically used by hunters.

Adrian Cornelissen thanked Kate for this report, and agreed that a stakeholder meeting would be a good next step. As an interim measure, Adrian proposed installing a temporary washroom facility at the site to accommodate the increased visitors.

MOTION #BD 62/21

**Moved by Adrian Cornelissen
Seconded by Alex Westman**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors for the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority directs ABCA staff to install a temporary washroom facility at Mystery Falls Management Area as an interim measure.”

Carried.

5. Conservation Authority Act Changes – Administrative By-law Amendments

Brian Horner, General Manager and Secretary-Treasurer, presented a report outlining several changes that will need to be made to the ABCA Administrative Regulations. Three actions to demonstrate conservation authorities' commitment to governance accountability and transparency were recently endorsed in the Governance and Accountability and Transparency Initiative, led by a Steering Committee of conservation authority CAOs/GMs. These actions include updating CA Administrative By-laws in fulfillment of legislative amendments to the Conservation Authorities Act being proclaimed over the course of 2021, proactively reporting on governance accountability and transparency priorities, and demonstration results and ensuring governance material is easily accessible to the public on CA websites. It is recommended that the ABCA adopt a resolution in accordance with that of Conservation Ontario to fulfill these actions. In addition, several changes are required under the Powers of Authorities section of the ABCA Administrative Regulations to be consistent with changes to the Conservation Authorities Act. These changes are outlined in the attached report.

MOTION #BD 63/21

**Moved by Ray Chartrand
Seconded by Adrian Cornelissen**

“WHEREAS the provincial government has passed legislative amendments related to the governance of Conservation Authorities;

“AND WHEREAS the Conservation Authorities remain committed to fulfilling accountable and transparent governance;

“THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority endorse the three key actions developed by the Conservation Ontario Steering Committee to update CA Administrative By-laws, to report proactively on priorities, and to promote/demonstrate results;

“AND, THAT staff be directed to work with Conservation Ontario to implement these actions and to identify additional improvements and best management practices, and

“FURTHER, THAT changes to the Administration Regulations wording, under Powers of Authorities section be approved as presented.”

Carried.

Chair Doug Cook recommended pausing the regular Board of Directors meeting, to begin a scheduled hearing, noting that the Board Meeting would resume following the hearing.

MOTION #BD 64/21

**Moved by Marissa Vaughan
Seconded by Alex Westman**

“RESOLVED, THAT the May 20, 2021 Board of Directors meeting be paused at 10:55 a.m. to begin a scheduled Hearing, and will resume following the conclusion of the Hearing.”

Carried.

The Board of Directors Meeting resumed at 11:42 a.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MOTION #BD 68/21

**Moved by Alex Westman
Seconded by Marissa Vaughan**

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Source Protection Committee meeting held on March 24, 2021 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”

Carried.

MOTION #BD 69/21

**Moved by Doug Cook
Seconded by Alex Westman**

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Arkona Lions Museum Management Committee meeting held on March 29, 2021 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”

Carried.

MOTION #BD 70/21

**Moved by Ray Chartrand
Seconded by Adrian Cornelissen**

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation meeting held on March 30, 2021 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”

Carried.

MOTION #BD 71/21

**Moved by George Irvin
Seconded by Dave Jewitt**

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Friends of the South Huron Trail meeting held May 3, 2021 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”

Carried.

Chair Doug Cook noted that due to the hearing, the presentation from Adam Skillen that was to go ahead will be rescheduled for the next Board of Directors meeting.

CORRESPONDANCE

Reference: Notice of Termination – Exeter Gauge Management Agreement – 1989

File: A.5.5

Brief: The Municipality of South Huron has provided formal notice of the termination of the Exeter Gauge Management Agreement that was established in 1989.

Reference: MECP Regulatory Proposal Consultation Guide

File: A.7

Brief: This guidance document from Minister Yurek describes the mandatory and non-mandatory programs of conservation authorities in Ontario, as well as governance and oversight of conservation authorities. It lays out a number of requirements including an inventory of programs, as well as the requirement to establish an advisory board.

NEW BUSINESS

Brian Horner asked the Directors is they would consider beginning Board Meetings that include a Hearing at 9:30 a.m. to provide more time for regular Board Reports. All board members were amenable to that consideration.

He also noted that staff would still like to have the ABCA solicitor come to provide information on Hearings held by the Board of Directors. In relation to this, several Board members noted that they would like to receive information ahead of Hearings. This is something that can also be addressed when the solicitor provides further information to the Directors.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

HEARING
Pursuant to Ontario Regulation 147/06
(Development, interference with Wetlands and Alteration to Shorelines and Watercourses)

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Ray Chartrand, Doug Cook, Adrian Cornelissen, Bob Harvey, George Irvin, Dave Jewitt, Mike Tam, Marissa Vaughan, Alex Westman

STAFF PRESENT

Geoff Cade, Abbie Gutteridge, Brian Horner, Daniel King, Mary Lynn MacDonald, Tracey McPherson, Sharon Pavkeje, Meghan Tydd-Hrynyk, Mari Veliz, Ross Wilson

OTHERS PRESENT

Jason Brown, Marvin Mills, Leslie Myers, Peter Myers, Sal Pacifico, Richard Peever, Jacqueline Sheppard, Richard Sheppard

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Doug Cook called the virtual Hearing pursuant to Ontario Regulation 147/06, to order at 10:59 a.m. for consideration of Permit Application #2021-41. The chair welcomed the applicant and other attendees.

George Irvin declared a conflict of interest, as he was aware of this project and recused himself from the proceedings.

Chair Cook stated the procedures for conducting the Hearing and asked Meghan Tydd-Hrynyk, Planning and Regulations Officer, to provide details on the application.

Ms. Tydd-Hrynyk advised that the subject property was located at 71803 Sunview Avenue, south of Hendriks Road. The ABCA regulates the entire property due to its location on the shoreline and by a nearby ravine.

In 2010, when this property belonged to a different land owner, work began on the upper bank wall without a permit. This work was completed in 2011. The previous landowner also installed an armor stone wall at the toe of the bluff. By 2020 the armor stone was in failure due to high lake levels and several intense storms in 2019. In December of 2020, new steel shore protection was installed; however, the upper wall had slid halfway down the bank.

The current property owner has submitted a design that includes three tiers of land. This design will require significant alteration to the bank and soil movement. Staff are uncertain of how this design can be accomplished, and question the safety of construction. A former geotechnical report for this property that was completed in 2010 noted that the stable slope line was at the patio of the house. Staff have asked the applicant to submit a new geotechnical report to support the design, as they are uncertain of what the change to the bank will have on slop stability, or on neighbouring properties for stability and safety. Without this supporting report, the application is not complete and staff ask that the application be denied.

The Chair asked Sal Pacifico to present as the applicant. Mr. Pacifico reported that the list of requirements needed for the application seems long and questioned if the former owner had to go through these requirements considering the failure of the armor stone shoreline protection. He noted that his contractor told him that steel walls have never failed. Mr. Pacifico noted that the armor stone wall at the toe of the bank failed in 2019, and noted that it should not have been approved. He reported that there has been approximately 30 feet of erosion since the stone wall failed. Mr. Pacifico believes that the bank will be stable as long as the toe of the slope does not erode. He said that the terraced design consists of 6 feet high walls, and terraces that are 12 feet in depth. Mr. Pacifico said that he has not been able to find an engineer to do a geotechnical report for the property.

Mr. Cade addressed the concerns of the applicant by noting that the ABCA does not stipulate the form of the shoreline protection (*e.g.* steel walls, armor stone, etc.). He also noted that there are many examples of steel walls that have also failed as shoreline protection. Mr. Cade reminded the applicant and the Board that this Hearing was regarding the current design application, and not about the toe erosion or protection that was installed on the property in the past.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOTION #BD 65/21

**Moved by Ray Chartrand
Seconded by Dave Jewitt**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors go into Committee of the Whole at 11:27 a.m. to discuss the information presented at the Hearing, with Brian Horner, Abbie Gutteridge, and Tracey McPherson remaining in attendance.”

Carried.

MOTION #BD 66/21

**Moved by Mike Tam
Seconded by Alex Westman**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report at 10:38 a.m.

Carried.

Those in attendance at the Hearing were invited back into the Zoom meeting and the Chair asked the Board for a decision.

MOTION #BD 67/21

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

“RESOLVED, THAT the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Board of Directors support the staff recommendation as presented that Application for Permission #2021-24 pursuant to Ontario Regulation 147/06 *Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alteration to Shorelines or Watercourses* be denied, as it does not meet ABCA policies and guidelines.”

Carried.

The Hearing was adjourned at 11:41 a.m. and the regular Board of Directors meeting resumed.

Doug Cook
Chair

Abigail Gutteridge
Corporate Services Coordinator

*Copies of program reports are available upon request.
Contact Abigail Gutteridge, Corporate Services Coordinator*

DRAFT

ABCA Program Report

To: Board of Directors
Date: June 17, 2021
From: Meghan Tydd-Hrynyk, Planning & Regulations Officer
Subject: Development Review Ontario Regulation 147/06
- Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alteration to
Shorelines and Watercourses

Applications for Permission

The following *Applications for Permission* have been submitted to our Authority for permission to construct works within areas regulated by our Authority.

* A Coastal Assessment was required as part of the application

- (1) Linda Marinigh (#2021-49) - Municipality of Bluewater (former Township of Stanley) - permission to reconstruct a dwelling and install new septic system was granted by Authority Staff on May 10, 2021.
Completed Application Received: April 28, 2021
- (2) Landa Wilson (#2021-50) - Municipality of Lambton Shores (former Township of Bosanquet) - permission to raise existing house and associated work in a regulated area was granted by Authority Staff on May 11, 2021.
Completed Application Received: April 18, 2021
- (3) Frank Kornacker (#2021-45) - Municipality of Lambton Shores (former Township of Bosanquet) - permission to construct a garage in a regulated area was granted by Authority Staff on May 11, 2021.
Completed Application Received: May 5, 2021
- (4) John & Lee Benko (#2021-12) - Municipality of Lambton Shores (former Township of Bosanquet) - permission to construct a new dwelling, shed and associated work in a regulated area was granted by Authority Staff on May 14, 2021.
Completed Application Received: May 4, 2021
- (5) *Robert & Lynne McRoberts (#2021-11) - Municipality of Central Huron (former Township of Goderich) - permission to install new armour stone shore protection was granted by Authority Staff on May 17, 2021.
Completed Application Received: February 2, 2021
- (6) George Gillies (#2021-54) - Municipality of Bluewater (former Township of Hay) - permission to install new armour stone shore protection was granted by Authority Staff on May 17, 2021.

Completed Application Received: January 25, 2021

- (7) Municipality of Huron East (#2021-53) - Municipality of Huron East (former Township of Tuckersmith) - permission to enclose a drain was granted by Authority Staff on May 19, 2021.
Completed Application Received: May 11, 2021
- (8) Municipality of North Middlesex (#2021-59) - Municipality of North Middlesex (former Township of West Williams) - permission to enclose a drain was granted by Authority Staff on May 19, 2021.
Completed Application Received: April 14, 2021
- (9) *Shawn Fink (#2021-58) - Municipality of Central Huron (former Township of Goderich) - permission to install new armour stone shore protection was granted by Authority Staff on May 21, 2021.
Completed Application Received: May 21, 2021
- (10) *Linda & Andrew Charabin (#2021-44) - Municipality of Lambton Shores (former Township of Bosanquet) - permission to install new armour stone shore protection was granted by Authority Staff on May 25, 2021.
Completed Application Received: October 10, 2020
- (11) Phil & Janet Shuh (#2021-62) - Municipality of Bluewater (former Township of Stanley) - permission to construct an addition to an existing dwelling in a regulated area was granted by Authority Staff on May 25, 2021.
Completed Application Received: April 29, 2021
- (12) Melissa Hendriks (#2021-60) - Municipality of Lambton Shores (former Township of Bosanquet) - permission to construct a pavilion in a regulated area was granted by Authority Staff on May 27, 2021.
Completed Application Received: May 12, 2021
- (13) Len Troiano (#2021-63) - Municipality of Lucan Biddulph (former Township of Biddulph) - permission to construct a garage in a regulated area was granted by Authority Staff on May 27, 2021.
Completed Application Received: May 17, 2021
- (14) Paula Tutman Menifee & Johnny Menifee (#2021-61) - Municipality of Bluewater (former Township of Hay) - permission to undertake interior renovations and addition in a regulated area was granted by Authority Staff on May 27, 2021.
Completed Application Received: May 19, 2021

- (15) Paul Shapton (#2021-66) - Municipality of Bluewater (former Township of Hay) - permission to replace a septic system in a regulated area was granted by Authority Staff on June 3, 2021.
Completed Application Received: May 13, 2021

Minor Works Permits

- (1) Seven Winds Marina c/o Gary Hubley (MW#2021-41) - Municipality of Lambton Shores (former township of Bosanquet) - permission to dredge marina was granted by Authority Staff on May 10, 2021.
Completed Application Received: April 21, 2021
- (2) Southcott Pines Park Association c/o Sandra Linsdell (MW#2021-43) - Municipality of Lambton Shores (former Township of Bosanquet) - permission to extend new armour stone shore protection was granted by Authority Staff on May 17, 2021.
Completed Application Received: April 8, 2021
- (3) Merner Contracting (MW#2021-44) - Municipality of Bluewater (former Township of Stanley) - permission install a new septic system in a regulated area was granted by Authority Staff on May 19, 2021.
Completed Application Received: May 14, 2021
- (4) Merner Contracting (MW#2021-46) - Municipality of Bluewater (former Township of Hay) - permission install a new septic system in a regulated area was granted by Authority Staff on May 19, 2021.
Completed Application Received: May 18, 2021
- (5) Marlene Marshall (MW#2021-51) - Municipality of Lucan Biddulph (former Township of Biddulph) - permission undertake wetland restoration in a regulated area was granted by Authority Staff on May 25, 2021.
Completed Application Received: May 21, 2021
- (6) Ana Martinez & Douglas Michael (MW#2021-47) - Municipality of Bluewater (former Township of Stanley) - permission to replenish armour stone shore protection was granted by Authority Staff on May 25, 2021.
Completed Application Received: May 8, 2021
- (7) Dolly Goyette (MW#2021-48) - Municipality of Bluewater (former Township of Stanley) - permission to replenish armour stone shore protection was granted by Authority Staff on May 25, 2021.
Completed Application Received: May 8, 2021

- (8) Brad Boere (MW#2021-50) - Municipality of Bluewater (former Township of Stanley) - permission to construct a new deck in a regulated area was granted by Authority Staff on May 28, 2021.
Completed Application Received: May 24, 2021
- (9) Teresa Gubula (MW#2021-49) - Municipality of Bluewater (former Township of Hay) - permission to reconstruct a deck and new patio area in a regulated area was granted by Authority Staff on May 28, 2021.
Completed Application Received: May 27, 2021
- (10) Ron Moore (MW#2021-52) - Municipality of Bluewater (former Township of Stanley) - permission to replace trailer in a regulated area was granted by Authority Staff on May 28, 2021.
Completed Application Received: May 4, 2021
- (11) White Squirrel (MW#2021-53) - Municipality of Bluewater (former Township of Hay) - permission to directionally drill under a regulated watercourse was granted by Authority Staff on May 28, 2021.
Completed Application Received: May 19, 2021

ABCA Program Report

To: Board of Directors
From: Nathan Schoelier, Stewardship Technician
Angela Van Niekerk, Wetland Specialist
Re: Canada Nature Fund Projects
Restoration and mitigation for Ausable River Species at Risk (SAR) in Ontario
Date: June 17, 2021

Background

The draft Ausable River Recovery Action Plan (2018) has reconfirmed that the two main threats to aquatic species at risk (SAR) in the Ausable River are nutrient enrichment and sediment deposition. The primary goal of this multi-year project is to improve aquatic habitat in the Ausable River for SAR freshwater mussels and fishes.

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) is providing \$213,000 in funding for the 2021-2022 project year. Stewardship activities will include: working with watershed residents for up to five wetland restorations; up to 17 tree planting sites; up to 12,000 acres of cover crops; and up to five sediment and nutrient reduction activities (fencing out livestock and WASCOBS). As well as monitoring SAR fish and the SAR mussel fish hosts at six long term index stations and education and outreach in the Ausable River watersheds.

Funding rate is 50% of project costs. However where projects meet the eligibility requirements of both programs the federal and provincial funding can be stacked to recover up to 100% of project costs.

The following are the project categories and grant ceilings per project.

Project type	Grant rate	Maximum grant per person
Fragile Land Retirement	50%	\$4,000
Wetland Restoration	50%	\$5,000
Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Activities	50%	\$5,000
Cover Crops	\$15/acre	\$1,500

Applications for funding: WETLAND RESTORATION

The following applications for funding have been received and approved by ABCA staff.

CANADA NATURE FUND				
File #	Name	Location	Details	Grant
AB-	Griffths	Lot 18, Con 10, Lobo	Retired 1.2 acre field at edge of PSW Duncrief Wetland.	\$1,500 CNF

			Create a 0.3 acre wetland within field and next spring plant native pollinator or tall grass around the wetland.	Matched with ALUS, DUC, Landowner.
AB-	Strapp	Lot 30, Con 15, London	Create a 0.4 acre wetland within semi-retired 1.6 acre field next to floodplain of Nairn Creek.	\$3,000 CNF Matched with ALUS, DUC, Landowner.
AB-	Popovic	Lot 11, Con 5, Stephen	Create 0.43 acre wetland within retired floodplain field to provide longer water storage on the land and to help filter nutrients and sediment.	\$2,000 CNF Matched with ALUS, DUC, Landowner.

Total Canada Nature Fund: \$6,500.00 of \$18,200 approved (Fisheries and Oceans Canada)

Applications for funding: SEDIMENT AND NUTRIENT REDUCTION ACTIVITES

The following applications for funding have been received and approved by ABCA staff.

CANADA NATURE FUND				
File #	Name	Location	Details	Grant
AB-3017	Leeholme Cattle Co.	Concession 10, Lots 11, East Williams, North Middlesex Upper Ausable sub-watershed.	Installation of a WASCoB to allow for proper sediment and nutrient reduction. Designed by an OMAFRA Certified Erosion Control Contractor.	\$2275 CNF \$2275 in remaining funds to be covered by the landowner

Total Canada Nature Fund: \$7275 of \$19,000 approved (Fisheries and Oceans Canada)

Applications for funding: FRAGILE LAND RETIREMENT

The following applications for funding have been received and approved by ABCA staff.

CANADA NATURE FUND				
File #	Name	Location	Details	Grant
<i>No projects to be approved at this meeting</i>				

Total Canada Nature Fund: \$0.00 of \$46,000 approved (Fisheries and Oceans Canada)

Applications for funding: COVER CROPS

The following applications for funding have been received and approved by ABCA staff.

Applications for funding: WETLAND RESTORATION & BIORETENTION

The following applications for funding have been received and approved by ABCA staff.

ECOACTION PROGRAM				
File #	Name	Location	Details	Grant
AB-	Rempel	Lot 6 & 7, Con 20, West Williams	Create 0.2 acre wetland in a wet grassy area. The wetland will capture water and provide water storage.	\$1,500 EcoAction Matched with DUC, and Landowner

Total EcoAction Fund for April 2021 to June 2021: \$1,500.00 of \$18,226 (Environment and Climate Change Canada)

Applications for funding: FRAGILE LAND RETIREMENT

The following applications for funding have been received and approved by ABCA staff.

EcoACTION				
File #	Name	Location	Details	Grant

Total EcoAction Fund for April 2021 to June 2021: \$0.00 of \$13,550 (Environment and Climate Change Canada)

ABCA Program Report

To: Board of Directors
Date: June 17, 2021
From: Brian Horner, General Manager/Secretary Treasurer
Subject: Conservation Authorities Act Phase 1 Consultation Guide

45 Day posting on ERO – comments due by June 27th

- Conservation Ontario is preparing a collective comments letter
- Each CA can prepare and submit their own letters
- MECP webinar held with Conservation Authorities on May 26th, other parties May 27th and June 1st

Three Sections

- 1. Programs and Services Delivered by CA's**
- 2. Governance and Oversight of CA's**
- 3. Other Regulatory Matters**

Transition period extended to January 1, 2023 (Extensions can be asked for)

Section 1 – Programs and Services

A) Natural Hazards

- Section 28 Permitting
- Plan Input and Review
- Flood Forecasting and Warning
- Operation and Maintenance of flood/erosion infrastructure
- Ice Management Services
- Low Water program
- Collection/management of hazard information (ie hazard maps, reports, streamflow etc.)
- Communication/public awareness/education of risk of natural hazards

B) Management of Conservation Authority Land

- Administration of Section 29 Minister's Regulation of "Conservation Areas" or land owned by CA

Management & Maintenance related to

- Protecting natural heritage in accordance with approved Management Plan
- Protecting and conserving provincially significant conservation lands and natural heritage features as appropriate
- Monitoring and enforcement actions
- Identification, mapping and assessments to determine maintenance and repair needs

C) Source Water Protection

- Administration of Source Protection Committee
- Preparing amendments to Assessment Report and Source Protection Plan
- Implementing Source Protection Policies
- Tracking and reporting on progress of Source Protection Plans
- Maintaining and providing access to SWP data and information

D) Lake Simcoe Protection Act – does not apply to ABCA

E) Other Act Prescribed by Regulation – does not apply to ABCA

F) Programs and Service Prescribed in Regulation

- Must be prescribed in regulation within one year after the end of transition period

Programs and services to be prescribed

- Core Watershed-based Resource Management Strategy (Developed by each CA)
- Provincial Water Quality and Quantity Monitoring (Groundwater and Water Quality Monitoring Networks)

1. Programs and Services requested by Municipality (Non-Mandatory)

- Example if ABCA providing planning service on Natural Heritage, etc. to a municipality a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or other agreement must be in place.

2. Programs that the Conservation Authority deems advisable

- Example programs environmental education, stewardship programs, recreation in Conservation Areas – Now would need an MOU if using Levy

If Municipal Levy is required an MOU must be in place with each Member Municipality

- Set out the amount
- Specifies the termination date of the Agreement
- Includes provisions to terminating Agreement
- Must be provided to public on-line

Section 2 Governance and Oversight

Regulation to Require “Community Advisory Boards”

Government will outline specific functions and activities of the Community Advisory Board, scoped to the authority’s needs, at minimum enable members to:

- Provide advice and recommendations to the authority’s strategic priorities and associated policies, programs and services
- Discuss opportunities to co-ordinate with other environmental initiatives in the authority’s jurisdiction
- Identify opportunities for community engagement

- Suggest potential community outreach opportunities
- Carry out any other function as identified in the Terms of Reference

Government will prescribe the following related to accountability

- Reporting mechanisms and accountability of the community advisory board to the authority
- Must post minutes and Terms of Reference on website
- Ensuring consistent attendance, codes of conduct, etc.
- Establishing processes for member renewal

Section 3 - Other Regulatory Matters

Section 29 Minister’s Regulation – The Minister plans to consolidate the current individual authority Section 29 “Conservation Areas” regulations regarding activities on lands owned by conservation authorities into one regulation.

Summary of Required Actions to be completed by all CA’s

- Must develop a Strategy for all conservation authority owned or controlled lands
- Land Acquisition and Disposition Strategy
- Develop a Land Management Plan for each property owned or controlled by the authority
- Create an inventory of all programs and services by December 31, 2021
- Develop a Transition Plan
- Develop a core Watershed-Based Resource Management Strategy
- Enter into agreements for municipal funding for non-mandatory programs and services that require municipal levy by January 1, 2023
- Oversee the formation and operation of a Public Advisory Board

Concerns/Issues

Capacity of staff to complete all required actions

- Time required to administer additional “Board”
- Creation of all strategies/plans
- Creation of MOU/Execute/administer/renew etc.

Cost to complete required actions

On-going additional **costs**

- Community Advisory Board costs (per diems, meetings costs etc., levy?)
- Legal costs to review MOU’s

Community Advisory Board

- Composition, mandate, expertise and knowledge, accountability, duplication of efforts of board of directors appointed by municipalities
- Consequences of CA Board of Directors not accepting recommendation of Community Advisory Board

Recreation services as non-mandatory

- Significant amount of citizens rely on conservation lands for exercise, nature appreciation and over-all wellbeing
- Recreation facilities such as trails, boardwalks, bridges signage and washrooms are needed to protect the natural environment and visitors but are deemed as non-mandatory
- Potential issues if a member municipality does not want to pay for the non-mandatory levy

Education programs

- Schools have students from more than one municipality. Concern for program delivery if a municipality does not pay a levy and teachers request programs.
- Potential issues if one municipality does not want to pay for the non-mandatory levy.

Recommendation

Staff prepare submission to the ERO on behalf of the Board to address concerns raised.

ABCA Program Report

To: Board of Directors
Date: June 17, 2021
From: Abigail Gutteridge, Corporate Services Coordinator
Subject: ABCA 75th Anniversary Update

On July 30, 2021, the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority will be celebrating 75 years of protecting life, water, soil and habitat for all living things. On July 30, 1946, the Ausable River Conservation Authority became the first conservation authority established in Ontario. In 1972, the Bayfield River and small gullies flowing directly into Lake Huron were added, and we became the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority.

While it is a challenge to celebrate an anniversary during a pandemic, staff are planning ways to recognize our 75 years of working with the community. A planning committee was formed early in the year. A video, narrated by ABCA Board of Directors Chair Doug Cook was released in April to start our celebration.

The planning committee is working on several other ways to recognize this important anniversary. Staff will be highlighting the excellent work that has been done in partnership with our local communities and municipalities. We are aiming to recognize at least one project that has happened in each of our twelve member municipalities.

In addition, there are special virtual activities that are planned for the anniversary. A virtual watershed tour will be available for community members to learn more about the watershed that they live in. The planning committee is working on a north watershed tour and a south watershed tour, which will provide a driving route and stops along the way. Prizes will also be available for those who complete the tours.

A story map is also being created as a virtual way to tell the story of the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority. Staff are planning to release this ahead of the Anniversary.

If restrictions lift somewhat by July 30, it is possible that there will be a small in-person celebration; however, this is yet to be determined.

Further updates on the 75th Anniversary celebration activities will be available at abca.ca and on our social media channels.

Prepared for the Board of Directors
by Brian Horner

Introduction

I am pleased to provide the Board of Directors with a brief update on ABCA projects, programs, new partnerships, funding opportunities and activities over the past couple of months. This report also includes information about Conservation Ontario and some of its activities on behalf of Ontario's 36 conservation authorities. If you have any questions please call me. *Note:* This is not an inclusive list – only some highlights.

Conservation Ontario

1. The Province has begun its broader consultation on the proposed regulations to support conservation authority programs and services under the *Conservation Authorities Act*. On May 13th the province released the Guide entitled *REGULATORY PROPOSAL CONSULTATION GUIDE: Regulatory Defining Core Mandate and Improving Governance, Oversight and Accountability of Conservation Authorities*. This first phase of proposals has been posted for consultation on the [Environmental Registry of Ontario](#) (ERO). Andy Mitchell, Chair of Conservation Ontario (CO), explained that CO will be working with its conservation authority members to examine the proposed regulations and will provide comments during the consultation period. MECP hosted three information webinars on the consultation guide, (May 26th, 27th and June 1).
2. The regulation provides the tools for conservation authorities to protect life and property from natural hazards, manage lands owned by CA's, protect sources of municipal drinking water, and enter into agreements with municipalities for program and services. These changes will have an impact on the work we do and we encourage you to provide input through the ERO. June 27, 2021 is the deadline to provide comments. The ABCA goal is to ensure the regulations facilitate our commitment to protect people, property and the environment while demonstrating transparency and accountability. The proposed regulation would allow for programs to be delivered in connection with a Watershed-based Resource Management Strategy and would allow for a transition period up until December 31, 2022 for any needed Municipal Agreements to be in place for any programs or services deemed non-mandatory.

Projects, Programs and Studies

1. The Administration Centre continues to be closed to the public due to COVID-19. The majority of staff continue to work remotely from home. For this and other Notices of Disruptions visit the ABCA website (abca.ca) at this web page: www.abca.ca/news/disruptions. ABCA properties are open to the public.
2. ABCA continues to ensure the delivery of essential service and programs during this time. These services and programs include flood forecasting and warning; operation and maintenance of water control structures; communications; municipal support and property support. Staff continue to review development applications and issue permits as efficiently as possible.
3. The Spring tree planting was completed, with COVID-19 protocols being followed, on May 14th with follow up herbicide tending completed the following week. The Authority Stewardship staff planted over 23,000 trees at 36 sites throughout the watershed. One hundred and sixty-two landowners purchased and planted another 18,000 trees themselves through the Authority Tree Program.

4. Starting the week of May 10 the Education staff is delivering “Water is Life” Programs to the Huron Perth Catholic schools two days a week until the end of the school year. The program is for any grade level with students at the Huron Perth Catholic District School Board.
5. The fifth video in the series – drinking water protection zone (DWPZ) signs with Dave Frayne (SPC member) was released at the May 26th SPC meeting and is now available to the public on the ABCA Facebook page and YouTube Channel.
6. Rosalind Chang has been working with the Southcott Pines volunteers and Phase 2 of the Old Ausable Channel stream restoration has started with native riparian plants being planted at the demonstration site.
7. Stewardship staff have been conducting landowner site visits for the Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program (MFTIP). The annual deadline for MFTIP submissions is June 30th. The tax rate incentive for participating properties is 25% the rural residential rate for eligible forested areas.

Training

- 1 Davin Heinbuck assisted in the training of some 30 CA staff across the province with the “Electrical Theory” component of the Provincial CA Electrofishing Course.

Meetings and Special Events

- 1 The Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Drinking Water Source Protection Committee (SPC) held a meeting on May 26th via Zoom.
- 2 Hope Brock coordinated and hosted a webinar on May 19th which featured a Behind-the-Scenes Tour of the Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre. A total of 80 people registered and almost 50 people attended live. The recording is now available on the ABCA YouTube channel.
- 3 Kate Monk and Nathan Schoelier met with the Lambton Shores Phragmites Community Group and the Nature Conservancy of Canada to discuss Phragmites management in the Port Franks area. Habitat Aqua has recently been registered for Phragmites control over water.
- 4 Davin Heinbuck participated in the Drainage Actions Group (DAWG) Meeting on May 21st, with representatives from DFO, OMAFRA, OFA and other CA’s.
- 5 Low Water Response team held a meeting on June 3rd after which a Level 1 Advisory was approved and issued for the entire watershed.



**Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority
Source Protection Authority Meeting**

Thursday, June 17, 2021

11:30 a.m.

Administration Centre Boardroom
Morrison Dam Conservation Area
VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of Agenda for June 17, 2021
3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest
4. Adoption of Minutes from April 15, 2021
5. Business Out of the Minutes
6. Program Report - Mary Lynn MacDonald
 - Program Report Update
7. New Business
8. Adjournment

DRINKING WATER
SOURCE PROTECTION

Our Actions Matter

Ausable Bayfield
Maitland Valley
Source Protection Region

SOURCE PROTECTION AUTHORITY

April 15, 2021

**Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Administration Centre
Morrison Dam Conservation Area**

VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Ray Chartrand, Doug Cook, Adrian Cornelissen, Bob Harvey, Dave Jewitt, George Irvin,
Marissa Vaughan

STAFF PRESENT

Geoff Cade, Abbie Gutteridge, Brian Horner, Mary Lynn MacDonald, Tracey McPherson

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Doug Cook called the meeting to order at 11:47 a.m.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION #SPA 4/21

**Moved by Marissa Vaughan
Seconded by Ray Chartrand**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the agenda for the April 15, 2021 Source Protection
Authority meeting be approved.”**

Carried.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOTION #SPA 5/21

**Moved by Marissa Vaughan
Seconded by George Irvin**

**“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Source Protection Authority
meeting held on March 18, 2021 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”**

Carried.

BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTES

None

PROGRAM REPORT1. Annual Report on Source Protection Planning Implementation

Mary Lynn MacDonald presented the Implementation Progress Report to the SPA. To complete this report, staff collect information from all implementing bodies, such as municipalities, counties, Risk Management Officials, and the Province. The report updates the SPC and Source Protection Authority (SPA) on meeting deadlines, engaging policies and identifying gaps. It also informs the standardized reports that must be submitted annually to the Province. It should be noted that the implementation deadline for Source Protection Plans was April 2020, but this was extended to July 31, 2021 due to the pandemic.

In 2020, seven Risk Management Plans were established. Since 2015, 106 Risk Management Plans have been implemented across the Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Region. There are very few threats left to address in the region, the majority being septic related. In general, implementation in the region is progressing well. Staff recommend that the Ausable Bayfield SPA approve the Annual Progress Report for submission to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks.

MOTION #SPA 6/21

Moved by Ray Chartrand

Seconded by Dave Jewitt

“RESOLVED, THAT the Ausable Bayfield Source Protection Authority approve the fourth Annual Progress Report for submission to the Ontario Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks.”

Carried.

2. Program Update

Mary Lynn MacDonald presented several program updates to the SPA. The most recent Source Protection Committee (SPC) meeting was held on March 24, 2021. Topics for discussion included the Annual Progress Report, the recent train derailment at Goderich, the Shoreline Erosion Control Project near the Lake Huron water intake at Port Blake, as well as the Smart About Salt program. The MECP have reported that they are working on the Transfer Payment Agreements for 2021-2022, and it seems as though it will go ahead as proposed; however, no confirmation has been received as yet. Finally, Keley Katona, Source Protection Branch Director, sent an email noting that she is leaving the position as of April 1, 2021. Susan Ecclestone will act as Director for the interim.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

Doug Cook
Chair

Abigail Gutteridge
Corporate Services Coordinator

To: Ausable Bayfield Source Protection Authority (AB SPA)
 From: Donna Clarkson and Mary Lynn MacDonald, DWSP Co-Supervisors
 Date: June 17, 2021
 Subject: Program Update

A. 2021-2022 Work Plan and Budget

Approval of the 2021 -2022 workplan and budget for the ABMV Region has been received from the Province. The approved budget for the Drinking Water Source Protection program is similar to the previous year.

Below is a summary of the budget:

Staffing Position Title	Proposed Staff FTE	Annual Staffing Budget (including salary, benefits and project administration costs)
Project Manager	1.00	\$124,420
GIS / Data	0.35	\$30,582
Communication Specialist	0.30	\$29,450
Planning and Technical support	0.30	\$37,326
Total staffing request	1.95	\$221,778
Non-Staff Budget – SPC per diem, meeting expenses, website		\$20,533
Total Budget		\$242, 311

MVCA’s allocation for 2021-2022 is \$21,807.95 for Planning and Communication staff.

B. Source Protection Committee (SPC) Meetings:

May 26, 2021: SPC meeting was held by Zoom. Agenda topics included:

- The release of the 4th SPC Engagement video, featuring SPC member Dave Frayne, Municipal Rep. for the Southwest grouping, explaining the reason for Drinking Water Protection Zone signs and showing a selection of where the

- signs are located. Please share on your social media and websites. You can find it on <https://youtu.be/iTpxCZCAe3I>
- Progress report on workplan to amend the Source Protection Plans
 - Report on salt application and storage
 - Decision on draft salt application policy for lots over 1000m
 - Salt storage policy development was deferred until the release of the Directors Technical Rules
 - Decision on draft policy for salt application directed to municipalities to update or create a salt plan/winter maintenance plan that reviews use of salt on municipal roads and properties in vulnerable areas
 - Report and decision on a draft policy for reporting on Prescribed Instruments for agricultural-related activities by the Ministry of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs
 - Report and decision on revisions to several administrative Source Protection Plan policies that clarify that for new vulnerable areas and new threat activities added to the plan through amendments, the policy comes into effect on the Effective Date of the most recent amendment.

C. Communications

An e-newsletter was released in May to promote the new SPC video and the 4 previously released videos as well.

Conservation Ontario, in conducting a public information campaign, on social media, about protecting municipal drinking water sources. The ABMV region is participating as well. The information campaign began on May 12 and runs each Wednesday until August 18, 2021.

The spring and summer campaign has 15 themes including 4 Rs fertilizer best management practices, green products for spring cleaning, managing runoff from urban and rural sources, awareness of wellhead protection areas among home buyers and realtors, and more.

Watch for the **#WaterWednesday** posts and please share on social media and on your websites.

D. Changes to Phase II Directors Technical Rules, *Clean Water Act*

The province has not yet posted their proposed changes to the Director's Technical Rules (DTR) for several threat categories, including hazardous waste, fuel, DNAPL (chemical), as well as salt application and storage.

The delay in the release may mean postponing the July SPC meeting until further policy work can be done.