



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, December 15, 2022

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

HYBRID IN-PERSON/VIDEO CONFERENCE

3:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Chair's Welcome and Call to Order
2. Land Acknowledgement Statement
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest
5. Disclosure of intention to record this meeting by video and/or audio device
6. Approval of Minutes from November 17, 2022
7. **Business Out of the Minutes**
 - Vote on 2023 Proposed General Levy, Project Levy, Budget – Brian Horner
 - Bill 23 Update/Letter to Municipalities – Brian Horner
 - Parkhill Dam Hydro and Telephone Service Update – Geoff Cade
8. **Program Reports**
 - Report 1: (a) Development Review (O Reg147/06) – Daniel King
(b) Violations/Appeals Update – Geoff Cade/Daniel King
 - Report 2: CA Act Update – Brian Horner/Kate Monk
 - Report 3: Cost Apportioning Agreement – Brian Horner/Kate Monk
 - Report 4: Stewardship Project Review – Brooklyn Rau
 - Report 5: Education Update – Denise Iszczuk
 - Report 6: 2023 Watershed Report Card – Hope Brock/Cristen Watt
 - Report 7: Striking Committee/2023 Proposed Board Meeting Schedule – Brian Horner
9. **Committee Reports**
 - Friends of the South Huron Trail – Tim Cumming
 - Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation – Abbie Gutteridge
 - Source Protection Committee – Mary Lynn MacDonald
10. **Correspondence**
11. New Business
12. **Committee of the Whole** – *legal matter*
13. Adjournment

Source Protection Authority Meeting to follow

Upcoming Meetings and Events

January 17, 2023 – Information Session at 6:30 p.m.
January 19, 2023 – Information Session at 1:30 p.m.
February 16, 2023 – Annual General Meeting at 10:00 a.m.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, November 17, 2022
Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Boardroom
Morrison Dam Conservation Area

IN PERSON/VIDEO CONFERENCE

DIRECTORS PRESENT

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Mike Tam, Alex Westman

STAFF PRESENT

Geoff Cade, Tina Crown, Abbie Gutteridge, Brian Horner, Ian Jean, Daniel King, Mary Lynn MacDonald, Tracey McPherson, Kate Monk, Nathan Schoelier, Meghan Tydd-Hrynyk, Angela Van Niekerk, Mari Veliz

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dave Jewitt called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m., and welcomed everyone in attendance, both in person and virtually.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

Chair Jewitt read the Land Acknowledgement Statement, acknowledging the original stewards of this land, the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION #BD 104/22

**Moved Doug Cook
Seconded by Ray Chartrand**

“RESOLVED, THAT the agenda for the November 17, 2022 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 Jewitt noted that this meeting was being recorded on Zoom for temporary posting online, and is not an official record. The official record of this meeting will be the approved minutes.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOTION #BD 105/22

**Moved by Bob Harvey
Seconded by Marissa Vaughan**

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on October 20, 2022 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”

Carried.

BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTES

2023 Fee Schedule and Pay Grid Approval

Brian Horner advised that changes to the fee schedule and the pay grid increase of 2 % was incorporated into preparing the proposed budget for 2023.

MOTION #BD 106/22

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

“RESOLVED, THAT the 2023 fee schedule and pay grid be approved as presented.”

Carried.

PRESENTATION

Adam Skillen, of Skillen Investment Management, presented a semi-annual update on the investment income since spring. Like the global markets, the ABCA portfolio has had a 5.6% decrease over this period; however, it is still performing better than both the Canadian and global markets. The targets of 35% equities and 65% bonds will remain in place.

PROGRAM REPORTS

1. (a) Development Review

Daniel King, 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 10 *Applications for Permission* and 17 *Minor Works Applications*.

(b) Violations/Appeals Update

Daniel King reported that there are still a number of violations before the courts, and noted that there is an upcoming court date for a violation in Lambton Shores.

MOTION #BD 107/22

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

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

Carried.

2. Conservation Authorities Act Update

Brian Horner provided an update on the ongoing implementation of the *Conservation Authorities Act* Update. He noted that Municipal staff are providing input to the draft Cost Apportioning Agreement for Category 3 programs and services. In addition, staff have developed a draft Fee Policy as a requirement of the *Conservation Authorities Act*, which will replace the policy approved in 2007. Of particular note, Bill 23 *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022* was introduced by the province on October 25, which would change the way municipalities and conservation authorities review and approve housing proposals. It also includes changes to the *Conservation Authorities Act*.

MOTION #BD 108/22

**Moved by Adrian Cornelissen
Seconded by Bob Harvey**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors receive the update on the *Conservation Authorities Act* as presented.”

Carried.

3. Bill 23, *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022*

Brian Horner provided background information on Bill 23, which was introduced by the Province on October 25, 2022. The intent of the bill is to expedite housing development,

which will have wide-spread implications for development. Of particular concern to the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority are four areas of importance:

1. Transferring CA regulatory responsibilities to municipalities
2. Commenting on natural heritage matters through the Planning Act
3. Freezing or waiving fees paid by developers
4. Identifying conservation authority land suitable for development.

Staff have drafted a letter to submit to the Province and Environmental Registry of Ontario with the following recommendations:

1. Keep all hazard-related responsibilities with Conservation Authorities.
2. Development subject to *Planning Act* authorizations should not be exempt from Conservation Authority permits.
3. Municipalities should retain the option to enter into Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with conservation authorities for natural heritage and other plan review matters the municipalities deem advisable. Remove the clauses in Bill 23 that prevent this from occurring.
4. Conservation Authority fees should not be frozen since they are based on cost recovery.
5. Conservation Authority lands in areas suitable for development should be evaluated on a case-by-case basis and only considered under exceptional circumstances.
6. Re-establish the Multi-Stakeholder Conservation Authority Working Group comprised of members from conservation authorities, municipalities, the development sector and agriculture to help guide the province in its implementation of the last round of changes to the *Conservation Authorities Act*.

MOTION #BD 109/22

Moved by George Irvin

Seconded by Ray Chartrand

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors submit comments to the Environmental Registry of Ontario 19-6141 with the above noted recommendations.”

Carried.

4. ABCA Fee Policy

Kate Monk, Projects presented a Fee Policy, which updates current Fee Policy approved in 2007. Section 21.2 of the Conservation Authorities Act sets out that each Conservation Authority will prepare and adopt a written fee policy and fee schedule with respect to the fees it charges for the programs and services provided. ABCA has had written Fee Schedules for several decades that are reviewed annually and approved as part of the budget process. The updated policy confirms that the ABCA uses a user-pay principle and requires the beneficiary of the service to fully or partially pay for the cost of the service. The updated

policy includes principles, appeal process, review schedule, consultation and notification processes and implementation details for departments. The fee schedule will continue to be reviewed and approved annually.

MOTION #BD 110/22

**Moved by Bob Harvey
Seconded by Marissa Vaughan**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Fee Policy be received and approved as presented.”

Carried.

5. Stewardship Project Review

Angela Van Niekerk, Wetlands Specialist, presented a number of stewardship projects that were funded through several different sources. Two wetlands, eight additional fragile land retirement projects and twelve additional cover crop projects were funded by Canada Nature Fund for the Ausable watershed, and four fragile land retirement projects and eight cover crop projects were funded through Canada Nature Fund for the Bayfield watershed. Environment and Climate Change Canada funded a 2.6 acre wetland, and EcoAction funding also funded one wetland. The Habitat Stewardship Project funded 1 wetland, and will be funding more planting projects in the coming months. One particular community project funded was plantings at a Lucan stormwater pond to help with filtration. This project also attracted other local funding sources for further plantings and signage. Finally, the Ontario Community Environment Fund provided funding for two wetland projects and one tree planting project.

MOTION #BD 111/22

**Moved by Doug Cook
Seconded by Ray Chartrand**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Stewardship Project Review be received as presented.”

Carried.

6. Parkhill Dam Hydro and Telephone Service

Geoff Cade, Water and Planning Manager, provided some information to the Board regarding the Hydro and Telephone service at the Parkhill Dam. During construction of the new watermain in the town of Parkhill, the hydro and electric connections to the dam were severed. ABCA staff have met with the contractor, the design engineer and staff from the Municipality of North Middlesex. At present, staff are not concerned that watershed conditions would require the operation of the dam. The dam can be operated manually if needed in an emergency. It is expected that connections will be restored in the next week.

Ray Chartrand wondered if any thought had been given to a backup generator. To date, this has not been considered as the only place for construction would be in the floodplain.

MOTION #BD 112/22

**Moved by Adrian Cornelissen
Seconded by Marissa Vaughan**

“RESOLVED, THAT the report on the Parkhill Dam hydro and electrical services be received for information purposes.”

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Reference: Thank you notes

File: A.5.1

Brief: Two thank you notes from watershed residents. The first was from Barbara Wraith of Lucan, ON, thanking staff for excellent trail maintenance, and included a \$500 donation. The second was from Margaret Lee of Seaforth, thanking staff for excellent education programs, including the owl prowl and turtle release, and included a financial donation.

- b) Reference: Appointment to the ABCA Board of Directors

File: A.10.1

Brief: Email correspondence from Jessica Rudy, Clerk for the Municipality of Huron East, informing Brian Horner that the Huron East Council appointed Ray Chartrand to the ABCA Board of Directors for the term. A formal letter will be following.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Information Sessions

Brian Horner noted that staff are planning two information sessions in January for new and returning board appointees, municipal councilors and interested municipal staff. These sessions will explain what a conservation authority does, programs and services and sources of funding. The information sessions will be held on Tuesday, January 17 at 6:30 pm, and Thursday, January 19 at 1:30 pm

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**MOTION #BD 113/22**

**Moved by George Irvin
Seconded by Marissa**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors go into Committee of the Whole at 11:18 a.m. to discuss a property matter with Brian Horner, Abigail Gutteridge and Nathan Schoelier remaining in attendance.”

Carried.

MOTION #BD 114/22

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

“RESOLVED, THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report at 11:25 a.m.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

Dave Jewitt
Chair

Abigail Gutteridge
Corporate Services Coordinator

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

AUSABLE BAYFIELD CONSERVATION AUTHORITY



2023 Proposed General and Project Levy by Municipality

Oct. 13 '22, Oct. 20 '22

Municipality	2021 MCVA %	2022 MCVA %	2021	2022	2023 MCVA %	2023		2023	
	Apportionment	Apportionment	General and Project Levy	General and Project Levy	Apportionment	General Levy	Project Levy	Total General & Project Levy	
								Amount	%
Adelaide Metcalfe	2.2715	2.2519	\$ 30,356	\$ 30,824	2.2915	\$ 26,338	\$ 5,805	\$ 32,143	4.28%
Bluewater	22.0834	22.0943	\$ 295,116	\$ 302,422	21.8839	\$ 251,525	\$ 55,441	\$ 306,966	1.50%
Central Huron	3.4425	3.4666	\$ 46,005	\$ 47,450	3.4469	\$ 39,617	\$ 8,732	\$ 48,350	1.90%
Huron East	4.6955	4.6942	\$ 62,749	\$ 64,253	4.6418	\$ 53,351	\$ 11,760	\$ 65,111	1.33%
Lambton Shores	16.8452	16.9379	\$ 225,114	\$ 231,842	16.9402	\$ 194,704	\$ 42,916	\$ 237,621	2.49%
Lucan Biddulph	5.8182	5.9083	\$ 77,753	\$ 80,872	6.0321	\$ 69,331	\$ 15,282	\$ 84,612	4.63%
Middlesex Centre	8.1292	8.1739	\$ 108,636	\$ 111,883	8.3445	\$ 95,909	\$ 21,140	\$ 117,048	4.62%
North Middlesex	11.9204	11.7664	\$ 159,301	\$ 161,056	11.7697	\$ 135,276	\$ 29,817	\$ 165,094	2.51%
Perth South	0.2001	0.1965	\$ 2,674	\$ 2,690	0.2012	\$ 2,313	\$ 510	\$ 2,822	4.93%
South Huron	18.7964	18.6981	\$ 251,189	\$ 255,935	18.6205	\$ 214,017	\$ 47,173	\$ 261,190	2.05%
Warwick	0.4789	0.4726	\$ 6,400	\$ 6,469	0.4702	\$ 5,404	\$ 1,191	\$ 6,596	1.96%
West Perth	5.3188	5.3394	\$ 71,079	\$ 73,085	5.3576	\$ 61,578	\$ 13,573	\$ 75,151	2.83%
TOTAL	100.00	100.00	\$ 1,336,369	\$ 1,368,778	100.00	\$ 1,149,362	\$ 253,340	\$ 1,402,702	2.48%

Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority

Proposed 2023 Budget

Oct. 13 '22, Oct. 20 '22

Account	2022 Budget	2022 Est Actual	2023 Budget	Difference	Change
Difference Between 2023 & 2022 Budgets					
ABCA 2023 Budget - Consolidated					
REVENUE					
Revenue from Operations					
Grants	\$341,706	\$413,079	\$373,313	\$31,607	9.2%
Levy, General	\$1,119,184	\$1,119,185	\$1,149,362	\$30,178	2.7%
Levy, Projects	\$249,595	\$249,600	\$253,340	\$3,745	1.5%
Levy, Special Benefit	\$82,703	\$82,703	\$83,506	\$803	1.0%
Levy, Special Benefit, WECI	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$0	(\$6,000)	-100.0%
Rental	\$62,700	\$68,473	\$61,969	(\$731)	-1.2%
Conservation Area User Fees	\$110,200	\$116,915	\$110,900	\$700	0.6%
Sales & Service	\$639,009	\$755,006	\$714,312	\$75,303	11.8%
Donations	\$400	\$6,841	\$1,000	\$600	150.0%
Interest	\$18,400	\$34,970	\$25,000	\$6,600	35.9%
Partnership Contributions	\$984,036	\$1,488,395	\$1,039,195	\$55,158	5.6%
Deferred from Prior Year	\$1,167,733	\$1,368,575	\$1,355,111	\$187,378	16.0%
From Reserve	\$146,407	\$199,211	\$162,124	\$15,717	10.7%
TOTAL REVENUE	\$4,928,072	\$5,908,952	\$5,329,131	\$401,058	8.1%
EXPENSES					
Purchased Services	\$419,228	\$461,418	\$448,574	\$29,346	7.0%
Advertising	\$8,327	\$9,135	\$9,021	\$694	8.3%
Bad Debts	\$0	\$419	\$0	\$0	0.0%
Memberships, Dues, Licenses	\$57,902	\$53,033	\$58,095	\$194	0.3%
Maintenance & Repair	\$74,429	\$100,618	\$49,999	(\$24,429)	-32.8%
Property Taxes	\$62,096	\$57,070	\$62,129	\$34	0.1%
Office Operations	\$125,406	\$121,423	\$122,396	(\$3,010)	-2.4%
Rental	\$11,244	\$11,593	\$12,039	\$795	7.1%
Training and Development	\$22,963	\$13,094	\$19,603	(\$3,360)	-14.6%
Travel Costs & Accom	\$14,353	\$8,806	\$12,937	(\$1,416)	-9.9%
Uniforms	\$8,408	\$7,177	\$7,850	(\$557)	-6.6%
Utilities	\$38,597	\$45,231	\$39,925	\$1,328	3.4%
Vehicles & Field Equipment	\$92,184	\$96,729	\$97,491	\$5,307	5.8%
Program	\$715,592	\$910,231	\$748,528	\$32,936	4.6%
Board of Director's	\$25,221	\$25,186	\$26,027	\$806	3.2%
Wages & Benefits	\$2,590,316	\$2,554,045	\$2,707,639	\$117,324	4.5%
Capital Purchases	\$52,096	\$55,833	\$102,105	\$50,010	96.0%
Amortization	\$178,955	\$176,049	\$160,600	(\$18,355)	-10.3%
Deferred to Future Year	\$564,661	\$1,355,611	\$769,477	\$204,816	36.3%
To Reserves	\$45,055	\$61,007	\$35,296	(\$9,759)	-21.7%
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$5,107,027	\$6,123,707	\$5,489,731	\$382,704	7.5%
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$178,955)	(\$214,755)	(\$160,600)	\$18,354	-10.3%



December 5, 2022

File: A.39.1.1

Dear Municipal and Planning Partners:

Re: Plan Review and Permitting Services

Following the Royal Assent of Bill 23, the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA) would like to share the following information and clarification regarding its programs and services.

It is understood that the following message is being shared by all provincial conservation authorities with their member municipalities.

Plan Review Services

It is business as usual for our plan review services. Accordingly, planning applications should continue to be circulated for review. Plan review and commenting under the Mandatory Programs and Services Regulation (O.R. 686/21), which includes natural hazards and source water protection continues to be unaffected. Changes to our non-mandatory review and commenting services for development applications will not take effect until such time as the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) issues a clarifying regulation. The ABCA will notify you when this regulation is published.

In the meantime, the ABCA will continue to provide the same plan review services including natural heritage, stormwater management, etc.

Permits

It is business as usual for permitting services - except for new provisions concerning Minister's Zoning Orders and Community Infrastructure and Housing Accelerator Orders (*Conservation Authorities Act*, s. 28.0.1). Should any such Orders occur within our jurisdiction we will collaborate with you on their efficient delivery.

The provision allowing the Minister to issue regulations to exempt certain development projects with *Planning Act* approval in certain municipalities from conservation authority permits is not currently in effect.

Adelaide Metcalfe

Bluewater

Central Huron

Huron East

Lambton Shores

Lucan Biddulph

Middlesex Centre

North Middlesex

Perth South

South Huron

Warwick

West Perth



Fee Schedule

Our fee schedule for 2023 meets the requirements of the Minister's List of classes of programs and services for which conservation authorities may charge a fee. This fee schedule remains in effect unless the Minister issues a direction to freeze our fees. You will be notified should such a direction be issued. The fee schedule may be found on our website at <https://www.abca.ca/governance/financial/>

Other Services Provided through MOUs/Agreements

The recent legislative changes do not affect other services provided to municipalities. The ABCA will continue work on formalizing these arrangements through Memoranda of Understanding and agreements where they are not already present.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me to let me know.

Yours truly,
AUSABLE BAYFIELD CONSERVATION AUTHORITY



Brian Horner
General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer

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- cc: All ABCA Member Municipalities
- County of Huron - Planning Department
- County of Lambton - Planning Department
- County of Middlesex - Planning Department
- County of Perth - Planning Department

ABCA Program Report

To: Board of Directors
Date: December 15, 2022
From: Daniel King, Regulations Coordinator
Subject: Applications for Permission - Ontario Regulation 147/06 - *Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alteration to Shorelines and Watercourses*

The following *Applications for Permission* have been issued by staff since the last Board of Directors Meeting.

* A Coastal Assessment and coastal engineering design was submitted as part of the application

MAJOR PERMIT

1. *PERMIT #: 2022-85
NAME: Ti Lim
MUNICIPALITY: Bluewater (Stanley)
PERMISSION TO: construct wave-overtopping protection
COMPLETED APPLICATION RECEIVED ON DATE: August 11, 2022
PERMISSION GRANTED BY STAFF DATE: August 19, 2022
NUMBER OF BUSINESS DAYS TO REVIEW: 6
STAFF NAME: Daniel King

2. PERMIT #: 2022-108
NAME: 2668156 Ontario Inc. - Victor Kwarciak
MUNICIPALITY: Lambton Shores (Bosanquet)
PERMISSION TO: construct an addition to a detached shed in a regulated area
COMPLETED APPLICATION RECEIVED ON DATE: October 17, 2022
PERMISSION GRANTED BY STAFF DATE: November 10, 2022
NUMBER OF BUSINESS DAYS TO REVIEW: 18
STAFF NAME: Andrew Bicknell

3. PERMIT #: 2022-109
NAME: Ross Teeple
MUNICIPALITY: North Middlesex (West Williams)
PERMISSION TO: allow development to create a wetland feature
COMPLETED APPLICATION RECEIVED ON DATE: November 8, 2022
PERMISSION GRANTED BY STAFF DATE: November 16, 2022
NUMBER OF BUSINESS DAYS TO REVIEW: 8
STAFF NAME: Andrew Bicknell

4. PERMIT #: 2022-44
NAME: Paul Shapton
MUNICIPALITY: Bluewater (Hay)
PERMISSION TO: reconstruct an existing dwelling and septic system
PERMISSION GRANTED BY ABCA BOARD DATE: October 20, 2022

5. PERMIT #: 2022-107
NAME: Municipality of Lambton Shores
MUNICIPALITY: Lambton Shores (Grand Bend)
PERMISSION TO: install riverine shore protection
COMPLETED APPLICATION RECEIVED ON DATE: October 5, 2022
PERMISSION GRANTED BY STAFF DATE: November 8, 2022
NUMBER OF BUSINESS DAYS TO REVIEW: 22
STAFF NAME: Andrew Bicknell
6. *PERMIT #: 2022-111A
NAME: Dona Knight
MUNICIPALITY: Central Huron (Goderich)
PERMISSION TO: install new steel shore protection
COMPLETED APPLICATION RECEIVED ON DATE: November 28, 2022
PERMISSION GRANTED BY STAFF DATE: December 2, 2022
NUMBER OF BUSINESS DAYS TO REVIEW: 4
STAFF NAME: Daniel King
7. *PERMIT #: 2022-111B
NAME: Assunto Vona
MUNICIPALITY: Central Huron (Goderich)
PERMISSION TO: install new steel shore protection
COMPLETED APPLICATION RECEIVED ON DATE: November 28, 2022
PERMISSION GRANTED BY STAFF DATE: December 2, 2022
NUMBER OF BUSINESS DAYS TO REVIEW: 4
STAFF NAME: Daniel King
8. *PERMIT #: 2022-111C
NAME: Brenda Dilorio
MUNICIPALITY: Central Huron (Goderich)
PERMISSION TO: install new steel shore protection
COMPLETED APPLICATION RECEIVED ON DATE: November 28, 2022
PERMISSION GRANTED BY STAFF DATE: December 2, 2022
NUMBER OF BUSINESS DAYS TO REVIEW: 4
STAFF NAME: Daniel King

MINOR WORKS PERMIT

1. PERMIT: MW#2022-109
NAME: Michael Mullis
MUNICIPALITY: Bluewater (Hay)
PERMISSION TO: repair an existing shore protection structure in a regulated area
COMPLETED APPLICATION RECEIVED ON DATE: September 20, 2022
PERMISSION GRANTED BY STAFF DATE: October 25, 2022
NUMBER OF BUSINESS DAYS TO REVIEW: 24
STAFF NAME: Andrew Bicknell

2. PERMIT: MW#2022-113
NAME: Jay Fisher c/o Merner Contracting
MUNICIPALITY: Central Huron (Goderich)
PERMISSION TO: install a new septic system
COMPLETED APPLICATION RECEIVED ON DATE: November 16, 2022
PERMISSION GRANTED BY STAFF DATE: November 17, 2022
NUMBER OF BUSINESS DAYS TO REVIEW: 2
STAFF NAME: Meghan Tydd-Hrynyk

3. PERMIT: MW#2022-114
NAME: Merner Contracting Ltd.
MUNICIPALITY: Central Huron (Goderich)
PERMISSION TO: install an onsite sewage disposal system in a regulated area
COMPLETED APPLICATION RECEIVED ON DATE: October 14, 2022
PERMISSION GRANTED BY STAFF DATE: November 24, 2022
NUMBER OF BUSINESS DAYS TO REVIEW: 29
STAFF NAME: Andrew Bicknell

4. PERMIT: MW#2022-115
NAME: Carmen & Mary Ann Drost
MUNICIPALITY: Bluewater (Stanley)
PERMISSION TO: tear down and rebuild an add a room
COMPLETED APPLICATION RECEIVED ON DATE: November 25, 2022
PERMISSION GRANTED BY STAFF DATE: December 1, 2022
NUMBER OF BUSINESS DAYS TO REVIEW: 7
STAFF NAME: Meghan Tydd-Hrynyk

ABCA Program Report

To: Board of Directors
Date: November 17, 2022
From: Brian Horner, General Manager/Secretary Treasurer
Kate Monk, Projects Coordinator
Subject: Conservation Authorities Act Update - Progress Report

This report provides an update on the implementation of the Conservation Authorities Act and associated regulations. Additional information may be available at the board meeting.

1. Staff have prepared the Quarterly Progress Report for the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF), due January 1, 2023. It is attached for your information.
2. Staff used feedback from municipal staff and updated information from other sources to refine the draft Cost Apportioning Agreement for Category 3 programs and services. Upon approval by the Board of Directors, the draft agreement will be sent to municipalities.
3. The Fee Policy, approved at the November Board of Directors meeting, has been posted on the ABCA Governance webpage.



TRANSITION PLANS AND AGREEMENTS FOR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES UNDER SECTION 21.1.2 OF THE CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES ACT

AUSABLE BAYFIELD CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

PROGRESS REPORT # 3

To: Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
From: Brian Horner, General Manager and Secretary Treasurer
Date: December 15, 2022

a. Comments or feedback submitted by a municipality referred to in clause 5 (1) (b) regarding the inventory:

Staff are answering questions and providing more details upon request. No concerns have been raised regarding the Inventory of Current Programs and Services.

b. Summary of any changes that the authority has made to the inventory to address comments or other feedback referred to in clause (a), including the changed inventory and a clear description of the changes between the previous inventory and the changed inventory:

No changes have been made.

c. Update on the progress of negotiations of cost apportioning agreements with the participating municipalities:

A draft Cost Apportioning Agreement will be distributed to participating municipalities in the first quarter of 2023. Staff will be available to meet with councils upon request.

d. Outline of any difficulties that the authority is experiencing that might affect the ability of the authority to conclude any cost apportioning agreements with one or more participating municipalities by the transition date:

No difficulties at this time.

ABCA Program Report

To: Board of Directors
Date: December 15, 2022
From: Brian Horner, General Manager/Secretary Treasurer
Kate Monk, Projects Coordinator
Subject: Cost Apportioning Agreement for Category 3 Programs and Services

Through subsection 21.1.2 of the Conservation Authorities Act, Conservation Authorities (CAs) are empowered to provide programs and services to municipalities it determines are advisable to further the purposes of the Act. This is done through a Cost Apportioning Agreement (CAA) between municipalities and the Conservation Authority for Category 3 programs and services that require levy funding to assist with the costs.

Brian Horner and Kate Monk have met with staff from all member municipalities to discuss an initial draft of the Agreement. The CA Act update, financial implications for the 2024 budget, and other services ABCA could provide on an as-needed basis through service contracts or fees were also discussed. The meetings were positive in nature and a good opportunity to dialogue.

Municipal staff were asked to provide feedback on the draft CAA at a staff level. The feedback has been supportive. Version 1 of the CAA has been refined and a new draft is attached to this report for the board's approval.

The next step is to distribute the CAA to municipal councils in the first quarter of 2023. All municipalities will receive the same template with 2023 financial information specific to their municipality. Staff will attend council meetings, upon request, to discuss the CAA.

Council will have the opportunity to consider and then decide which services they wish to have in their agreement. It is hoped that all municipalities support all the service areas. If a municipality chooses not to participate in a service area, the ABCA Board will then have to decide if and how the service can be provided in the municipality.

The Transition Plan calls for the CAAs to be signed by summer 2023 in order to inform the 2024 ABCA budget process. The board will be informed of revisions made during the negotiation process.

The annual ABCA budget and levy will continue to be approved by the Board of Directors.

Agreement Requirements

The Act includes the following requirements for the agreements:

- a. The agreement is to be made available to the public on the CA website or other means advisable by the Conservation Authority;
- b. The agreement will be reviewed at intervals determined in the agreement;
- c. Programs and services will be provided in accordance with the terms and conditions in the agreement;
- d. The agreement must provide for the participating municipality to pay the capital and operating expenses apportioned to them;
- e. The agreement will have clear termination dates;
- f. The agreement will be reviewed by the parties to the agreement within at least six months or longer (as specified in the agreement) before the end of the term;
- g. The agreement will include requirements for dispute resolution;
- h. The agreement must be approved by a resolution of the participating municipal council;
- i. The province retains the right to prescribe standards and requirements for the provision of other programs and services. Should the province enact regulations regarding the provision of services, the regulation would prevail in the event of conflict between the terms and conditions set out in the municipal agreement.

ABCA Category 3 Service Areas Requiring Levy

The following Category 3 service areas are long-standing ABCA programs which are essential to watershed-based resource management. They are all in the 2011 Conservation Strategy and 2015 Watershed Management Strategy and are provided on a watershed-basis.

- Watershed and Sub-Watershed Plans and Projects
- Environmental Monitoring and Research
- Watershed Stewardship and Restoration
- Conservation Education and Community Outreach

These service areas are funded in part by the municipal levy, with substantial funding coming from the federal and provincial governments, user fees, foundations and donations.

Agreement Term

The initial term is proposed to be five years in length from January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2028. The agreement is renewable for four-year terms. This will provide each term of council with an opportunity to review, revise and renew the agreements. The agreement does not include provisions for municipalities or the ABCA to opt in or out of the agreement on an annual basis.

Recommendation

Recommended that, the draft Cost Apportioning Agreement be approved for distribution to member municipalities.

Cost Apportioning Agreement

(hereafter, “Agreement”)

THIS AGREEMENT is made on the _____ day of _____, 2023 (hereafter, “Effective Date”).

BETWEEN:

MUNICIPALITY

(hereafter, “Municipality”)

AND:

AUSABLE BAYFIELD CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

(hereafter, “ABCA”)

WHEREAS ABCA is a conservation authority established under the *Conservation Authorities Act* (“Act”) and is governed by its participating municipalities in accordance with the Act;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality is a lower-tier municipality, located wholly or partly within the area under the jurisdiction of ABCA;

AND WHEREAS ABCA is prepared to provide certain services which the Act categorizes as non-mandatory to and on behalf of the Municipality in several service areas;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to Ontario Regulation 686/21, Conservation Authorities are authorized to apportion costs to municipalities for delivery of services;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to Ontario Regulation 686/21, Conservation Authorities and municipalities are required to enter into an agreement to levy municipalities for services provided, other than the services the Act categorizes as mandatory services;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the terms of this agreement and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. Initial Term of the Agreement is January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2028. Thereafter, the Agreement shall continue for additional four-year periods (each a “Renewal Term”) unless either party provides written notice of termination to the other party at least thirty (30) days prior to the expiry of the Initial Term or Renewal Term, as the case may be.

2. The following principles shall guide the implementation of the Agreement between ABCA and Municipality:

- a. The Agreement will provide overarching terms and conditions for delivery of municipal programs and services by ABCA.
- b. ABCA agrees to provide to the Municipalities the services outlined in Schedule A.
- c. Municipality agrees to be charged a levy for such services to be apportioned among the participating municipalities.
- d. ABCA will not add to or delete from the services or programs funded through the Agreement without first consulting with the municipalities. Any such change would require an amendment to this Agreement agreed to by all parties.
- e. The parties will maintain the current annual approval process for determining the levy by a weighted vote based upon current value assessment in the watershed, and the overall ABCA budget.
- f. Municipality will continue to support the Inventory of Programs and Services throughout the period of this Agreement.
- g. The user-pay principle will be utilized to charge fees, where appropriate, to assist with the costs of Conservation Authority programs.

3. This Agreement shall be reviewed by the parties prior to the expiry of the Initial Term and each Renewal Term. It is ABCA's responsibility to initiate the review with Municipality at least one hundred and twenty (120) days prior to the expiry of the Initial Term or Renewal Term, as the case may be.

4. Municipality and ABCA will strive to facilitate open and timely communication at all levels.

5. Where a dispute arises between two or more parties, the parties agree that dispute resolution practices will be implemented using the following principles:

- a. Agree to a fair process for mediating issues;
- b. Utilize the services of a neutral facilitator, if required;
- c. Identify common agreement / ground;
- d. Identify all options to resolve;
- e. Select best option.

6. This Agreement shall be made available on the ABCA website and by other methods advisable.

7. The Agreement may be executed in counterparts and when each party has executed a counterpart, each of such counterparts shall be deemed to be an original and all such counterparts, when taken together, shall constitute one and the same agreement.

8. The Agreement does not preclude the parties identifying opportunities for further collaboration to the benefit of both parties, and ensure efficiency, transparency and accountability in the use of resources, including in-kind services and assistance, coordination of complementary policy and program initiatives, and projects involving third parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have entered into this Agreement as of the Effective Date.

AUSABLE BAYFIELD CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Per: _____

Chair - _____

Per: _____

General Manager/Secretary Treasurer - _____

MUNICIPALITY

Per: _____

Mayor - _____

Per: _____

Clerk - _____

Schedule A – Category 3 Programs and Services Requiring Levy

SERVICE AREAS

Through subsection 21.1.2 of the *Conservation Authorities Act*, Conservation Authorities (CAs) are empowered to provide programs and services it determines are advisable to further the purposes of the Act, to municipalities through an agreement. The Act defines these programs as Category 3.

The ABCA Category 3 programs are important components of integrated watershed management. They are in the ABCA Community Conservation Strategy (2011) and Watershed Management Strategy (2015) and have become valued by the watershed community. These programs and services are funded by a variety of sources: municipal levy, self-generated (user fees, donations, foundations etc.) as well as provincial and federal funding.

Financial Summary of Category 3 programs requiring levy

CATEGORY 3 PROGRAMS REQUIRING LEVY	Year: 2023
Total program cost	\$xxxxx
Federal/Provincial Contribution	\$xxxxx
Self-Generated Revenue	\$xxxxx
Total municipal apportionment for this program	\$xxxxx
Municipality of _____ apportionment	\$xxxxx

SERVICE AREA 1 – WATERSHED AND SUB-WATERSHED PLANS AND PROJECTS

Program description: Created for a drainage area, plans incorporate information on current watershed conditions and identify measures to protect, conserve and restore the watershed. Plans address natural hazard issues and recommends mitigation impacts from potential future land uses. The ABCA also facilitates community-based watershed plans.

Program details: The ABCA works with communities to develop and implement subwatershed plans. Activities include: community engagement and objective setting, supporting protection,

enhancement and restoration activities, monitoring and evaluating actions. Note: Natural hazard considerations will be incorporated when the current plans are reviewed and updated.

In the Natural Heritage Systems Implementation Phase, the ABCA incorporates natural heritage information particularly around wetlands to develop planning and regulatory strategies to mitigate downstream natural hazards.

Note: Watershed planning related to natural hazards is a Category 1 program.

Financial Information

WATERSHED AND SUBWATERSHED PLANS AND PROJECTS	Year: 2023
Total program cost	\$xxxxx
Federal/Provincial Contribution	\$xxxxx
Self-Generated Revenue	\$xxxxx
Total municipal apportionment for this program	\$xxxxx
Municipality of _____ apportionment	\$xxxxx

SERVICE AREA 2 – ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING AND RESEARCH

Program Description: Groundwater and surface water sites are monitored for a variety of indicators to support flood forecast and warning, low water response, watershed report cards, watershed plans, and stewardship project prioritization. Service Area 2 provides significant information to help guide municipal decision making and implement their legislated responsibilities. The program is a partnership of the municipal, provincial and federal governments and community organizations.

Program Details: Surface water quality monitoring at nine sites (in addition to Provincial Water Quality Monitoring Network), Lake Huron nearshore water monitoring at area beaches, edge-of-field monitoring at Huronview Demonstration Farm near Clinton, benthic monitoring at 30 sites across the watersheds. When appropriate, staff respond to local spills events at the request of Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks, municipalities and citizens.

Conservation Authorities report on local watershed conditions by producing the Watershed Report Card. The ABCA watershed is divided into 16 subwatersheds. Measuring increases understanding of the watershed, focuses efforts and tracks progress.

Financial Information

ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING AND RESEARCH	Year: 2023
Total program cost	\$xxxxx
Federal/Provincial Contribution	\$xxxxx
Self-Generated Revenue	\$xxxxx
Total municipal apportionment for this program	\$xxxxx
Municipality of _____ apportionment	\$xxxxx

SERVICE AREA 3 – WATERSHED STEWARDSHIP AND RESTORATION

Program Description: The stewardship and restoration program has three key components: one-on-one technical assistance to watershed landowners, connecting landowners with cost-share funding, and tree planting. Projects reduce the risk to life and property from natural hazards, protect water quality and quantity, improve forest conditions, increase biodiversity and make the watersheds more resilient to climate change.

Program Details: Staff work with property owners to implement Best Management Practices to mitigate flood and erosion hazards, improve and protect water quality, restore floodplains and river valleys, reduce nutrient contamination, restore and enhance wetlands to reduce flooding peaks and augment low flow, manage terrestrial non-native invasive species, protect groundwater, and improve aquatic species at risk habitat. Staff apply for and manage external funding, promote private land stewardship, provide technical advice and project technical design assistance.

Coordinating the Watershed Stewardship and Restoration program with the Environmental Monitoring and Research program allows for stewardship project prioritization. Prioritizing projects connects landowners with additional cost-sharing funding to best meet the needs of the community, and the environment, and leverages the contributions of local funds with other programs.

Financial Information

WATERSHED STEWARDSHIP AND RESTORATION	Year: 2023
Total program cost	\$xxxxx
Federal/Provincial Contribution	\$xxxxx
Self-Generated Revenue	\$xxxxx
Total municipal apportionment for this program	\$xxxxx
Municipality of _____ apportionment	\$xxxxx

SERVICE AREA 4 – CONSERVATION EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Program Description: Education and outreach programs increase knowledge and awareness in children and adults about local environmental issues, watersheds, ecosystems and conservation actions people can implement on their lands. Programs are linked to ABCA priorities.

Program Details: Staff provide curriculum-based education programs for elementary and secondary students. These programs focus on local watersheds, ecosystems, and environmental issues. Programs take place at schools (indoors and outdoors), field trips and through online learning.

Education and outreach programs and community events help achieve the objectives of the conservation authority. These programs are open to people of all ages.

Financial Information

CONSERVATION EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH	Year: 2023
Total program cost	\$xxxxx
Federal/Provincial Contribution	\$xxxxx
Self-Generated Revenue	\$xxxxx
Total municipal apportionment for this program	\$xxxxx
Municipality of _____ apportionment	\$xxxxx

ABCA Program Report

To: Board of Directors
From: Brooklyn Rau, Stewardship Technician
Re: Canada Nature Fund Projects
Restoration and mitigation for Ausable River Species at Risk (SAR) in Ontario
Date: December 15, 2022

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 \$250,000 in funding for the 2022-2023 project year. Stewardship activities will include working with watershed residents for up to five wetland restorations; up to 17 tree planting sites; up to 1,200 acres of cover crops; and up to five sediment and nutrient reduction activities (fencing out livestock and WASCOS). 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 property
Fragile Land Retirement	50%	\$4,000
Wetland Restoration	50%	\$5,000
Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Activities	50%	\$5,000
Livestock Access Restriction	50%	\$4,000
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-				

Total Canada Nature Fund: \$16,792 approved of \$18,200 (Fisheries and Oceans Canada)

Applications for funding: SEDIMENT AND NUTRIENT REDUCTION ACTIVITIES

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

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

Total Canada Nature Fund: \$3,150 approved of \$15,000 (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 <i>updated Dec 2, 2022</i>				
File #	Name	Location	Details	Grant
AB-3320	Bowman, Maureen	PT Lot 25, Con 15 London Twp, Middlesex Centre	Establish field edge and wetland buffer, Nairn Creek headwaters. Maple, Oak and Sycamore tallstock (55 trees) and 100 wildlife shrubs. ABCA to plant.	\$1582.50 Match with Ontario Soil and Crop SARFIP Program
AB-3321	Lenders, Joe	PT Lot 24, Con 5 ECR McGillivray, North Middlesex	Establish treed buffer along Ausable River. Two rows of conifer mix requires 125 trees. ABCA to plant.	\$1782.50 Match with Ontario Community Environmental Fund

Total Canada Nature Fund: \$ 25,923.50 approved of \$46,000 (Fisheries and Oceans Canada)

***Funding year end is March 31st, 2023. Projects still coming in.**

Applications for funding: COVER CROPS

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

CANADA NATURE FUND				
File #	Name	Location	Details	Grant
AB-3316	Exeter Produce and Storage Co. Ltd.	Lot 10, Concession S BDY, Hay Township, Municipality of Bluewater.	109 acres of winter rye broadcasted into corn. Black Creek sub-watershed.	\$1500 CNF Applied for \$1635 HCWP

Total Canada Nature Fund: \$18,315 approved of \$20,000 (Fisheries and Oceans Canada)

ABCA Program Report

To: Board of Directors
From: Brooklyn Rau, Stewardship Technician
Re: Canada Nature Fund Projects
Improving freshwater habitat for species at risk in the Bayfield watersheds
Date: December 15, 2022

Background

Aquatic Species at Risk (SAR) are also known in the Bayfield River and two Lake Huron shoreline tributaries (Gully Creek and Unknown Stanley J Drain). Aquatic SAR in these rivers face many threats to their survival and recovery (sediment loads, nutrient enrichment, altered flow regime, low oxygen concentrations and invasive species).

This project involves a three-pronged community approach. Best management practices on private lands include: tree planting, wetland restoration, implementing erosion control on ephemeral channels and supporting cover crops to prevent the development of these channels. The second approach is monitoring SAR, their habitat and the effectiveness of different practices on the reduction of downstream sediment and nutrients. Finally, ongoing communications about the project helps to raise awareness about the SAR, threats to their survival, and the approaches being taken to address these threats.

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) is providing \$121,825 in funding for the 2022-2023 project year. Stewardship activities will include working with watershed residents for up to two wetland restorations; up to three tree planting sites; up to six sites of 782 ha of cover crops; and up to two sediment and nutrient reduction activities (WASCOBS). As well as providing monitoring of aquatic ecosystems and providing outreach and education to watershed residents.

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
Livestock Access Restriction	50%	\$4,000
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

Total Canada Nature Fund: \$2,500 of \$6,000 approved (Fisheries and Oceans Canada)

Applications for funding: SEDIMENT AND NUTRIENT REDUCTION ACTIVITIES

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

CANADA NATURE FUND				
File #	Name	Location	Details	Grant
AB-3206	Alderdice, Garry	Lot 13, Concession 1 LRS, Tuckersmith, Huron East. Bannockburn sub-watershed.	Landowner worked with certified erosion control contractor to implement three erosion control projects. Project total: \$90, 316.14.	\$4,000 CNF Received \$6000 from HCWP, applied for OSCIA CAP funds.

Total Canada Nature Fund: \$4,000 approved of \$8,240 (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
AB-				\$

Total Canada Nature Fund: \$5,733 approved of \$21,000 (Fisheries and Oceans Canada)

***Funding year end is March 31st, 2023. Projects still coming in.**

Applications for funding: COVER CROPS

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

CANADA NATURE FUND				
File #	Name	Location	Details	Grant
AB-3210	Degroot, Chris	Lot 29, North Boundary, Hay, Bluewater.	46 acres. 48lbs oats, 30lbs peas, 4lbs radish. South Gullies Sub-watershed.	\$690 CNF Bayfield
AB-3231	Degroot, Chris	Lot 29, Lake Road East, Hay, Bluewater.	50 acres. 48lbs oats, 30lbs peas, 4lbs radish. South Gullies sub-watershed.	\$750 CNF Bayfield

AB-3232	Workman, Murray	Lot 5, Concession 8 HRS, Tuckersmith, Huron East.	70 acres. Oats, beans, wheat. Bannockburn sub-watershed.	\$1050 CNF Bayfield
AB-3233	Workman, Murray	Lot 30, Concession 13, Tuckersmith, Huron East.	80 acres. Oats, beans, wheat. Bannockburn sub-watershed.	\$450 CNF Bayfield
AB-3212	H & B Farms Inc. (C/o Harold Van Doornik)	Lots 2 & 3, Concession 4, Tuckersmith, Huron East.	90 acres. 38lbs Oats, faba beans, turnips, crimson clover, Austrian winter peas. Bannockburn sub-watershed.	\$1350 CNF Bayfield
AB-3213	Genoch, Joerg	Lots 17 & 18, Concession 12, Stanley, Bluewater.	150 acres. Cover crop mix TBD. South Gullies sub-watershed.	\$1500 CNF Bayfield
AB-3214	Ritzema, Gerhard	Lot 19, Concession 3 HRS, Tuckersmith, Huron East.	155 acres. 30lbs sunflower, faba beans, turnips, crimson clover, Austrian winter peas, oats. Bayfield Headwaters sub-watershed.	\$1500 CNF Bayfield
AB-3215	Brodie Farms (C/o Joel Brodie)	Lot 13, Concession 3, Stanley, Bluewater.	60 acres. 70lbs oats, 10lbs peas, 30lbs cereal rye, 2lbs brassica. Bannockburn sub-watershed.	\$900 CNF Bayfield
AB-3217	Bell, Robert	Lot 23, North Boundary, Hay, Bluewater.	75 acres. Multi species cover crop mix > 3 (Finalized at planting). Bannockburn sub-watershed.	\$1125 CNF Bayfield
AB-3236	Bell, Robert	Lot 11, Concession 11, Stanley, Bluewater.	49 acres. Multi species cover crop mix > 3 (Finalized at planting). South Gullies sub-watershed.	\$375 CNF Bayfield
AB-3237	Allan, Jeff	Lot 26, Concession 1, Tuckersmith, Huron East.	90 acres. 30lbs rye (after corn). Bannockburn sub-watershed.	\$1350 CNF Bayfield
AB-3239	Allan, Jeff	Lot 26, Concession 3, Tuckersmith, Huron East.	60 acres. 30lbs rye (after corn). Bannockburn sub-watershed.	\$150 CNF Bayfield
AB-3222	FSJS Acres Ltd. (C/o Dave Murray)	Lot 36, Concession 2 LRS, Tuckersmith, Huron East.	96 acres. Oats, radish, peas, sunflower. Bannockburn sub-watershed.	\$1440 CNF Bayfield
AB-3240	FSJS Acres Ltd. (C/o Dave Murray)	Lot 21, Concession 3 HRS, Tuckersmith, Huron East.	62 acres. Oats, radish, peas or sunflower. Bannockburn sub-watershed.	\$60 CNF Bayfield
AB-3246	Dykstra, Andrew	Lots 36 & 37, Concession 16,	100 acres. 40lbs oats, 0.25lbs turnips, 2lbs sunflower, 8lbs	\$1500 CNF Bayfield

		Goderich, Central Huron.	peas, 3lbs crimson clover. Main Bayfield sub-watershed.	
AB-3256	Hill & Hill Farms (C/o Paul Hill)	Lots 24 & 25, LRE, Hay, Bluewater.	200 acres. 60lbs oats, 5lbs sunflower, 5lbs soybeans. South Gullies sub-watershed.	\$1500 CNF Bayfield
AB-3275	Henderson, Mike	Part Lot 3, LRE, Stanley, Bluewater.	53 acres. 21lbs oats, 7lbs peas, 4lbs radish. South Gullies sub-watershed.	\$787.50 CNF Bayfield
AB-3276	Genoch, Thomas	Lot 8, Concession LRW, Stanley, Bluewater.	80 acres. 40lbs oats, a.w. peas, faba beans, chickling vetch, sunflower. South Gullies sub-watershed.	\$1200 CNF Bayfield
AB-3277	Genoch, Thomas	Lot 12, Concession LRE, Stanley, Bluewater.	78 acres. 40lbs oats, a.w. peas, faba beans, chickling vetch, sunflower. South Gullies sub-watershed.	\$300 CNF Bayfield
AB-3287	1510502 Ontario Ltd. (C/o Bill Gibson)	Part Lots 49 & 50, Concession 1 LRS, Tuckersmith, Huron East.	66 acres. 30lbs oats, 10lbs peas, 3lbs sunflower. Main Bayfield sub-watershed.	\$990 CNF Bayfield
AB-3288	1510502 Ontario Ltd. (C/o Bill Gibson)	Part Lot 32, Concession 4 W, Stanley, Bluewater.	25 acres. 30lbs oats, 10lbs peas, 1lb sunflower. Main Bayfield sub-watershed.	\$375 CNF Bayfield
AB-3289	Huron Agri Products Ltd. (C/o Rick Kootstra)	Part Lot 45, Concession 1 LRS, Tuckersmith, Huron East.	136 acres. 18lbs rye, 8lbs a.w.p, 1.5lbs sunflower, 7lbs oats, 0.3lbs phacelia, 0.2lbs turnip, 2lbs crimson clover. Main Bayfield sub-watershed.	\$1500 CNF Bayfield

Total Canada Nature Fund: \$29,602.50 approved of \$30,305 (Fisheries and Oceans Canada)

ABCA Program Report

To: Board of Directors
From: Brooklyn Rau, Stewardship Technician
Re: Conservation Ontario ECCC Fund
Ausable River Recovery Strategy - Land Stewardship
Date: December 15, 2022

Background

ABCA seeks to restore the Ausable and Bayfield watershed area by working with the community to implement restoration projects such as riparian buffers, wetlands and prairie habitat and adopting best management practices such as cover crops, grassed waterways and permanent vegetation cover.

Environment Canada and Climate Changes is providing \$32,500 in funding for the 2022-2023 project year. This is the first year of a two-year grant for this project. Stewardship activities will include working with watershed residents to create and enhance water storage and water filtration on the landscape, and plant native trees and shrubs.

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%	\$5,000
Wetland Restoration	50%	\$5,000

Applications for funding: WETLAND RESTORATION

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

Conservation Ontario ECCC Fund				
File #	Name	Location	Details	Grant

Total CO ECCC September 2022: \$21,000 of \$22,500 (Environment and Climate Change Canada)

Applications for funding: FRAGILE LAND RETIREMENT

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

Conservation Ontario ECCC Fund				
File #	Name	Location	Details	Grant
<i>Projects to be listed at next meeting</i>				

Total CO ECCC September 2022: \$10,000 of \$10,000 (Environment and Climate Change Canada)

ABCA Program Report

To: Board of Directors
From: Brooklyn Rau, Stewardship Technician
Re: EcoAction Projects
Investing in Lake Huron: Green infrastructure to control storm water
Date: December 15, 2022

Background

ABCF seeks to create wetlands or water retention areas located in, or at the edge of fields, floodplains and near existing wetlands, bio-retention demonstration site in the village of Bayfield and planting riparian habitats with native trees and plants within the Lake Huron watershed (Middlesex, Huron and Lambton Counties). Restoring at least 25 acres (2020 to 2023) will provide water quality improvements for Lake Huron.

Environment Canada and Climate Changes is providing \$34,133 in funding for the 2022-2023 project year. This is the third and final year of the grant for this project. Stewardship activities will include working with watershed residents to create and enhance water storage and water filtration on the landscape, and plant native trees and shrubs. As well, the education department provides 10 school programs on the benefits of wetlands and green infrastructure.

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

Applications for funding: WETLAND RESTORATION & BIORETENTION

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

ECHOACTION PROGRAM				
File #	Name	Location	Details	Grant

Total EcoAction Fund for April 2022 to March 2023: \$15,188.00 of \$15,533 (Environment and Climate Change Canada). Spend the rest on native seed and plants for restorations.

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
<i>No projects at this meeting.</i>				

Total EcoAction Fund for April 2022 to March 2023: \$ of \$15,000 (Environment and Climate Change Canada)

ABCA Program Report

To: Board of Directors
From: Brooklyn Rau, Stewardship Technician
Re: Habitat Stewardship Project
Community Actions to Protect Black Redhorse in the Little Ausable
Date: December 15, 2022

Background

Black redhorse is a Threatened SARA schedule 1 species. The goal of this project is to protect Black Redhorse habitat and mitigate human impact. The three year project objectives are to support community infrastructure that improves aquatic habitat, support private land stewardship to reduce sediment and nutrients loads and to educate the local community about land-river linkages to promote long-term protection. The known threats to Black Redhorse include pollution from agricultural and urbanized landscape runoff, as well as the effect of climate change and extreme weather events.

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) is providing \$15,200 in funding for the 2022-2023 project year. The goal of the project is to protect Black Redhorse habitat and mitigate human impact. The funds will restore one wetland, provide multiple planting events with over 300 students in the Lucan area and include monitoring water quality.

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
Wetland Restoration	50%	\$5,000

Applications for funding: WETLAND RESTORATION

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

Habitat Stewardship Project				
File #	Name	Location	Details	Grant

Total Habitat Stewardship Project: \$2,370 approved of \$2,370 (Fisheries and Oceans Canada)

ABCA Program Report

To: Board of Directors
From: Brooklyn Rau, Stewardship Technician
Re: Ontario Community Environment Fund
Enhancing rural green infrastructure in the Ausable and Bayfield Watersheds
Date: December 15, 2022

Background

Ontario Community Environment Fund collects funds through environment violations and provides it in the same regions for environmental restoration and remediation activities, resilient communities and local solutions to environmental issues.

This project is to improve water quality create wildlife, fish habitat, prevent the risk of flooding, reduce erosion, mitigate the effects of climate change and create recreational opportunities. The ABCA will restore 20 wetlands and plant 20,000 trees with the \$82,575 over two years until end of 2023.

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 property
Fragile Land Retirement	50%	\$4,000
Wetland Restoration	50%	\$5,000

Applications for funding: WETLAND RESTORATION

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

Ontario Community Environment Fund				
File #	Name	Location	Details	Grant

Total Ontario Community Environment Fund: \$13,067 approved of \$49,775 (funds go to Dec 2023)

Applications for funding: FRAGILE LAND RETIREMENT

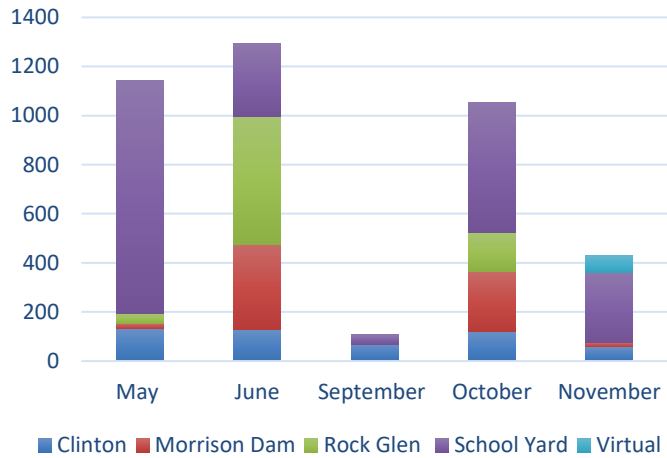
The following applications for funding have been received and approved by ABCA staff.

Ontario Community Environment Fund				
File #	Name	Location	Details	Grant

Total Ontario Community Environment Fund: \$2,500 approved of \$32,800

***Funding year end is Dec 2023. Projects still coming in.**

Locations of Conservation Education Programs



These past seven months, program sponsorships helped tremendously in increasing student participation and helped in getting students out to ABCA conservation areas. By looking at the table below, you can see that programming on the school yard is still the preferred method of program delivery by teachers. Clinton Conservation Area is ever increasing in popularity for field trips. Rock Glen and Morrison Dam are both popular destinations for field trips in June and October. We are thankful for a milder November and eager teachers, which allowed for ABCA staff to deliver additional programming.

ABCA Program Report

To: Board of Directors
Date: December 15, 2022
From: Cristen Watt and Hope Brock
Subject: Watershed Report Card 2023

Healthy Watersheds staff have been working on the latest edition of the Watershed Report Card, which has an expected launch date of March 2023 in partnership with Conservation Ontario. ABCA will use World Water Day (March 22) to leverage this awareness day to promote the watershed report card.

Watershed report cards are based on surface and groundwater quality and forest conditions in 16 watersheds in the ABCA area. These include the Bayfield River (three watersheds), Ausable River (eight watersheds), Parkhill Creek (two watersheds), Mud Creek, and smaller Lake Huron watersheds (two areas). These report cards are a follow-up to our previous watershed report cards released in 2007, 2013 and 2018.

Forest conditions remain limited in the Ausable Bayfield watersheds, with most watersheds receiving a D grade. Water quality has remained steady for most watersheds, with the majority of watersheds receiving C grades. Some watersheds have seen measurable improvements for some water quality indicators. Groundwater quality, throughout the Ausable Bayfield watersheds, is generally good. Several wells, however, tend to approach or exceed the drinking water standard for nitrate and the guideline for chloride, and therefore received less than an A grade. Wetland cover grades were D or F for most watersheds.

Protecting and improving watershed health will require conservation actions that individuals can take on their properties, community actions, and actions by agencies. Each local watershed report card suggests appropriate actions and acknowledges the efforts that have been undertaken locally since 2018.

To view the Watershed Report Cards for your Municipality, please visit the following link:

https://ausablebayfieldconservation-my.sharepoint.com/:f/g/personal/hwtech_abca_ca/EkGtSHzqodBDpy4npI3Uk6MBY_riqUpJktRijgP9_SAUWg?e=djPpf3

ABCA Program Report

To: Board of Directors
Date: December 15, 2023
From: Brian Horner, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer
Subject: Striking Committee and Proposed 2023 Meeting Schedule

The Striking Committee (composed of Chair, Vice Chair and Past Chair) normally meets in January to approve the schedule of Board of Directors Meetings for the year, as well as appoint or confirm appointments to the various committees of the ABCA.

In 2023, the Striking Committee will need to wait until after the Annual General Meeting; however, due to election outcomes, it is possible that we will still be short one member of the Striking Committee. To avoid this situation, we suggest an Alternate be appointed for the Striking Committee.

In addition, for information purposes, we are providing the 2023 proposed schedule for Board of Directors meetings, which will be approved when the Striking Committee is able to meet after the Annual General Meeting.

Recommendation:

That the ABCA Board of Directors appoint an Alternate to the Striking Committee.

2023 Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

Meeting time will be 10:00 a.m. with the exception of December

February 16, 2023	Annual Meeting at 10:00 a.m.
March 16, 2023	Board of Directors at 10:00 a.m.
April 13, 2023	Board of Directors at 10:00 a.m. (one week early due to Conservation Dinner)
May 18, 2023	Board of Directors at 10:00 a.m.
June 15, 2023	Board of Directors at 10:00 a.m.
July 20, 2023	Board of Directors at 10:00 a.m.
August 17, 2023	Board of Directors (if needed)
September 21, 2023	Board of Directors at 10:00 a.m.
October 12, 2023	Budget Committee Meeting at 9:30 am
October 19, 2023	Board of Directors at 10:00 a.m.
November 16, 2023	Board of Directors at 10:00 a.m.
December 14, 2023	Board of Directors at 2:30 pm followed by Christmas Dinner (one week early due to proximity to holiday)

NOTE: as per Regulations of the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority, December 21, 2000
The Chairman shall call regular meetings of the Board of Directors, 4 days written notice, at least ten times each year, including one meeting prior to March 1st and one meeting after November 1st.

Office closedFriday, December 22 at noon and reopen Tuesday, January 2, 2024

2023 Conservation Ontario Meetings and Conferences

Conservation Ontario Council Meetings(Dates to be determined)
ROMA Conference (Toronto)January 22-24 (*In-Person*)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (London).August 20 - 23 (*In-Person*)



MINUTES DRAFT

Friends of the South Huron Trail Meeting **DRAFT**

Monday, November 7, 2022 (Meeting in person and by Zoom video conference)

PRESENT IN PERSON

Members: Dave Frayne; Carol Rideout; Sharon O'Toole; George Finch; Peter Moseley-Williams; Norm Eckel; Jim Hayter; Lorne Rideout; Jim O'Toole.

Staff: Nathan Schoelier; Tim Cumming

PRESENT BY ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE

Linda Wilhelm; Terry Wilhelm; Suzie McComb; George Godbolt.

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

The meeting was called to order at 1:31 p.m. by Chairperson Dave Frayne.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION #4/22 Moved by George Finch; Seconded by Linda Wilhelm

“RESOLVED, THAT the November 7, 2022 meeting agenda be adopted as circulated.”

Carried.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

MOTION #5/22 Moved by Carol Rideout; Seconded by Sharon O'Toole

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the March 28, 2022 meeting and the motions therein be adopted.”

Carried.

BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTES

None.

ELECTION OF CHAIR

Past Chair Dave Frayne vacated the Chair's seat and Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA) staff member Tim Cumming facilitated the election of a new Chair. He called for nominations. Lorne Rideout nominated Dave Frayne. Dave accepted the nomination. Tim asked three times for further nominations. There were none. Dave was declared elected by consensus.

REPORTS – 2022 PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

TRAIL USE AND MAINTENANCE – NATHAN SCHOELIER

Nathan Schoelier, Manager of Stewardship and Conservation Lands with Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA), provided the Trail Use and Maintenance Report.

He outlined the maintenance and inspections carried out by staff during the course of the year. Nathan explained that these inspections focus on outlining potential hazards and risks to trail users, as well as identifying other maintenance requirements. Nathan explained that staff follow up with the identified hazards and maintenance requirements and address them accordingly.

Nathan explained that this work has included replacing boardwalk boards, and adding granular material where required. Nathan added that multiple hazard trees will be removed this winter.

Staff will remove any potential hazard trees as winter approaches. Trail use is consistent with recent years. Trail usage remains steady. It is less than pandemic levels, and consistent with the years prior to the pandemic.

Public input has been generally positive about the trail. There were some questions and concerns raised with the Colour Run by secondary school students but Nathan said he explained to people that the ‘paints’ used were environmentally friendly and biodegradable. Because there was no rain for a while, the colours stayed on the trail longer than usual. Ausable Bayfield Conservation kept people up-to-date about this on the website and in response to any calls or social media messages.

SPRING CLEANUP – NATHAN SCHOELIER

Several Friends of the South Huron Trail helped with spring cleanup.

Chair Dave Frayne thanked all the people who volunteered and helped with the spring cleanup.

OTHER TRAIL PROJECTS – NATHAN SCHOELIER

There are no major projects scheduled for 2023. Staff plan to remove the rail tie crossing along the southside of the MacNaughton – Morrison section of the trail, and replace it with granular material. The rail ties are beginning to rot, and further degradation may begin to pose a risk to trail users. The timing of this project will be weather-dependent.

SOUTH HURON TRAIL MOBILE – NORM ECKEL AND JIM HAYTER

Volunteer drivers Norm Eckel and Jim Hayter reported on the South Huron Trail Mobile.

They said they had a busy 2022 with passengers enjoying the trail especially in the springtime and then in autumn for fall colours.

There was a couple of weeks where the volunteers drivers were out as many as six times in a week to provide a nature trail experience to people with limited mobility who would not have been able to experience the trail in this way without the Trail Mobile.

People enjoying the trail, either walking the trail or travelling on the Trail Mobile, have come from places as far away as London, Kitchener and even Alberta.

Tim has updated the South Huron Trail Mobile flyer, in printed copies and on website, to have more accessible text and font.

The group remembered the contributions of former volunteer driver the late Jerry Mathers and Tim circulated a video, created several years back, by the local cable TV station (https://youtu.be/sMmjc2q2_Rg), about the Trail Mobile.

TRAIL PROMOTION AND PUBLICITY – TIM CUMMING

Tim Cumming, Communications Specialist, provided the Trail Promotion Report.

Tim has updated the website as needed – for instance, posting about the Colour Run, on the trail, by students at South Huron District High School (SHDHS) in Exeter.

In the past year, the Morrison Dam Conservation Area web page is one of the top web pages on the abca.ca website with almost 3,500 unique page views (4,200+ page views).

Tim has created a number of new videos about conservation areas and trails.

A May 2022 video (<https://youtu.be/DD9U27WFKrQ>) about the MacNaughton-Morrison Section of the South Huron Trail has received 140+ views on YouTube.

The same month, a video (<https://youtu.be/TXVWr5iG8Bc>) about the Morrison Dam Conservation Area (MDCA) Section of the South Huron Trail, had 278 views on YouTube.

One video featured our volunteer Peter Moseley-Williams (<https://youtu.be/cfOw8Kxzke0>). Peter's video has more than 400 views between Facebook and YouTube. Peter was thanked for his contribution to this video about the importance of the trail.

FUNDRAISING REPORT – TIM CUMMING

Tim Cumming, Communications Specialist, provided the Fundraising Report.

The Conservation Dinner Committee looks forward to returning to an in-person live auction and dinner on Thursday, April 20, 2023 at the South Huron Recreation Centre.

Giving Tuesday Canada is Tuesday, November 29, 2022. People can donate to the trail if they specify the trail in the text field box when making their donation online.

In 2024, we will be celebrating 20 years of the MacNaughton-Morrison Section of the South Huron Trail.

The charity golf tournament for the trail is no longer happening so a fundraiser would be welcome to support maintenance of the trail.

PROPOSED TRAIL DAY ACTIVITY – NATHAN SCHOELIER AND TIM CUMMING

Nathan and Tim outlined the proposed Support the Trail Day concept that had been suggested by a local community member.

Tim provided a summary of the results of a survey, about the proposal, to the Friends of the South Huron Trail. Respondents said September was not the best time for an event but a fundraising trail event would be a good idea. Tim shared some of the group member's suggestions for trail activities.

At the meeting, the Friends of South Huron Trail discussed possible plans for fundraising and awareness activities perhaps in May (early May when the wildflowers are out; on or around Mother's Day).

The event could be a single day; or weekend; or week. If it were a week-long event it could be capped off with an appreciation and awareness and education day or Support the Trail Day.

It was suggested there could be guided walks (e.g., hikes; wildflower tours) led by volunteers.

It was suggested local businesses could be involved and invite customers to 'round up their

purchase' if they've used the trail. Grocery stores and local LCBO outlets might be approached to see if this is something that could be done (e.g., point-of-sale donations; using a bar code and scanner or other method). If 1,000 people donated \$2 each that would be \$2,000. People could donate a twonie or they could donate more.

A question was asked about whether businesses might match funds raised.

It was suggested the event could be tied to health and mental health and local medical personnel could promote the health and mental health benefits of recreation on trails and in nature.

The event could be tied in with days of celebration and observance around May e.g., May 1-7, 2023 is CMHA Mental Health Week; Monday, May 1, 2023 is Great Lakes Awareness Day 2023, first Monday of May; Thursday, May 4, 2023 is Bird Day 2023 (U.S.A.); etc.

It was suggested the public could be encouraged to raise \$1 per metre (e.g., \$8,500 ... for the 8.5 kilometres of the South Huron Trail).

A business might sponsor coffee on the trail ('Coffee by the lake') on the trail day.

Service clubs could also be approached to be part of it.

It was also discussed that there might be ways to offer something in gratitude to the businesses supporting the trail fundraising activity.

The event could have a name (e.g., Wildflower Week; Trail Week; Trail Weekend; etc.)

It was discussed that the event should happen after the Conservation Dinner is done.

Radio stations and local media could be invited to help talk up the event.

It was mentioned how successful the Shunpiker's Tour was when it visited the trail.

Based on the discussion, and as next steps, staff will refine the trail fundraiser idea and distribute to the group to implement a fundraiser.

FAMILY DAY WINTERFEST SOUTH HURON

Dave Frayne said a grant application to the South Huron Community Foundation for WinterFest, in the amount of \$3,000.00, was carried over to the next year. Family Day WinterFest South Huron was cancelled for 2021 and 2022, as a result of the pandemic, but the granting organization agreed that WinterFest can keep the funds for use in 2023.

Dave is Co-Chair of Family Day WinterFest South Huron with Jeffrey Musser.

Dave will work with Tim on inviting community groups to an organizational meeting to confirm if plans for Family Day WinterFest South Huron 2023 are to proceed.

The group agreed to host free family snowshoeing, as in other years, if WinterFest proceeds.

MOTION #6/22 Moved by Lorne Rideout; Seconded by Jim O'Toole

“RESOLVED, THAT the Friends of the South Huron Trail host a free family snowshoeing event as part of Family Day WinterFest South Huron 2023.”

Carried.

2023 PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

Projects and activities in 2023 will include Family Day WinterFest South Huron free family snowshoeing event and Spring Cleanups.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Friends of South Huron Trail is on Monday, March 27, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #6/22

Moved by George Finch.

“RESOLVED, THAT the November 7, 2022 meeting of the Friends of the South Huron Trail be adjourned.”

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Dave Frayne, Chair

Tim Cumming, Recording Secretary

MINUTES
AUSABLE BAYFIELD CONSERVATION FOUNDATION

November 29, 2022
Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Boardroom

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dave Frayne, Janet Clarke, Roger Lewington, Dave McClure, Anne Melady, Charles Miner, Robert Norris, Bob Radtke

OTHERS PRESENT

Tina Crown, Abigail Gutteridge, Brian Horner, Sharon Pavkeje

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dave Frayne welcomed the Board of Directors and staff to the meeting and called it to order at 1:00 p.m. Members joined the meeting in person and Robert Norris joined by phone and Roger Lewington and Anne Melady joined by Zoom.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION #11/22

Moved by Charles Miner
Seconded by Dave McClure

“RESOLVED, THAT the November 29, 2022 agenda for the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation meeting be approved.”

Carried.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOTION #12/22

Moved by Janet Clarke
Seconded by Charles Miner

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation meeting held on May 10, 2022 be approved.”

Carried.

BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTES

Conservation Dinner

Chairman Dave gave a report from the Conservation Dinner, stating the Exeter Lions will not be applying for the 50/50 draw. Dave went to the Municipality of South Huron office and will apply for the 50/50 draw through an application from the ABCF.

PROJECT UPDATES

Junior Conservationist

Jada Burt of Lucan was selected as our Junior Conservationist for an eight week student position with the ABCA during July and August. Jada was a student at Medway High School and is currently enrolled at the University of Guelph in the Marine and Freshwater Biology program. Jada helped with a wide variety of departments within the ABCA, including our Education department summer day camps and Healthy Watersheds environmental monitoring.

Student Environmental Award

Abbie Gutteridge reported the ABCF offered a \$1,000 environmental student award for a High School student going into University or College in an environmental field. Kirsten McIntosh from the Seaforth area was the recipient of the award. Kirsten is studying at Lambton College in Sarnia in the Environmental Technician Water and Wastewater System Operations program.

Abbie noted we receive few applications for this award and wonder if it should be renamed to bursary or grant. Members agreed that the word Grant should be used instead of Award. Members also wondered if we should be sending the application to the teachers, rather than the Guidance counsellors at the schools.

Morrison Dam Tree Dedication Service

Abbie reported the Morrison Dam Commemorative Woods Service was held Sunday, September 18th at 2 pm. The service is held in partnership with Haskett Funeral Homes from Exeter, Lucan, Zurich and Seaforth. Approximately 350 people attend and the trailmobile was used to transport people with mobility challenges from their car to the seating area. Haskett Funeral Home had 288 memorials and the ABCF had 27. Next year's service is booked for Sunday September 17, 2023.

PROJECT UPDATES AND FUNDING REQUESTS

Healthy Watersheds Projects

Kari Jean, ABCA Aquatic Biologist, thanked members for their support in 2022. The projects supported for 2022 included: \$1,000 towards Old Ausable Channel for Community Engagement and Biomonitoring; \$1,000 towards the Port Franks Species at Risk Turtle program and \$1,000

towards the Species at Risk within the ABCA watershed.

Kari is requesting funding of \$3,000 in 2023 which include: \$1,000 towards Old Ausable Channel for Community Engagement and Biomonitoring; \$1,000 towards the Port Franks Species at Risk Turtle program and \$1,000 towards the Species at Risk within the Bayfield River area.

Education Projects & Programs

Denise Iszczuk, ABCA Conservation Educator, thanked the ABCF for 2022 funding. Programs covered include \$2,069 towards Community Programs for Non-Profit Groups; \$600 towards live owls at the Owl Prowl; and a flat rate of \$2,000 for the \$1 per student program, rather than counting each student taught in 2022.

Denise is requesting funding of \$5,200 in 2023 which include: Programs covered include \$2,400 towards Community Programs for Non-Profit Groups; \$800 towards live owls at the Owl Prowl; and a flat rate of \$2,000 for the \$1 per student program, rather than counting each student taught in 2023.

Forestry And Land Stewardship

Nathan Schoelier, ABCA Stewardship and Conservation Lands Manager, thanked the Foundation for the \$5,000 in 2022 towards developing wetlands, hiking trails and bird watching opportunities at the Triebner Tract, which is a 4 ½ acre property west of Airport Line and south of McDonald Road.

Nathan had no funding requests for 2023.

PROPOSED 2022 BUDGET

Tina Crown, presented the proposed 2023 budget to the ABCF Board of Directors, with the 2023 ABCA funding requests included in the figures.

MOTION #13/22

Moved by Dave McClure

Seconded by Bob Radtke

“RESOLVED, THAT the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation approve the proposed 2023 Budget as presented, which includes the funding requests presented by ABCA staff.”

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Morrison Dam Commemorative Woods Expansion

Nathan Schoelier, ABCA Stewardship and Conservation Lands Manager, updated members of an expansion at the Morrison Dam Commemorative Woods location. Plans are underway for

2023/24 to install a granular walkway with two loops connecting to the MacNaughton Morrison Trail and grass mowing will be done on a monthly basis throughout the Commemorative Woods area. Eighty one trees, including White Cedar and Pine and Maples, will also be planted in the west section of the CW site. Total cost of the project is estimated at \$23,500, which will be covered by Morrison Dam Commemorative Woods reserves.

MOTION #14/22

**Moved by Janet Clarke
Seconded by Charles Miner**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation support the development of the Morrison Dam Commemorative Woods expansion.”

Carried.

Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation Membership

Brian Horner advised that he has reached out to a potential member to fill the vacancy on the ABCF Board. Once confirmed, the ABCA Board of Directors will approve the appointment.

Anne Melady left the meeting at 2 pm.

Huron Tract Land Trust Conservancy Update

Roger Lewington reported the Huron Tract Land Trust Conservancy is hoping to close on a property near Grand Bend early in the new year. There is huge community support from the Grand Bend Rotary for this property.

Roger noted the reforestation project at the Elliott property has gone very well and is nice to showcase it to new potential donors. ABCA Staff began trail development through Woodburne Farm this fall.

The trail under the Bayfield Bridge has been developed and has enabled the Bayfield community to reach the Bayfield River Flats property without crossing Highway 21.

The Heaman Tract at Ailsa Craig is a great spot for river access. Black’s Bridge, the steel tressel bridge adjacent to the property, will be replaced in the new year. Nathan is updating plans for this property.

Funding Proposals

1) The Huron Tract Land Trust Conservancy sent a proposal to the Sunset Foundation for \$2,000 towards a celebratory opening of the new property near Grand Bend. The application was successful.

2) Lakeshore Eco Network sent an application to the Sunset Foundation for their “Reconnecting

with Nature” event, for under \$4,000. The application was successful.

South Huron Winterfest 2023

Chair Dave reported the Friends of the South Huron Trail will be providing complimentary snowshoeing at the event. There will be no Lions breakfast to kick off the event this year, but the Exeter Firefighters are planning fireworks.

Giving Tuesday Campaign

Abbie reported that Tim Cumming, ABCA Communication Specialist, has been posting Giving Tuesday messaging on social media and the community has been donating.

Proposed Fish Fry Fundraiser

Abbie reported staff have researched holding a Fish Fry as a Fundraiser, and have decided the profit potential does not warrant going forward with this event.

Commemorative Woods / Trails Bench Fundraiser

Abbie reported ABCA staff are looking at our Commemorative Woods sites and trails for opportunities to place benches, as a fundraiser for the ABCF. Thanks to Dave McClure for this fundraiser suggestion.

Commemorative Woods Bronze Plaque Pricing

Abbie reported the price of our Commemorative Woods bronze plaques from Stratford Memorials has increased to \$575 plus tax. She has found that RSD Authentics in Exeter sells a similar brass product for \$340 plus tax. After discussion, members felt we should go forward with the RSD Authentic’s plaques, if they have the same quality.

CORRESPONDENCE

Abbie shared the following correspondence:

- 1) Thank you from Barbara Wraith for the South Huron Trail and donation attached.
- 2) Thank you from Barry & Monica Page for the South Huron Trail and donation.
- 3) Peter Warner of Grand Bend purchased a \$750 tree with bronze plaque and has requested a complimentary \$200 plaque on the signboard as well.

MOTION #15/22

Moved by Charles Miner

Seconded by Roger Lewington

“RESOLVED, THAT the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation approves the addition of a small plaque on the Commemorative Woods signboard for each \$750 donation towards a bronze plaque and tree species.”

Carried.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

None.

NEXT MEETING

The next Foundation meeting will be held at the Call of the Chair.

ADJOURNMENT

Robert Norris adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

Dave Frayne
Chair

Sharon Pavkeje
Recording Secretary

SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE (SPC) MEETING MINUTES

November 30, 2022

**IN PERSON and
VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Matt Pearson, Dave Frayne, Paul Heffer, Ian Brebner, Jennette Walker, Bert Dykstra, Mary Ellen Foran, Alyssa Keller, Allan Rothwell

MEMBERS PRESENT VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE

Rowland Howe

MEMBERS ABSENT

John Graham, Philip Keightley

LIAISONS PRESENT

Maitland Valley Source Protection Authority (SPA) Liaison – Phil Beard
Ausable Bayfield Source Protection Authority (SPA) Liaison – Brian Horner

LIAISONS PRESENT VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE

Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) Liaison Officer – Beth Forrest
Huron Perth Public Health Liaison – Lori Holmes

DWSP STAFF PRESENT

Donna Clarkson, Mary Lynn MacDonald, Tim Cumming, Abigail Gutteridge

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Kyle Davis, Risk Management Official, Wellington Source Water Protection
Gail Heffer

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Matt Pearson called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m., and welcomed members and liaisons to the meeting.

AGENDA

MOTION #SPC: 2022-11-01

“That the agenda for the November 30, 2022 meeting be approved as presented.”

Carried by Consensus.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION #SPC: 2022-11-02

**Moved by Dave Frayne
Seconded by Bert Dykstra**

“That the SPC minutes from July 27, 2022 be approved as presented.”

Carried.

BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTES

None

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was received from the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) noting that the Province has reappointed Matt Pearson as Chair of the Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley SPC. This appointment is until August 2025.

CHAIR'S UPDATE

Chair Matt Pearson reported that a Joint Management Committee meeting was held in October to reappoint Bert Dykstra (Agriculture), Mary Ellen Foran (Agriculture) and Jennette Walker (Environment) to the SPC. All three members were recommended for reappointment to the Ausable Bayfield Source Protection Authority for a five year term. Chair Pearson participated in a meeting with the reappointed SPC Chairs and the new Director for the Source Protection Program at the MECP. This meeting provided an opportunity to talk about issues faced by other Source Protection Regions. At present, seven Source Protection Regions do not have an SPC Chair. During this meeting there

was discussion about the Best Management Practices initiative and engaging First Nations communities in Ontario. Chair Pearson also noted that public consultation would start soon with respect to the amendments to the Source Protection Plans and Assessment Reports.

PROGRAM UPATE

Mary Lynn MacDonald, Co-DWSP Program Supervisor, highlighted the changes to the SPC, including the reappointment of Matt Pearson to Chair, the reappointment of Bert Dykstra, Mary Ellen Foran and Jennette Walker. She also noted that Ian Brebner is retiring from the SPC, and Myles Murdoch is stepping down due to the fact that he is now on the Maitland Valley Source Protection Authority and cannot sit on both Committees. The SPC also has an interim MECP Liaison, Beth Forrest, as former liaison, Catherine Eby, has left the branch.

There are several updates to wells and wellhead protection areas. Zurich is switching to the Lake Huron Primary Water Supply (LHPWS), and plan to decommission their municipal wells by spring 2023. The Township of Huron-Kinloss has applied for an increase to their permit-to-take-water for Lucknow, which may have an impact on the wellhead protection area. Finally the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh has initiated a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment regarding the expansion of the Century Heights Drinking Water Supply, to include an additional well for a planned residential development. The environmental assessment for the LHPWS was completed and their preferred option for reservoir and UV Disinfection was approved.

The Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley (ABMV) Source Protection Region again participated in a social media campaign called #WaterWednesdays. The most recent campaign ran from September 21 until November 9. A new campaign directed to snow storage and salt use will begin Nov. 30th. In addition, a new public engagement video, "Have Your Say", was soft launched on August 18 featuring Allan Rothwell, municipal representative on the SPC. The video, to be re-released in January 2023, encourages the public to participate in upcoming public consultation. Staff have been sending out important information via newsletter, and have plans for two more prior to the end of 2022. Finally a subcommittee developed stickers for winter salt boxes found outside of various buildings, to promote wise use of road salt.

PROPOSED SALT STORAGE AT GODERICH PORT

Rowland Howe, Industry Representative on the SPC, and President of the Goderich Port Management Corporation provided an update on the proposed temporary salt storage at Goderich Harbour. Pier 8 of the port is used by Tomlinson Group for aggregates during the shipping season. There is a proposal to sublease this site to Compass Minerals during the winter months to store up to 90,000 Tons of salt. It is proposed that the site be paved with a bermed edge and a ring of sand to prevent erosion and catch any leaching. After the salt is placed on the storage pad it will be covered with a tarpaulin to further prevent run off. The storage area is meant for short term storage. Construction is planned for next year, pending approval.

PRE-CONSULTATION COMMENTS

Donna Clarkson, Co-DWSP Program Supervisor, provided a summary of comments received during pre-consultation for the proposed updates to the Source Protection Plans and Assessment Reports. In August 2022, the consultation page of the website was updated and a notice of pre-consultation was emailed to municipalities and implementing bodies. Comments were received from the Municipality of South Huron, Bruce County, the Municipality of Bluewater, Kyle Davis (RMO – Town of Minto and Wellington County), and the Conservation and Source Protection Branch (MECP). In general, there were very few comments, and many of those received simply required clarification. Two that addressed specific issues included the comment from Kyle Davis regarding a preference for a lower threshold for salt application to be consistent with other regions in Wellington, and the comment from the MECP noting their preference for flexibility of policies that manage sewage infrastructure over prohibition.

ADDITIONAL CHANGES TO SOURCE PROTECTION POLICIES

Hazardous Waste

In March 2022, waste policies were changed to address the changes in the 2021 Technical Rules. As Policies RAC.5.2 and RAC.5.5 stand, very small amounts of hazardous waste at residences and small businesses would be captured and a risk management plan required. Staff suggest that the following text be added to the policies for clarification:

“The incidental storage of hazardous waste at residences and small businesses shall not require a risk management plan.”

MOTION #SPC: 2022-11-03

Moved by Allan Rothwell

Seconded by Mary Ellen Foran

“That waste policies RAC.5.2 and RAC.5.5 be revised as presented and approved for inclusion in the Section 36 amendment to the Source Protection Plans.”

Carried.

Snow Storage

In March 2022, the SPC approved revisions to the snow storage policies, which address the lowered threat thresholds in the new Technical Rules. However, staff require clarification on the definition of “snow collection area.” It could refer to either the area within the wellhead protection area, or any area that contributes to the pile of snow. Staff recommend the addition of clarifying text to Policy AC.10.2, either:

Option 1

“For clarity: ‘snow collection area’ refers to plowed area that contributes to the snow storage, and is not limited to the wellhead protection area

OR

Option 2

“For clarity: the snow collection area is limited to land within the wellhead protection area with vulnerability score of 10”

MOTION #SPC: 2022-11-04

Moved by Ian Brebner

Seconded by Jennette Walker

“That Policy AC.10.2 be revised to include clarification regarding “snow collection area” as Option 1 above, included in the Section 36 amendment to the Source Protection Plans.”

Carried.

Sewage Works

Sewage policies were reviewed and revised in March 2022 to address changes to the 2021 Technical Rules. Specifically, policies that used Part IV tool (prohibition and risk management) were deleted and sewage work threats would be addressed through prescribed instruments. Additionally, specific circumstances and scores were removed from the policy text and a table of the sewage works subcategories was added to make the reader aware of the range of activities to which the policies may apply.

The MECP submitted pre-consultation comments related to policy RAC.4.1 – Prescribed Instrument Prohibition of Future Sewage Systems or Sewage Works, which prohibits future sewage works, except sanitary sewers. The specific concern was that prohibiting activities captured under subcategory 2.7 – *Sewage pumping station or lift station wet well, a holding tank or a tunnel*, would be problematic when they are needed to complete sanitary sewers. To address this concern, staff recommend that category subcategory 2.7 also be exempt from future prohibition. The recommendation regarding master environmental servicing plans was added to address the early planning aspect of the Ministry’s concerns.

MOTION #SPC: 2022-11-05

**Moved by Dave Frayne
Seconded by Alyssa Keller**

“Sewage policies RAC.4.1 and RAC.4.3 be further revised as presented, and approved for inclusion in the Section 36 amendment to the Source Protection Plans.”

Carried.

Organic Solvents

Organic solvents are a significant threat in a WHPA-A and B with a vulnerability score of 10, where quantity is more than 25 litres below grade, or 250 litres above grade. In the new Technical Rules, specific organic solvents are no longer identified and no definition is provided to limit organic solvents considered to be a risk, making them subject to SPP policies. Thus, the current prohibition policy may be problematic. Staff suggest that policy RAC.7.1 (Future Prohibition) be removed and Risk Management Plan RAC .7.2 be used to manage both Future and Existing activities. Residential use should also be exempt.

MOTION #SPC: 2022-11-06

**Moved by Bert Dykstra
Seconded by Paul Heffer**

“That the Organic Solvent policies RAC.7.1 and RAC.7.2 be revised as presented and approved for inclusion in the Section 36 amendment to the Source Protection Plans.”

Carried.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION PLAN

Mary Lynn MacDonald provided a timeline to SPC member regarding the Public Consultation Plan for the Section 36 Amendment to the Source Protection Plans. Public Consultation must last a minimum of 35 days, and staff plan to begin on January 3, 2023. A notice of consultation will be posted online and through local and social media avenues. Businesses affected by the amendment will be notified through mail. A webinar is scheduled for January 11, consisting of a PowerPoint presentation with voice over. This will be posted to the website following the webinar. Two in-person open houses are planned for January 18 (Wingham) and January 25 (Clinton), with a snow date of a virtual meeting on January 25. Written comments are due by email or mail on February 10, 2023.

MOTION #SPC: 2022-11-07

**Moved by Ian Jennette Walker
Seconded by Alyssa Keller**

“That staff be directed to complete the Source Protection Plan policy revisions and begin public consultation.”

Carried.

LIAISON UPDATES

Lori Holmes, Huron Perth Public Health (HPPH) Liaison, provided a written update read by Matt Pearson. HPPH has continued to be busy with their COVID response. At present, masks are recommended for indoor public settings, but not regulated. Staff monitored 22 beaches over the summer in Huron and Perth in 2022. In total, there were 23 beach postings and over 1200 samples collected.

Beth Forrest, MECP Liaison Officer, reiterated that the current appointed Chairs for the SPCs had a good meeting. There are still 7 Chair appointments to come. There have been several staffing changes at the MECP, and the new Manager of the Conservation and Source Protection Branch is Jen McKay. Beth reminded the SPC that Annual Reporting will be coming up in February 2023, and the roll up of the 2022 Annual Reports is almost ready to be shared with SPCs. She noted that there have been a number of Section 34 amendments with new wells or additions to current systems. Finally, Beth reported that Bill 23 will not cause any changes to the Clean Water Act, and staff are just checking to ensure that there will be no impacts on Source Protection processes.

Phil Beard, Maitland Valley Source Protection Authority (SPA) had no update for the SPC at this time.

Ausable Bayfield SPA Liaison, Brian Horner, commented on Bill 23, noting that despite receiving Royal Assent on November 28, 2022, there are still some postings on the Environmental Registry of Ontario. Parts of Schedule 2 are scheduled to be enacted on January 1, 2023.

RETIRING MEMBERS

Chair Matt Pearson, recognized two members of the SPC that are stepping down from the Committee. Ian Brebner (Property Owner), is one of the original members of the SPC who formerly represented the South Municipal group, and has chosen, after 15 years, to retire from the SPC at this time. Chair Pearson commented on the amount of work and dedication the original SPC members put in to create the first iteration of the Source Protection Plans. Secondly, Myles Murdoch (Municipal) stepped down from the SPC as he will be sitting on the Maitland Valley Source Protection Authority. Myles also sat on the former SP Working Group. Chair Pearson thanked Ian and Myles for their years of service and valuable input to the SPC.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be March 1, 2023. There will also be a virtual meeting on March 29 to approve the Annual Report.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Matt Pearson
Chair

Abigail Gutteridge
Secretary



Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority
Source Protection Authority Meeting

Thursday, December 15, 2022

4:15 p.m.

Administration Centre Boardroom
Morrison Dam Conservation Area
VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of Agenda for December 15, 2022
3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest
4. Adoption of Minutes from November 17, 2022
5. Business Out of the Minutes
6. Program Report - Mary Lynn MacDonald
 - Program Update
 - Public Consultation
7. New Business
8. Adjournment



SOURCE PROTECTION AUTHORITY

Thursday November 17, 2022

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

VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE

DIRECTORS PRESENT

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Mike Tam, Alex Westman

STAFF PRESENT

Geoff Cade, Tina Crown, Abbie Gutteridge, Brian Horner, Mary Lynn MacDonald, Tracey McPherson, Nathan Schoelier

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dave Jewitt called the meeting to order at 11:26 a.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION #SPA 11/22

**Moved by Ray Chartrand
Seconded by Doug Cook**

“RESOLVED, THAT the agenda for the November 17, 2022 Source Protection Authority meeting be approved.”

Carried.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

ADOPTION OF MINUTES**MOTION #SPA 12/22**

**Moved by Adrian Cornelissen
Seconded by Marissa Vaughan**

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Source Protection Authority meeting held on September 15, 2022 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”

Carried.

BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTES

None

PROGRAM REPORT1. Program Update

Mary Lynn MacDonald, Drinking Water Source Protection Co-Supervisor, provided an update on the Source Protection Plan Amendment for the Ausable Bayfield and Maitland Valley Source Protection Areas. The Amendments have been circulated for review and comment. Three stages of consultation are required before submission to the Province for approval: early engagement with the province, pre-consultation with municipalities and ministries, and public consultation. The first two phases have been completed, and public consultation will begin on January 3, 2023 and be completed by February 10, 2023.

There are many updates to the Source Protection Plans and Assessment Reports. Several wellhead protection areas include new delineation due to municipal well changes. New provincial threats rules required policy revisions or additions which includes decreased volumes for fuel tanks, snow storage in parking lots over 1000 square metres, prohibition of the transportation of snow into vulnerable areas, salt application risk management plans or municipal salt plans, prohibition of DNAPL chemicals only in 100m zones, and ongoing education to promote source water protection.

The Source Protection Committee (SPC) will meet on November 30 to receive the pre-consultation comments and make any additional policy changes required. There will also be recognition of two retiring members of the SPC, Ian Brebner and Myles Murdoch.

2. Source Protection Committee Update and Reappointments

Mary Lynn MacDonald provided several updates on SPC committee membership. Chair Matt Pearson received his reappointment as Chair by the Minister. The appointment will continue to August 20, 2025.

Municipal elections were held in October, which impacts the municipal representatives on the SPC. Municipalities for the region are grouped into 4 areas based on number of wellheads and intake protection zones. Each group will decide on one representative. They can be elected officials or appointed.

After the election, staff contacted the current municipal representatives to see if they were interested in remaining on the SPC if their municipal groups were in agreement. Allan Rothwell was re-elected as councillor for North Perth, and is willing to remain on the SPC as representative for the East Group. Paul Heffer was elected as Mayor of North Huron and is also willing to remain on the SPC as representative for the Central Group. Dave Frayne was the appointed representative for the South-West Group, and is willing to remain on the SPC. Myles Murdoch stepped into the Mayoral position for Goderich after Mayor John Grace's unexpected death and became a board member for the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority. As such, he will become an Source Protection Authority member, and cannot remain on the SPC. He has resigned from the North Group. Thus a new representative will be needed for the North Group. In addition, Ian Brebner, Land Owner Representative, will resign from the committee after the meeting on November 30. Ian was an original member of the SPC, sitting as municipal representative for the South Group. When the South and West groups were joined he moved to Land Owner representative. His position will be posted in December.

In October, the Joint Management Committee met and recommended reappoint of Bert Dykstra and Mary Ellen Foran, as agricultural representatives, and Jennette Walker, as environmental representative, for a five year team. All three members' appointments were to expire by the end of 2022.

MOTION #SPA 13/22

Moved by Bob Harvey

Seconded by Marissa Vaughan

“RESOLVED, THAT the Ausable Bayfield Source Protection Authority receive the report and that the recommendation by the Joint Management Committee to reappoint Bert Dkystra (Agriculture), Mary Ellen Foran (Agriculture) and Jennette Walker (Environment) to the Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Committee for a 5 year term be accepted.”

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Dave Jewitt
Chair

Abigail Gutteridge
Corporate Services Coordinator

To: Source Protection Authority
Date: Dec 15, 2022
From: Mary Lynn MacDonald and Donna Clarkson, DWSP Co-Supervisors
Subject: Program Update

a. Source Protection Committee (SPC) Meeting

On Nov. 30th the SPC held a hybrid meeting at the White Carnation in Holmesville.

- The committee reviewed the comments from pre-consultation and made some revisions to the policies in the proposed Draft Amendment to the Ausable Bayfield and Maitland Valley Source Protection Plans - waste policies now acknowledge that incidental amounts of waste not related to the main business processes do not require a Risk Management Plan; collection area for snow storage was clarified; future sewage pumping and lift stations were no longer prohibited in vulnerable areas; and future prohibition of organic solvents was changed to Risk Management and excludes residential use.
- Staff reviewed the plan to take the Amendment forward to Public Consultation with a variety of webinars, in-person Open Houses and on-line options for information beginning January 3rd. Written comments will be accepted until February 10th, 2023.
- Rowland Howe, Industry Rep, gave a brief presentation on a proposed salt storage at Pier 8 at the Goderich Harbour located in the Intake Protection Zone (IPZ)-1.
- Presentations were made to retiring committee members Ian Brebner and Myles Murdock. Ian graciously provided a lunch for all of the in-person members and staff.
- Tentative next meeting date is Wed. March 1st to review public consultation comments and finalize the draft Amendment. This will then be forwarded to the Source Protection Authority for approval and submission to the MECP after the SPA meeting on March 16th.

b. Municipal Appointments/Reappointments

Staff have started to receive resolutions from municipalities regarding their preferences for municipal group representatives. It is anticipated that final decisions will not be made until late in December.

c. SPC Property Owner Vacancy

With the retirement of Ian Brebner, staff have advertised this open position in local papers, social media and on our website. Resumes are requested by December 31st. A Joint Management Committee meeting will need to be held in January or early February to interview prospective applicants.

d. Provincial Reports

Staff sent the province the interim report from April 1st – Oct 31st for the approved 2 year budget and workplan. All expenses are on track as proposed.

To: Source Protection Authority
 Date: Dec 15, 2022
 From: Mary Lynn MacDonald and Donna Clarkson, DWSP Co-Supervisors
 Subject: Public Consultation

Public Consultation on Draft Amendment to Source Protection Plans

Public consultation is proposed to begin in January 2023, for a minimum 35 day period. A notice of consultation will be posted online, in local newspapers and through social media. The notice will be emailed to municipalities, ministries and other implementing bodies. Businesses or property owners affected by the amendment will also be mailed a notice. Written comments are due by e-mail or mail on February 10th, 2023.

Open Houses are planned for the following dates:

Date	Format	Place	Time
January 11 th	Virtual Open House Webinar with Q & A time. The video will then be posted to website after event.	Virtual via Zoom	Noon – 1:30
January 18 th	Open House	Hot Stove Lounge, Wingham Complex	4:30 – 7 p.m.
January 25 th	Open House	Board Room, Central Huron Community Complex	4:30 – 7 p.m.
January 25 th	Snow date	Virtual via Zoom	4:30 – 7 p.m.

Draft Amendment documents are posted online and can be accessed at this link:
<https://www.sourcewaterinfo.on.ca/consultation/>

At the November 30th SPC meeting the following was approved:

That staff be directed to complete the Source Protection Plan policy revisions and begin public consultation.