

BOARD OF DIRECTORS EMAIL VOTE

Friday August 21, 2026
Vote Via Email

ERO #026-0740 – AUSABLE BAYFIELD CONSERVATION AUTHORITY RESPONSE

On July 29, 2026, the Province of Ontario posted to the Environmental Registry of Ontario (#026-0740) – Consultation on Proposed Governance Regulations for Regional Conservation Authorities and the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency. This notes the proposed composition of Regional Conservation Authorities Boards. While the reasoning behind the proposed composition does include representation from every upper and single tier municipality in the watershed, there is some concern over the methodology used to calculate population of each municipality within the watershed area.

The ERO posting closes on September 12, 2026. As the ABCA Board of Directors does not meet before the closing date, staff requested an email vote regarding their comment that was developed as a response. Staff recommend that the ABCA response be approved, and that staff be directed to submit the response to the ERO posting.

An email was sent to Directors on Friday, August 21, 2026, requesting that votes be received by the end of the day on August 28. All nine Directors provided votes affirming staff's recommendation.

MOTION #BD 78/26

“RESOLVED, THAT the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Board of Directors approves the draft submission to ERO posting 026-0740: Consultation on Proposed Governance Regulations for Regional Conservation Authorities and the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency, and

“FURTHER, THAT the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Board of Directors authorize staff post the submission to the ERO prior to September 12, 2026.”

Carried by Consensus.

Ray Chartrand
Chair

Abigail Gutteridge
Secretary