Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority

Project Committee Meeting Shoreline Management Plan Update July 15, 2015





- Conservation Authorities represent the province with regard to natural hazards
 - CA's are the delegated lead commenting agencies with respect to Section 3.1 of the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS)
 - permitting agency in natural hazard areas Section 28 of the Conservation Authorities Act
- control of flooding and erosion
- the protection of life
- the prevention and reduction of damages and social disruption arising from naturally hazardous lands
- the conservation of ecosystems
- Delegated the responsibility for Great Lakes shorelines and connecting channels in 1988



- in land use planning and development province provides policy direction
 - Provincial Policy Statement (PPS)
 - public health and safety
- PPS clear about directing development away from naturally hazardous areas
 - Section 3.1.1
 - Section 3.1.2
- planning horizon of 100 years
- development in PPS includes new lot creation, change in land use, construction of buildings and structures requiring *Planning Act* approval
- proactive



- Development within natural hazard areas requires a permit under Section 28 of the *Conservation Authorities Act*
- Ontario Regulation 147/06 Regulation of Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses
- floodplains,
- river and stream valleys
- wetlands
- shorelines (2006)



- Development under the *Conservation Authorities Act* includes
 - the construction, reconstruction, erection or placing of building or structure of any kind
 - any change to a building or structure that would have the effect of altering the use, increasing the size or number of dwelling units
 - site grading; or
 - temporary placing, dumping or removal of any material, originating elsewhere or on the site.
- managegment



Shoreline Hazards

- Flooding
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- setback from high water level to account for waves and other water related hazards (ice)











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Stream erosion on toe of gully

Lake erosion on toe of bluff.

Overland Flow

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Groundwater Seepage

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- Dynamic Beaches
 - south of Lake Huron Primary Water Supply (Port Blake water intake)



Dynamic Beach

- area where accumulated sediment continuously moves unstable
 - wind
 - water
 - changes in the rate of supply







Impacts to Shoreline Processes

- wave climate
- characteristics of nearshore and shoreline
- climate precipitation, ice cover
- storm events
- shoreline protection
- disturbances to sensitive areas
- climate change
- lake water levels



Lake Huron - Michigan Monthly Waterlevels 1918 to 2015



Year



LAKES MICHIGAN-HURON WATER LEVELS - JULY 2015



January 2013 to July 2015 change - 1.11 m or 3.64 ft









