



MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, May 22, 2019

Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Boardroom
Morrison Dam Conservation Area

HEARING

Pursuant to Ontario Regulation 147/06

(Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alteration to Shorelines and Watercourses)

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Ray Chartrand, Doug Cook, George Irvin, Dave Jewitt, Mike Tam, Marissa Vaughan, Alex Westman

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Adrian Cornelissen, Bob Harvey

STAFF PRESENT

Geoff Cade, Abbie Gutteridge, Brian Horner, Daniel King, Kate Monk, Judith Parker, Meghan Tydd-Hrynyk

OTHERS PRESENT

Grant Inglis, Solicitor
Jason & Danielle Wilson
Michelle Wilson

CALL TO ORDER

Chair George Irvin called the Hearing pursuant to Ontario Regulation 147/06, to order at 7:00 p.m. for consideration of Application for Permission #2019-14. The Chair welcomed the applicants, Jason & Danielle Wilson.

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

Ms. Tydd-Hrynyk advised that the subject property is located in the Municipality of Central Huron, 71 Gouinlock St. Seaforth. The applicant proposes to construct a garage/shed that measures 25' x 32' and is located in a regulated area deemed a Two-Zone floodplain and within

the Seaforth Special Policy Area along the Silver Creek. ABCA has a regulatory responsibility under Ontario Regulation 147/06 Section 3.19.1 that there be no development and no filling within the floodway area. The application does not comply with the ABCA's Policies and Procedures Manual for Administration of O. Reg. 147/06 and therefore staff recommend that Application #2019-14 be denied.

The Chair asked Danielle Wilson to present as the applicant. She and her husband Jason, propose to build a new shed adjacent to the residence at 71 Gouinlock St. The residence is part of a 50 acre farm that is currently owned by Jason's parents and is being severed into two equal parts to pass down to Jason and his brother. The proposed shed will offer storage as there is no other building space on the severed parcel that will be merged with the residence. The shed will be a non-habitable space to be constructed at the same elevation as the house with a poured concrete slab and all electrical work kept above the 306.3 metres GSC.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOTION #BD 29/19

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

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors go into Committee of the Whole at 7:44 p.m. to discuss information presented in the Hearing, with Brian Horner, Grant Inglis and Judith Parker remaining in attendance.”

Carried.

MOTION #BD 30/19

**Moved by Dave Jewitt
Seconded by Mike Tam**

“RESOLVED, THAT Committee of the Whole rise and report at 7:58 p.m.”

Carried.

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

MOTION #BD 31/19

**Moved by Ray Chartrand
Seconded by Alex Westman**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Board of Directors not support the staff recommendation and approve Application for Permission #2019-14 pursuant to Ontario Regulation 147/06 *Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alteration to Shorelines and Watercourses.*”

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The Hearing was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. and the applicants left the Hearing. The Board moved into the regular Board of Directors meeting.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Ray Chartrand, Doug Cook, George Irvin, Dave Jewitt, Mike Tam, Marissa Vaughan, Alex Westman

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Adrian Cornelissen, Bob Harvey

STAFF PRESENT

Geoff Cade, Abbie Gutteridge, Brian Horner, Daniel King, Kate Monk, Judith Parker, Meghan Tydd-Hrynyk

OTHER PRESENT

Grant Inglis, Solicitor
Mel Luymes, Rick Koostra - Huronview Innovative Drainage Field Day Committee

CALL TO ORDER

Chair George Irvin called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm and welcomed everyone in attendance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION #BD 32/19

**Moved by Dave Jewitt
Seconded by Alex Westman**

“RESOLVED, THAT the agenda for the May 22, 2019 Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Board of Directors meeting be approved.”

Carried.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest at this meeting or from the previous meeting.

DISCLOSURE OF INTENTION TO RECORD PROCEEDINGS

None

ADOPTION OF MINUTES**MOTION #BD 33/19****Moved by Doug Cook
Seconded by Marissa Vaughan**

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on April 18, 2019 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”

Carried.

BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTES

None

PROGRAM REPORTS1. (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 6 *Applications for Permission* and 9 *Minor Works Permits*.

1. (b) Violation/Appeals Update

Staff advised a legal matter will be discussed in Committee of the Whole later in the meeting.

MOTION #BD 34/19**Moved by Ray Chartrand
Seconded by Mike Tam**

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

Carried.

2. Records Retention Policy

General Manager Brian Horner provided the draft ABCA Records Retention Policy to replace the Document Retention Policy dated April 18, 1991. The updated document will accompany the approved *ABCA Administration Regulations* adopted last year.

MOTION #BD 35/19**Moved by Dave Jewitt
Seconded by Doug Cook**

“RESOLVED, THAT the ABCA Records Retention Policy be approved as presented and become effective immediately.”

Carried.

3. Provincial Funding Reductions

Brian Horner presented a summary of the provincial funding reductions and the impact to ABCA programs and services offered to municipalities and landowners. To date, the financial cuts affect the following five programs: Bayfield North and Gully Creek Stewardship Projects; MNRF Summer Experience Program; 50 Million Trees Program; Healthy Lake Huron project; and Floodplain Management for a total annual loss of \$258,000. More information will be brought to a future meeting on how the Board can address the funding reductions.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Brian Horner provided a written report with a brief update on the progress of various projects, staff training, upcoming meetings or events and general activities over the previous month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MOTION #BD 36/19

Moved by Alex Westman

Seconded by Ray Chartrand

“RESOLVED, THAT the minutes of the Friends of South Huron Trail Committee meeting held May 6, 2019 and the motions therein be approved as circulated.”

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Reference: Thank you
File: R.18.4
Brief: A note of thanks from South Huron Mayor George Finch, acknowledging the work of ABCA staff and volunteers in completion of the new Jones Bridge on the South Huron Trail.
- b) Reference: Letter of Resignation
File: A.9.1
Brief: Tom Prout submitted a letter of resignation from the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation Board of Directors and Conservation Dinner Committee after 30 years of involvement. The Board acknowledged his many years of commitment in the success of these organizations.
- c) Reference: Healthy Lake Huron Project
File: W.11.14
Brief: Correspondence was received from Hon. Rod Phillips, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, in response to the Healthy Lake Huron partnership request for continued funding of this project working to involve communities and landowners in protecting water quality along Lake Huron from Sarnia to Tobermory.

NEW BUSINESSHuronview Innovative Drainage Demonstration

Abbie Gutteridge, Healthy Watersheds Technician reported the tender results from drainage contractors for the tiling component - berms and water control structures of the innovative drainage project at the Huronview demonstration farm. There were two tenders received and both were over budget, so a review will be done of the priority components.

MOTION #BD 37/19

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

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors not accept either tender for the Huronview Innovative Drainage Demonstration - Berms and Water Control Structures, and

FURTHER, THAT staff work with Van Driel Excavating Inc., to complete the priority items of the project and stay within budget.”

Carried.

Mel Luymes and Rick Koostra, representatives of the Huronview Innovative Drainage Field Day committee provided more information on the event to be held on June 15 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The 47 acre agricultural parcel is owned by the County of Huron and Huron Soil & Crop Improvement Association (HSCIA) lease the property as a demonstration site with technical assistance from ABCA. The HSCIA is working with 40 partners for the field day event. It is an opportunity to view the most innovative field drainage system in Ontario that will be tried on a contoured slope. Hundreds of people are expected to attend from Canada and US. There will be live drainage installation, wagon rides, workshops and trade show. Berms will be created for long-term monitoring and collecting data on water quality, water quantity and soil moisture.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**MOTION #BD 38/19**

**Moved by Alex Westman
Seconded by Ray Chartrand**

“RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Directors go into Committee of the Whole at 8:40 p.m. to discuss a legal matter, with Brian Horner, Grant Inglis, Geoff Cade, Daniel King, Kate Monk, Meghan Tydd-Hrynyk and Judith Parker remaining in attendance.”

Carried.

MOTION #BD 39/19

**Moved by Mike Tam
Seconded by Doug Cook**

“RESOLVED, THAT Committee of the Whole rise and report at 9:28 p.m.”

Carried.

MOTION #BD 40/19

Moved by Ray Chartrand

Seconded by Mike Tam

“RESOLVED, THAT staff continue to work with our solicitor on the legal matter discussed, and bring a report back to the Board of Directors at a future meeting.”

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

George Irvin
Chair

Judith Parker
Corporate Services Coordinator

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