



**Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**March 16, 2000 at 1:30 pm
Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Boardroom
Morrison Dam Conservation Area**

12:30 pm *Uniform Orders*
12:45 pm *Light Lunch*
1:00 pm *Information Session: Groundwater – Our Hidden Treasure*

Agenda

1. Call to Order and Chairman's Remarks
 2. Adoption of Agenda
 3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest
 4. Adoption of Minutes from February 17, 2000
 5. Business Out of the Minutes
 6. Program Reports
 - Report # 1: Ontario Regulation 46/95 - Ryan Hern *
 - Report # 2: ABCA Timber Sale - Tom Prout *
 - Report # 3: Revised Uniform and Safety Apparel Policy - Tom Prout *
 - Report # 4: 2000 Provincial Funding - Tom Prout *
 - Report # 5: 2000 Revised Budget - Alec Scott & Tom Prout *
 - Report # 6: Walker Drain Two Zone - Alec Scott *
 - Report # 7: Anne Street Drain (Exeter) Two Zone - Alec Scott *
 - Report # 8: DFO Update on Level 2 Status - Tom Prout
 - Report # 9: Information & Discussion Sessions with Municipalities - Tom Prout *
 - Report #10: 2000 Conservation Areas Operating Season & Staff - Tom Prout *
 - Report #11: Water Quality Coalition/Healthy Futures Update - Tom Prout
 7. Committee Reports
 - Administration Centre Management Committee - Gord Strang *
 - Port Franks Conservation Area Management Committee - John Walsh *
 - Property Management Committee - Bill Dowson *
 8. Correspondence
 9. New Business
 10. Upcoming Meetings & Events
 - Property Management Committee (tba)
 - Pt Franks CA Management Committee (tba)
 - Hay/Zurich/St Joseph Pilot Project - March 27
 - Parkhill CA Public Meeting - March 30 at 7p.m.
 - Conservation Dinner - April 13, 2000
 - Public Auction - 5 acres McGillivray Twp - April 22 10:30 am
 11. Adjournment
- * report enclosed with agenda

MOTION #BD 23/00

**Moved by Bob Norris
Seconded by John Walsh**

“RESOLVED, THAT the B. M. Ross & Associates Ltd report entitled *Exeter Two Zone Study* be approved, and;

FURTHER, THAT the ABCA in cooperation with the Town of Exeter, implement a Two Zone Flood Plain Management Policy for sections of the Anne Street Drain within the Town of Exeter with development criteria as detailed in the ABCA Two Zone Policy for the Town of Exeter (Anne Street Drain).”

Carried.

8. DFO Update on Level 2 Status

Tom Prout updated the members on ABCA upgrading to Level 2 status for delivering DFO Section 35 Fish Habitat. DFO has approved the request by ABCA to move to Level 2 status and a representative attends the ABCA office working with staff one day every two weeks for an interim period.

Tom Prout also advised that DFO has agreed to participate with \$10,000 towards the Aerial Photography Project; \$20,000 towards the Aquatic Resources Management Study and \$13,000 towards the Municipal Drain Classification Project.

9. Information and Discussion Sessions with Municipalities

With the upcoming amalgamations of municipalities and a pending reduction of municipal representation on the Board of Directors, the ABCA proposes to hold a series of information sessions for municipal councils and staff. A discussion of programs and services provided by the ABCA as well as a tour of the facilities and demonstrations will be provided. Information from these sessions will be used to develop the budget and Board structure for 2001.

MOTION #BD 24/00

**Moved by Ray Campbell
Seconded by Bob Norris**

“RESOLVED, THAT the ABCA schedule nine information sessions with member municipalities, to be held during the months of April to July 2000 at the ABCA office and;

FURTHER, THAT the ABCA Board member invite the municipal councils and staff that they represent to these information sessions.”

Carried.

Information and Discussion Sessions with Member Municipalities

*Approved by the
Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority*

Board of Directors

Date: March 16, 2000

BACKGROUND

The Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority, ABCA and its member municipalities have enjoyed 54 years of productive watershed management. However, it has been several years since the ABCA has held information and discussion sessions with its member municipalities. This fact, along with the ongoing restructuring of the municipalities suggests that it may be an appropriate year to meet and discuss how to improve watershed management delivery.

The information obtained from the municipalities would be used to develop ABCA's 2001 budget and Board structure. Therefore, meetings with the municipalities should be completed by July 2000 to accommodate the development of the Authority's 2001 budget process. A summary of the information collected from these meetings will be produced and shared with all of the municipalities.

MEETING FORMAT

A series of meetings will be held at ABCA's office, unless otherwise requested. Hosting the meetings at our office will provide an opportunity for councils to see our facilities and permit staff to use and demonstrate the equipment located in our office. Each Board member will invite the councils and staff from that grouping of existing municipalities that will make up a new municipality following restructuring, to an information session. The meetings/grouping of municipalities will look like this:

- ★ North Lambton (Grand Bend, Bosanquet, Arkona, Thedford) and Warwick/Watford
- ★ Middlesex Centre and Adelaide/Metcalf
- ★ Lucan Biddulph and Perth South
- ★ North Middlesex (Ailsa Craig, McGillivray, East Williams, West Williams, Parkhill)
- ★ South Huron (Stephen, Exeter, Osborne)
- ★ Blue Water (Hensall, Hay, Zurich, Stanley, Bayfield)
- ★ Huron East (Tuckersmith, Seaforth, McKillop)
- ★ Huron Central (Goderich Twp., Clinton, Hullett)
- ★ West Perth

The topics to be discussed will include:

- ✓ How municipal restructuring will affect municipal representation on the Board of Directors for the ABCA
- ✓ Municipal Plan Review Agreements - purpose and roles
- ✓ Private Sewage Disposal Agreements (where applicable)
- ✓ Existing programs and services
- ✓ Future programs and services
- ✓ A tour of our office
- ✓ Demonstration of the Flood Monitoring System
- ✓ Demonstration of the GIS mapping and aerial photograph system
- ✓ Discuss ABCA funding sources, who pays for what
- ✓ 2001 General Levy
- ✓ Open/other session for concerns and issues from the municipalities

TIME FRAME

It is suggested that these meetings take place around the noon hour and include a light lunch, however other times can be arranged to meet the needs of the councils. The nine meetings will be held during the months of April to July, 2000. In August a summary of the input from the municipalities will be produced and made available to the Board of Directors, staff and the municipalities. Staff of the ABCA will use this information to develop the budget and the Board structure for 2001.

ACTIONS

1. That the ABCA schedule 9 meetings with its member municipalities during the months of April to July, 2000
2. That municipalities be grouped, as noted previously, for the meeting schedule.
3. That the ABCA Board member invite the municipalities to the meeting.
4. That the meetings be held at the ABCA office around the noon hour and include a light lunch, unless otherwise requested by the municipalities.