



Staff Memo

Report To: South Huron Council
From: **Dan Best, Chief Administrative Officer/Deputy Clerk**
Date: February 4 2019
Report: CAO 05-2019
Subject: ABCA Shoreline Management Plan Update

Recommendations:

That the report of D. Best, Chief Administrative Officer date February 4th, 2019 regarding the ABCA Shoreline Management Plan Update be received.

Purpose:

Information

Background and Analysis:

The most current Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA) Shoreline Management Plan-Draft has been available to the public since November 28, 2018 for comment. ABCA accepted public comments on the draft until Friday, January 25, 2019.

The South Huron's lakefront boundary is approximately 3 kilometers long, and within that area there are a mix of properties which are located in either a Cohesive Bluff or a Dynamic Beach area.

This memo has been coordinated with Councillor Vaughan who has had the opportunity to engage several residential lakefront property stakeholders who had expressed significant concerns with the 2016 draft and identify if there were continued concerns on the most recent draft.

Only one item, a potential and future 'what if' scenario, that might involve the ABCA's approval from the Cohesive Bluff area was identified, yet a

comment to this draft would not be forthcoming. In addition, stakeholders from the Dynamic Beach area advised that comments on this draft would not be provided.

On January 21st, 2019, ABCA presented the draft plan at our January 21, Council meeting. At that time Geoff Cade, Manager, ABCA Water and Planning, clarified that Appendix D's Development Guidelines were essentially policies which would direct ABCA staff as to which applications could be approved without the ABCA's Board approval. Moreover, if any property owner wished to appeal an application's decision to the ABCA Board, they had the ability to do so.

Mr. Cade went on to confirm that ABCA has in the past worked with lakeshore property owners on "site specific" matters that do not meet the guidelines, and that ABCA will continue to work with our lakefront stakeholders in the future.

In consideration of the above and in consultation with Councillor Vaughan, it was determined that there was really nothing for South Huron to comment on the ABCA Shoreline Management Plan-Draft and as such, no comments were submitted.

Operational Considerations:

None

Financial Impact:

There are no financial implications as a result of the actions outlined in this report.

Legal Impact:

There are no legal implications as a result of the actions outlined in this report.

Staffing Impact:

There are no staffing implications as a result of the actions outlined in this report.

Consultation:

Councillor Vaughan

Related Documents:

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Best, Chief Administrative Officer/Deputy Clerk