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Consultant Recommendation Report posted online for comments

The Draft Shoreline Management Plan Update Consultant Recommendation Report document has been posted on September 1 for a 90-day period for public review and written comments between September 1, 2016 and December 1, 2016.

The local Shoreline Management Plan (SMP) Update Steering Committee has asked that the Draft Updated Shoreline Management Plan (SMP) Consultants' Recommendation Report be posted online for review and that the public have the opportunity to provide comment. That document – along with draft mapping and appendices – is now available for free download on the Shoreline Management Plan Update Web Page: <http://www.abca.on.ca/page.php?page=shoreline-management>

Staff members of Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA) posted online the Draft Updated Shoreline Management Plan Consultants' Recommendation Report on September 1, 2016 to provide a 90-day period for public review and written comments.

The document is based on current scientific knowledge and provincial policies and was prepared by the consulting team. The consulting team was led by Karen Wianecki, of Planning Solutions Inc., Judy Sullivan, of Aqua Solutions 5 Inc., and Robin Davidson-Arnott, University of Guelph. Additional input was provided by Billy Singh, of Terraprobe Inc., and Ryan Mulligan, of Queen's University.

The 90-day comment period is provided to allow time for public access, comment, and to address the comments on the new Draft Updated Shoreline Management Plan Consultants' Recommendation Report.

The public comment on the Draft Updated Shoreline Management Plan Consultant Recommendation Report takes place between September 1, 2016 and December 1, 2016. Written comments on the document, or questions, may be sent to Alec Scott or Geoff Cade through the staff contacts page at [abca.on.ca: http://www.abca.on.ca/contact_staff.php](http://www.abca.on.ca/contact_staff.php)

If you would like the report in alternate format please contact staff at Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA).

A printed copy of the document is to be available at the ABCA office, at 71108 Morrison Line, east of Exeter, for people who do not have convenient access to the Internet. Copies are also to be available in the coming week for the public to review at a number of local libraries.

Shoreline property owners and other interested people are invited to review the document, download it for free, and provide written comments to ABCA. To reach the web page, click on the Shoreline Management icon on the [abca.on.ca](http://www.abca.on.ca) home page or use the search tool on the home page.

The Steering Committee includes representation from diverse shoreline and industry interests.

After comments on the document are received, reviewed, and considered by Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority and the Steering Committee, the ABCA will work with municipalities and other reviewing bodies in early 2017 to develop draft local policies through a draft local policies implementation plan.

Comments received during the current review period will help to inform the development of draft local policies for implementation.

The Draft Updated Shoreline Management Plan Consultants' Recommendation Report and local implementation policies are also expected to be presented in public events in spring / summer 2017.