

NICKEL DISTRICT CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Minutes of General Board Meeting

Thursday, October 11, 2012

Room C-12
Tom Davies Square

Commenced: 4:05 p.m.
Adjourned: 5:55 p.m.

PRESENT: Lin Gibson, Chairperson
Joe Cimino
Joscelyne Landry-Altmann
Mark Signoretti
Russ Thompson
Anne Watelet

ALSO PRESENT: P. Sajatovic, N.D.C.A.
Mitch Ross, Off Road Productions

COMMUNICATION: Jacques Barbeau
Evelyn Dutrisac

1. Chairperson Gibson opened the meeting, welcoming all present. Chairperson Gibson had distributed to members a one page summary report highlighting activities and events that had been attended in September and early October, plus a listing of upcoming events later in October. A highlight was the Biennial Tour and the visit to the infamous Walkerton Well #5 which triggered the Walkerton tragedy. Chairperson Gibson noted that this visit was very moving and impacting.
2. No declarations of conflict were declared by any member present.
3. Adoption of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

Resolution 2012-73

Signoretti - Landry-Altmann

That the agenda for the October 11, 2012 N.D.C.A. General Board meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

a) September 13, 2012

Resolution 2012-74

Signoretti - Landry-Altmann

That the minutes of the September 13, 2012 General Board meeting, as duplicated and circulated, be approved.

Carried.

b) Business Arising from Minutes

Chairperson Gibson referenced a number of items of business contained in the minutes from the September 13, 2012 meeting. P. Sajatovic clarified that all of the matters would either be discussed at the current meeting or would be brought forward at the November 8, 2012 General Board meeting.

5. Presentation - Corporate Websites Upgrades/Ongoing Maintenance

Mitch Ross from Off Road Productions was introduced to members. P. Sajatovic provided a verbal overview report on this subject. Mitch Ross was then invited to proceed with an electronic presentation. Information pertaining to the proposed services had been distributed to members in the agenda package. The presentation highlighted the key components of the website project including re-design, development, technical upgrades and ongoing content management and maintenance. Members had many questions and sought clarification on many components of the project. After a very thorough discussion, the following resolution was presented.

Resolution 2012-75

Landry-Altmann - Signoretti

That the Conservation Sudbury - N.D.C.A. websites re-design, development and technical upgrades proceed based on the proposal outline from Off Road Productions,

AND FURTHER that the funding for this work will be allocated from the Levy Stabilization Reserve in 2012 and in 2013 as required, and authorized by the General Manager.

Carried.

6. General Business

a) Development, Interference with Wetlands & Alteration to Shorelines/Watercourses and Fisheries Files Report - September, 2012

Resolution 2012-76

Watelet - Landry-Altmann

That the N.D.C.A. Permits 2012-36 to 2012-40 issued in September, 2012, be approved as outlined in the Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines/Watercourses and Fisheries Files report.

Carried

b) 2013 Proposed N.D.C.A. Budget

The proposed 2013 N.D.C.A. budget package had been distributed to members under separate cover. P. Sajatovic provided a detailed verbal presentation related to the budget. It was noted that the N.D.C.A. is scheduled to appear before the City of Greater Sudbury Finance Committee on Tuesday, November 6th to present the proposed budget. Members had many questions related to the budget, the revenue assumptions, the expenditure projections, etc. Members were satisfied that the proposed budget is realistic and financially responsible and will permit the N.D.C.A. to provide the mandated and requested services for watershed residents. A resolution was then tabled for the consideration of members.

Resolution 2012-77

Thompson - Signoretti

That the Conservation Sudbury - N.D.C.A. 2013 budget in the total amount of \$1,010,220 be approved,

AND FURTHER that our member municipality is requested to provide funding in the total amount of \$618,000,

AND FURTHER that this proposed budget will be presented by the Chairperson and General Manager at the City of Greater Sudbury Finance Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 6, 2012.

Carried.

c) Conservation Ontario Report - "Watershed Management Futures for Ontario" White Paper

Chairperson Gibson and P. Sajatovic introduced members to this very important topic, looking at the future of watershed management in Ontario. Chairperson Gibson reported on the discussions which had occurred at the October 1st Conservation Ontario Council meeting related to this topic. She also reported that Conservation Ontario Council did endorse the White Paper and a detailed communications and outreach plan. P. Sajatovic highlighted the key elements of the report. The white paper has now been sent to the Ministers of Natural Resources, Environment and Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.

As well, it was noted that the N.D.C.A. will be sending a letter along with the document to the Mayor and City Councillors. The N.D.C.A. Chairperson and General

Manager will be available to meet with Council and senior staff if requested. Members of the General Board will be updated as further information becomes available.

d) Fast Flowing Water Program Delegation

The tragic drowning of Adam Dickie in Junction Creek in August, 2007, prompted the City of Greater Sudbury Council to establish the Junction Creek Safety Committee. City Councillors and N.D.C.A. General Board members Joscelyne Landry-Altmann and Joe Cimino spearheaded the initiative. The Safety Committee brought together individuals and agencies with various relevant backgrounds to share information, concerns and suggestions. A great deal of very beneficial work was completed. In late September, City of Greater Sudbury Council, by way of resolution, approved the transfer of the Fast Flowing Water Program to the Nickel District Conservation Authority for ongoing operationalization. Member Landry-Altmann spoke to the tragedy which led to this initiative and also explained the many successes. All members agreed that it is important to continue this safety program. After a number of questions were answered, the following resolution was presented.

Resolution 2012-78

Landry-Altmann - Watelet

That as the City of Greater Sudbury has now formally transferred the responsibilities for the implementation of the Fast Flowing Water Program to Conservation Sudbury - N.D.C.A.,

AND FURTHER that as a sub-committee is to be formed to manage this initiative, in conjunction with other partners,

IT IS HEREBY recommended that Conservation Sudbury - N.D.C.A. member Joscelyne Landry-Altmann be appointed Chair of the sub-committee, and that a meeting of the sub-committee be organized to begin planning for activities in 2013.

Carried.

e) Greater Sudbury Chamber of Commerce Membership

Information had been distributed to General Board members related to the Greater Sudbury Chamber of Commerce membership program. Chairperson Gibson provided further information and highlighted some of the potential benefits that could be derived from membership. General Board members acknowledged the potential benefits from membership, but also expressed some reservations to the proposal. Following a very thorough discussion, it was decided that a membership would not be taken at this time and that consideration of this matter would be tabled until next year, at which time the potential of taking out a membership would again be considered. The resolution that had been moved and seconded was tabled with the unanimous approval of members.

f) December, 2012 Christmas Dinner Meeting

The N.D.C.A. normally combines the December meeting with a dinner. This allows General Board members, members of their families, staff, and special guests to come together. Members decided that the 2012 dinner meeting will be held on Thursday, December 13th, starting at 6:30 p.m. A number of possible locations were suggested. Staff were directed to follow up, recommend a location in consultation with Chairperson Gibson and then get the invitation out as soon as possible.

7. In-Camera (Personnel/Legal/Property)

No in-camera matters were dealt with at this meeting.

8. New Business

a) Appointment to N.D.C.A. General Board

Members were advised that the City of Greater Sudbury had extended the application period to fill the vacant position on the General Board to October 19th. The City's Nominating Committee will be meeting on October 30th to select a person to fill the position. The new member will attend the November, 2012 General Board meeting.

b) "Friends" and Fun Day

Chairperson Gibson reported on the events/activities happening on Saturday, October 20th at the Lake Laurentian Conservation Area. The "Friends of Lake Laurentian" are sponsoring the first annual meeting plus an afternoon of fun events for families and Conservation Area supporters. Members were encouraged to attend and invite their friends. It was also noted that Member Signoretti had done an interview on Eastlinks Channel 10 "About Town" program to bring more profile/publicity to the event at Lake Laurentian.

c) Next Meeting Date

The next regularly scheduled General Board meeting will be held on Thursday, November 8, 2012, starting at 4:00 p.m., in Room C-12, Tom Davies Square.

No other business was transacted.

9. Adjournment

Resolution 2012-79

Thompson - Cimino

That we do now adjourn.

Carried.

