

NICKEL DISTRICT CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Minutes of General Board Meeting

Thursday, April 11, 2013

Room C-12
Tom Davies Square

Commenced: 4:40 p.m.
Adjourned: 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Lin Gibson, Chairperson
Jacques Barbeau
Joe Cimino
Jennifer Davidson
Joscelyne Landry-Altmann
Anne Watelet

ALSO PRESENT: P. Sajatovic, N.D.C.A.
Natalie Webster, N. D.C.A.
Samantha Pitzel, N.D.C.A.

COMMUNICATION: Russ Thompson
Mark Signoretti

1. Chairperson Gibson opened the meeting by welcoming all present. A written report from Chairperson Gibson was distributed which included highlights of activities undertaken since the March General Board meeting.

P. Sajatovic congratulated Chairperson Gibson on her election as a Vice-Chair of Conservation Ontario for 2013-2014. This is a wonderful development for our Conservation Authority and the other northern Authorities. All members congratulated Chairperson Gibson and indicated they would provide support as requested over the next year.

2. No declarations of conflict were declared by any member present.

3. Adoption of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

Resolution 2013-39

Barbeau - Cimino

That the agenda for the April 11, 2013 N.D.C.A. General Board meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

a) March 7, 2013

Resolution 2013-40

Landry-Altmann - Watelet

That the minutes of the March 7, 2013 General Board meeting, as duplicated and circulated, be approved.

Carried.

b) Business Arising from Minutes

Chairperson Gibson and members asked for clarification on three items. P. Sajatovic updated members and noted that one of the items would be discussed in more detail at this meeting.

5. Presentations

a) Lake Laurentian Conservation Area Sign Plan

In the Fall of 2012, the N.D.C.A. General Board approved an Environmental Management and Operations Plan for Lake Laurentian. Using these plans as a basis, staff have been working on a comprehensive Sign Plan for the Conservation Area. Staff member Natalie Webster was invited to make an electronic presentation which included many different elements. The proposed sign plan also outlined four key next steps leading to implementation. Members had a number of questions for Natalie. Following the discussions and answering of questions, a resolution was presented for consideration by members.

Resolution 2013-41

Cimino - Barbea

That the Lake Laurentian Conservation Area Sign Plan be approved as presented on April 11, 2013,

AND FURTHER that this plan be updated and implemented as required, and based on the availability of the necessary funding to undertake this very important work to support the future growth and appreciation of the Lake Laurentian Conservation Area.

Carried.

b) N.O.H.F.C. Communications Intern Activities Update

Samantha Pitzel was introduced to members. Samantha began work with the N.D.C.A. in February as a Communications Intern. Samantha highlighted a number of the projects she is involved with including the Fast Flow Water outreach program to schools; plans to organize a sponsors night in June as part of the "Juried Art Show";

completing the spring, "Friends of Lake Laurentian" newsletter, etc. All members welcomed Samantha and wished her all the very best during her one year internship with the N.D.C.A.

6. General Business

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

Resolution 2013-42

Barbeau - Cimino

That the N.D.C.A. Permits 2013-01 to 2013-07 issued in February and March, 2013, be approved as outlined in the Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines/Watercourses and Fisheries Files report.

Carried

b) Conservation Authorities Watershed Report Cards

In conjunction with Work Water Week in March, 2013, Conservation Authorities released a series fo Watershed Report Cards which provide an assessment of the current state of Ontario's watersheds in terms of lakes, rivers, streams, groundwater and forest conditions. The Conservation Sudbury (N.D.C.A.) Watershed Report Card focused on the Lake Ramsey watershed. As one of the City's most important watersheds, it was very important to assess the health of key indicators and to identify needed actions to improve the health of those resources. Members thanked staff, especially Natalie Webster and Melanie Venne, for all the fine work. P. Sajatovic advised members that work on the watershed report card file would continue within the capacity of our organization.

c) N.D.C.A. Property Acquisition Request (Boyce Street)

A property matter which had been discussed at the September, 2012 General Board meeting was reopened based on a request in writing from a solicitor for a local property management company. P. Sajatovic provided a report to highlight the background to the request. Member Cimino provided detailed comments related to the issues which had arisen in August of 2012 and again reaffirmed that the property owners in the neighbourhood should be consulted first, related to the property in question. Members by unanimous consensus provided direction to staff to contact the solicitor to outline this position to her and the proposed next steps. A report to the General Board will be provided by P. Sajatovic once the solicitor has been contacted.

d) N.D.C.A. Office Space Relocation Plan

In follow up to the discussion at the February, 2013 General Board meeting, an information package with detailed financial and space design was presented to members. Members had many questions and again expressed their unanimous support for the relocation plan. Following a very thorough discussion, a resolution was presented for consideration by General Board members.

Resolution 2013-43

Barbeau - Davidson

That the N.D.C.A. hereby approves the Office Space Relocation Plan based on the final design drawings and detailed Construction Cost Estimate as presented by the General Manager at the April 11 General Board meeting.

Carried.

e) Conservation Ontario Annual Council Meeting

The agenda for the April 8th Annual Council meeting had been distributed to General Board members. Chairperson Gibson reported on some of the key issues/items discussed including the Watershed Report cards initiative; the Sourcewater Protection Program; the Conservation Ontario 2012 Annual Report and Financial Statement. General Board members again took the opportunity to congratulate Chairperson Gibson on her election as Vice-Chair of Conservation Ontario.

f) Request from Coalition for a Liveable Sudbury/Provincial Policy Statement

Consideration of item deferred to May, 2013 General Board Meeting.

g) 2013 Spring Runoff Update

P. Sajatovic updated members noting that the full impact of spring runoff was delayed due to the continuing unsettled weather conditions. General Board members were advised that all the partners are prepared to deal with the spring runoff impacts in order to protect our watershed residents. Communication will be continuous until the spring runoff period has ended.

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

Resolution 2013-44

Watelet - Landry-Altman

That we go in-camera a 5:45 p.m.

Carried

At 5:56 p.m., the Chair of the in-camera session reported that one personnel matter had been discussed and that one resolution would be forthcoming for consideration by General Board members.

Resolution 2013-45

Davidson - Landry-Altmann

That the report from the N.D.C.A. General Manager related to the current staffing complement associated with the Drinking Water Source Protection Program be adopted,

AND FURTHER that the General Manager is hereby authorized to proceed as discussed and approved by the N.D.C.A. General Board.

Carried.

8. New Business

a) Next Meeting Date

The next regularly scheduled General Board meeting will be held on Thursday, May 9, 2013, starting at 4:00 p.m., in Room C-11, Tom Davies Square.

(Post Meeting Note - The May 9, 2013 General Board meeting was cancelled).

No other business was transacted.

9. Adjournment

Resolution 2013-46

Watelet - Landry-Altmann

That we do now adjourn.

Carried.