

# NICKEL DISTRICT CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

## Minutes of General Board Meeting

Thursday, March 7, 2013

Room C-11  
Tom Davies Square

Commenced: 4:40 p.m.  
Adjourned: 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Lin Gibson, Chairperson  
Russ Thompson, Vice-Chair  
Joe Cimino  
Jennifer Davidson  
Joscelyne Landry-Altmann  
Anne Watelet

ALSO PRESENT: P. Sajatovic, N.D.C.A.  
Fred Slade, Fred Slade & Associates  
Laurie Rossignol, Fred Slade & Associates  
Nels Conroy, Chair, Greater Sudbury Source Protection Committee  
Judy Sewell, N.D.C.A. Drinking Water Source Protection

COMMUNICATION: Jacques Barbeau  
Evelyn Dutrisac  
Mark Signoretti

1. Chairperson Gibson opened the meeting by welcoming all members, staff and guests. Chairperson Gibson noted that a number of initiatives and activities had occurred since the February General Board meeting. Chairperson Gibson also reported that Conservation Ontario has announced the hiring of a new General Manager, Ms. Kim Gavine, who starts in this capacity on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.
2. No declarations of conflict were declared by any member present.
3. Adoption of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

Resolution 2013-32

Davidson - Landry-Altmann

That the agenda for the March 7, 2013 N.D.C.A. General Board meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

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4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meetinga) February 14, 2013

Resolution 2013-33

Davidson - Landry-Altmann

That the minutes of the February 14, 2013 General Board meeting, as duplicated and circulated, be approved.

Carried.

b) Business Arising from Minutes

No items of followup business were raised for further discussion.

5. Presentationsa) 2012 N.D.C.A. Audited Financial Statement

Chairperson Gibson introduced and welcomed Fred Slade and Laurie Rossignol, from Fred Slade & Associates Chartered Accountants. Fred and Laurie were present to conduct a review of the audited N.D.C.A. 2012 Financial Statement with General Board members. The most significant portions of the statement and the standards followed during the year by N.D.C.A. staff were highlighted. Members had a number of questions for Fred and Laurie. Chairperson Gibson thanked them, and then read the following resolution for consideration by General Board members.

Resolution 2013-34

Thompson - Cimino

That the N.D.C.A. 2012 audited Financial Statement be approved as presented,

AND FURTHER that the Chairperson and General Manager sign the statement on behalf of the N.D.C.A.

Carried.

b) Drinking Water Source Protection Planning Update

Chairperson Gibson welcomed Nels Conroy, Chair of the Greater Sudbury Source Protection Committee and Judy Sewell, N.D.C.A. Drinking Water Source Protection Project Manager. Nels and Judy were present at this meeting to provide an update report. The electronic presentation focused on a number of topics including the current status of the submitted Proposed Source Water Protection Plan; an outline of the work

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planned in 2013; and the future role of the Greater Sudbury Source Protection Authority. Nels noted that the N.D.C.A./G.S.S.P.A./G.S.S.P.C. have enjoyed a very productive and collaborative relationship throughout the planning process. Chairperson Gibson thanked Judy and Nels for the presentation and for all the excellent work done to protect our municipal drinking water sources.

## 6. General Business

### a) Regulations Review Committee Hearing Report (February 28, 2013)

The N.D.C.A. Regulations Review Committee met on February 28, 2013, to consider an appeal to a Section 28 permit application that had been denied by staff. A written report on the process followed and outcomes by Mr. Pierre Martel from the review committee meeting was distributed to members. Regulations Review Committee Chair Thompson reported on the hearing outcomes. P. Sajatovic and Member Watelet also provided input for the information of General Board members. Following a discussion amongst members and with the answering of questions by staff, a resolution was tabled for consideration by General Board members.

Resolution 2013-35

Cimino - Thompson

That the February 28, 2013 meeting report from the Regulations Review Committee be received,

AND FURTHER that the recommendation contained in the report is hereby approved by the N.D.C.A. General Board.

Carried.

### b) Stewardship/Partnership Project Initiatives

Information related to two initiatives had been distributed to General Board members.

The first is an application to be submitted to the Royal Bank Blue Water Program to undertake stewardship initiatives in the Ramsey Lake watershed. Judy Sewell provided details and noted that this proposal is related to the Source Water Protection Program. If the proposal is approved, final word should be received within three to four weeks.

The other initiative relates to a partnership with the Vermilion River Stewardship group (V.R.S.) This group is proceeding with a two-year water quality monitoring project in and along the Vermilion River system and its major sub-watersheds/tributaries. V.R.S. was awarded a \$103,200 grant by the Ontario Trillium Foundation. Conservation Sudbury - N.D.C.A. will provide services over the two years to collect

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and analyze the data. N.D.C.A. General Board members were very pleased that this partnership has been entered into and that the outcomes will be of benefit to both organizations and many watershed residents. Update reports will be made to N.D.C.A. General Board members over the next two years as this project proceeds.

c) Greater Sudbury Climate Change Consortium Activities Update

Chairperson Gibson, Member Davidson and P. Sajatovic updated members on plans to move forward with the Climate Change Consortium's "Friends and Neighbours" pilot project. Member Davidson reported on a conference call held with Dr. Liette Vasseur to develop an agenda for a meeting with partners in late April or early May. It was also noted that a meeting was to be held on March 14<sup>th</sup> with Janet Gasparini, Executive Director of the Social Planning Council of Sudbury, to plan for the partners meeting. P. Sajatovic also reported on a recent meeting with City staff related to building community climate change adaptation capacity and the work being done on this through the ongoing Official Plan review process. Member Landry-Altman emphasized the importance of the Consortium being involved in the Official Plan review process and engaging with Janet Gasparini. Members of the General Board will be updated as this work through the Climate Change Consortium progresses.

d) Renewal of Annual Greater Sudbury Watershed Alliance Membership

Chairperson Gibson and P. Sajatovic reported to General Board members on the positive outcomes from being a member over the past year. Based on that it was recommended that consideration be given to renewing the membership for another year. The following resolution was then presented for consideration by members.

Resolution 2013-36

Landry-Altman - Thompson

That Conservation Sudbury- N.D.C.A. renew its annual membership with the Greater Sudbury Watershed Alliance for 2013-2014,

AND FURTHER that membership renewal will be reconsidered in March, 2014.

Carried.

e) 2013 Spring Runoff Partners Meeting - Current Watershed Conditions Report

P. Sajatovic updated General Board members on the current watershed conditions and preparations for the spring runoff period. It was also noted that the annual meeting with watershed partners, to discuss conditions and preparations, is scheduled for Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. N.D.C.A. General Board members are welcome to attend if available. Communications will be vitally important throughout the spring runoff period. Preparation and approaches to be followed were discussed with General Board members.

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

Resolution 2013-37

Thompson - Cimino

That we go in-camera at 6:15 p.m.

Carried.

At 6:25 p.m., the Chair of the in-camera session reported that legal and personnel matters had been discussed in-camera and that no resolutions would be forthcoming at this time.

8. New Business

a) CTV Shoot - Lake Laurentian Conservation Area

Chairperson Gibson reported to General Board members that as part of our CTV partnership to increase the profile and awareness of Lake Laurentian, winter video (snowshoeing and cross-country skiing) had been shot on March 6<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Dr. Courtin and N.D.C.A. staff, volunteers were recruited and this video will be used next year. Plans for the 2013 spring advertising shoot, as previously approved by the General Board, are progressing. General Board members will be updated on the dates the promotional ads will be run later this spring, as soon as possible.

c) Next Meeting Date

The next regularly scheduled General Board meeting will be held on Thursday, April 11, 2013, starting at 4:30 p.m., in Room C-11, Tom Davies Square.

No other business was transacted.

9. Adjournment

Resolution 2013-38

Thompson - Landry-Altman

That we do now adjourn.

Carried.