

NICKEL DISTRICT CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Minutes of General Board Meeting

Thursday, June 13, 2013

Living with Lakes Centre
Room LL-115

Commenced: 4:25 p.m.
Adjourned: 5:40 p.m.

PRESENT: Lin Gibson, Chairperson
Joe Cimino
Jennifer Davidson
Russ Thompson
Anne Watelet

ALSO PRESENT: P. Sajatovic, N.D.C.A.

COMMUNICATION: Jacques Barbeau
Evelyn Dutrisac
Joscelyne Landry-Altmann
Mark Signoretti

1. Chairperson Gibson opened the meeting by welcoming all present. She noted that the meeting was being held at the Living with Lakes Centre as we were going to be holding a special event for the Juried Art Show starting at 7:00 p.m. as Conservation Sudbury (N.D.C.A.) was a sponsor for this event.

A written memorandum, from Chairperson Gibson, was distributed to members which included highlights of activities undertaken since the April General Board meeting.

2. No declarations of conflict were declared by any member present.
3. Adoption of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

Resolution 2013-47

Davidson - Watelet

That the agenda for the June 13, 2013 N.D.C.A. General Board meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

At this point in the meeting, Chairperson Gibson noted it had been a very busy spring runoff period. On behalf of the General Board, Chairperson Gibson thanked all staff for their

commitment to managing the issues. Member Watelet inquired about the helicopter flight that had been undertaken to assess watershed conditions. It was agreed a presentation would be made at a future General Board meeting to inform members of the vastness of our watershed and some of the specific issues which can arise during the spring runoff period.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

a) April 11, 2013

Resolution 2013-48

Davidson - Watelet

That the minutes of the April 11, 2013 General Board meeting, as duplicated and circulated, be approved.

Carried.

b) Business Arising from Minutes

There were no matters arising that would not be discussed in more detail at this meeting.

5. General Business

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

Prior to proceeding to consider this matter, Chairperson Gibson removed herself from the discussions and asked Vice-Chair Thompson to assume the Chair. Chairperson Gibson did not participate in these deliberations in any way. Following a brief discussion, the following resolution was presented.

Resolution 2013-49

Watelet - Thompson

That the N.D.C.A. Permits 2013-08 to 2013-014 issued in April and May, 2013, be approved as outlined in the Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines/Watercourses and Fisheries Files report.

Carried

Chairperson Gibson returned to the Chair to conduct the business of this meeting.

b) Funding Request to Nickel District Conservation Foundation

Resolution 2013-50

Watelet - Thompson

That the Nickel District Conservation Foundation is hereby requested to donate \$55,000 to support program activities at the Lake Laurentian Conservation Area.

Carried.

c) N.D.C.A. Office Relocation Plan

P. Sajatovic updated members on the current status of the project. It was noted that the confirmed date to take vacant occupancy of the office space at 199 Larch Street is October 1, 2013. Plans were progressing to tender the leasehold improvements project and it is anticipated that the General Board will be requested to consider a contract award in August, 2013. P. Sajatovic indicated that members and staff would be updated on a regular basis during July and August, 2013.

d) 2014 Proposed N.D.C.A. Budget

General Board members were provided with an information package pertaining to this item. It was noted that the City of Greater Sudbury has requested that the N.D.C.A. present its proposed 2014 budget to the Finance Committee on November 6th. Staff were seeking direction from the General Board in relation to the preparation of a draft 2014 budget. It was decided that at the September, 2013 General Board meeting, a discussion will take place related to the opportunities and challenges associated with developing a 2014 municipal budget request. At the October, 2013 General Board meeting, the draft proposed budget will be considered for approval. The N.D.C.A. has been asked by our member municipality to submit a draft proposed 2014 budget no later than October 15th.

e) Fast Flow Water Safety Program Promotional Video

Conservation Sudbury (N.D.C.A.) took over responsibility for this program in late 2012. The 2013 video/poster contest was recently completed and was very successful again this year. It has been decided that in order to expand the awareness and use of this curriculum based package, a promotional video would be a definite asset. After a thorough discussion related to this recommendation, the following resolution was tabled for consideration by members.

Resolution 2013-51

Thompson - Cimino

That the development of a promotional video to market and expand the distribution of the Fast Flow Water Safety Curriculum Package be approved, based on the staff report dated May 29, 2013.

Carried.

f) Trans Canada Trail Designation - Lake Laurentian Conservation Area

General Board members discussed this issue and recommendations from staff. It was agreed that this is a very positive development. The following resolution was then presented.

Resolution 2013-52

Cimino - Thompson

That the Nickel District Conservation Authority hereby agrees to designate specific primary trails in the Lake Laurentian Conservation Area as part of the Trans Canada Trail (TCT) system through Greater Sudbury,

AND FURTHER that the N.D.C.A. will work with Rainbow Routes Association to complete the process.

Carried.

g) N.D.C.A. Representative on Healthy Community Cabinet

Resolution 2013-53

Watelet - Thompson

That Lin Gibson be appointed to the Healthy Community Cabinet on behalf of Conservation Sudbury - N.D.C.A. until the next reappointment period.

Carried.

h) Corporate Website Updates

General Board members were advised that the French translation project was underway with a final launch date in late July anticipated. Statistical information related to recent activity/traffic frequency on the revamped corporate website was shared. Chairperson Gibson was encouraged by the statistics for the May to June, 2013 period. This information will continue to be tracked by staff over the next three to six months.

i) D.F.O./Conservation Authorities Partnership Agreement

P. Sajatovic updated members on the current status of discussions. The Government of Canada is changing the role and responsibilities for fish habitat management through the Fisheries Act. Conservation Authorities have been partners with D.F.O. for a number of years related to fish habitat protection. Conservation Ontario has been coordinating discussions between the Authorities and D.F.O. through a working group model. General Board members will be updated as discussions proceed. P. Sajatovic committed to members that the N.D.C.A. will not assume functions previously performed by D.F.O. in our watersheds as we do not have the capacity and financial resources to do that.

j) General Board Meetings

Resolution 2013-54

Davidson - Thompson

That the July and August, 2013 Nickel District Conservation Authority General Board meetings are cancelled,

AND FURTHER that subject to the call of the Chairperson, a meeting will be held if necessary.

Carried.

k) Membership with Greater Sudbury Chamber of Commerce

Consideration of this matter had been deferred by the General Board in May, 2012. Chairperson Gibson requested that members consider this opportunity at this meeting. However, as four General Board members were not able to attend, it was agreed that this issue would be carried forward for discussion at the September, 2013 General Board meeting.

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

Resolution 2013-55

Watelet - Thompson

That we go in-camera a 5:21 p.m.

At 5:36 p.m., the Chair of the in-camera session reported that one legal and one property matter had been discussed and that no resolutions would be forthcoming for consideration by General Board members.

7. New Business

a) Melbourne Street Property Request

General Board members were provided with an information package related to this matter. P. Sajatovic also provided a verbal report and received direction from the General Board members. The direction included a commitment to respond and update the property owner, the ward Councillor and the General Board members as soon as possible. It was anticipated that a response would be provided before the end of July, 2013.

b) Next Meeting Date

Unless directed by the Chairperson in July or August 2013, the next regularly scheduled General Board meeting will be held on Thursday, September 12, 2013, starting at 4:30 p.m., in Room C-11, Tom Davies Square.

No other business was transacted.

8. Adjournment

Resolution 2013-56

Davidson - Watelet

That we do now adjourn.

Carried.