

NICKEL DISTRICT CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Minutes of General Board Meeting

Thursday, October 10, 2013

Room C-11
Tom Davies Square

Commenced: 4:45 p.m.
Adjourned: 6:15 p.m.

PRESENT: Lin Gibson, Chairperson
Jacques Barbeau
Jennifer Davidson
Joscelyne Landry-Altmann
Mark Signoretti
Russ Thompson
Anne Watelet

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

COMMUNICATION: Joe Cimino
Evelyn Dutrisac

1. Chairperson Gibson opened the meeting by welcoming all present. Chairperson Gibson advised that a great deal had occurred since the September General Board meeting. The agenda from the September 30th Conservation Ontario Council meeting had been distributed to members. It was noted that Kim Gavine, C.O. General Manager, had visited the N.D.C.A. watershed on September 24th and meet with Chairperson Gibson and P. Sajatovic. Also at the C.O. Council meeting, Ray Croteau, grandfather to Adam Dickie who sadly drowned in Junction Creek in 2007, made a five minute presentation on the importance of the Fast Flowing Water Program. The presentation was very well received and by December, 2013 a promotional video will be completed which will be used to help market and expand the use of the Faster Flowing Water Program information across the province.

Mark Signoretti, Chair of the Friends of Lake Laurentian Steering Committee, was called upon to report on the Summer's End Trail Romp held on September 21st at the Lake Laurentian Conservation Area. Mark advised that approximately 500 people, many families with children, visited during the day. Also the 10K Hike Challenge was judged a great success with approximately 40 participants and more than \$3,500 in pledges/donations having been raised. Mark advised that a debriefing meeting related to the event had been held and that many suggestions have been recorded which will assist in making the events even more successful in 2014. Mark thanked all involved for making this first time event a great success.

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

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3. Adoption of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

Resolution 2013-70

Davidson - Watelet

That the agenda for the October 10, 2013 N.D.C.A. General Board meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meetinga) September 18, 2013

Resolution 2013-71

Davidson - Thompson

That the minutes of the September 18, 2013 General Board meeting, as duplicated and circulated, be approved.

Carried.

b) Business Arising from Minutes

General Board members requested updates on three items which P. Sajatovic provided. Other items would be dealt with as part of this General Board meeting.

5. General Businessa) Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Waterways Permits - September, 2013

The report for September, 2013 as distributed to members lead to permits being questioned. P. Sajatovic answered the questions and the following resolution was presented.

Resolution 2013-72

Signoretti - Landry-Altman

That the N.D.C.A. Permits 2013-45 to 2013-48 issued in September, 2013, be approved as outlined in the Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines/Watercourses and Fisheries Files report.

Carried.

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b) Request to Extend Section 28 Permit (One Year)

Under the revised Ontario Regulation 156/06 (February, 2013), only the General Board can approve a permit extension, as Section 28 permits are only valid for two years maximum. A request from Mario Simonato (Wicker Image Ltd.), to extend a permit for one year was circulated to General Board members along with a staff report and recommendation. After the request and extension process was clarified for members, the following resolution was tabled.

Resolution 2013-73

Landry-Altman - Signoretti

That the request for a one year extension, to October 1, 2014 at the latest, of the Section 28 permit issued to Mario Simonato (Wicker Image Ltd.), is hereby approved by the Nickel District Conservation Authority General Board based on the October 1, 2013 staff report.

Carried.

c) N.D.C.A. Property Matter (Boyce Street)

This property matter had been dealt with at the last N.D.C.A. General Board meeting and further information for consideration by members had been requested. P. Sajatovic distributed information to members and provided clarification on the potential options and issues associated with this property matter. After a very long and thorough discussion the following resolution was tabled for consideration by General Board members.

Resolution 2013-74

Thompson - Davidson

That the N.D.C.A. hereby agrees to take the following action related to the N.D.C.A. property matter (Boyce Street):

- a) advise Panoramic Properties that it's offer to purchase the strip of land be declined, and
- b) that the N.D.C.A. do nothing further with this matter until future developments may warrant consideration.

Carried.

d) Appointment to Nickel District Conservation Foundation

The Nickel District Conservation Foundation is working to increase membership. An application from Eliisa Petersen was distributed to General Board members.

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Chairperson Gibson pointed out that Eliisa was providing advice on how to improve the appearance and image of the Nature Chalet building at Lake Laurentian. A resolution was then tabled for consideration by members.

Resolution 2013-75

Signoretti - Davidson

That Eliisa Petersen is hereby approved for appointment to the Nickel District Conservation Foundation for an initial three-year term effective as at October 10, 2013.

Carried.

e) Draft 2014 Municipal Budget

A budget package had been distributed to General Board members. P. Sajatovic proceeded to provide a detailed overview of the contents of the proposed draft 2014 municipal budget. Certain components of the draft budget package needed to be discussed in-camera, and the following resolution was tabled.

Resolution 2013-76

Thompson - Watelet

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

Carried.

At 6:03 p.m., the Chair of the in-camera session reported that personnel matters had been discussed and that no resolution would be forthcoming for consideration by General Board members.

General Board members then concluded the 2014 draft municipal budget review. The following resolution was then tabled.

Resolution 2013-77

Signoretti - Davidson

That the Nickel District Conservation Authority's 2014 budget in the total amount of \$1,013,985 be approved,

AND FURTHER that our member municipality be requested to provide funding in the total amount of \$655,000, which includes one-time funding of \$19,000 in 2014 only for the N.D.C.A.'s office relocation from Tom Davies Square to 199 Larch Street,

AND FURTHER that the N.D.C.A. will present this budget at the City of Greater Sudbury Finance & Administration Committee meeting scheduled for November 6, 2013.

Carried.

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6. In-Camera Matters

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

7. New Businessa) December, 2013 Christmas Dinner Meeting

Plans for the annual Christmas dinner meeting were discussed. General Board members agreed that the dinner meeting would be scheduled for Thursday, December 5th. Locations were suggested and staff will follow up. Final confirmation and invitations will be sent out immediately after the Thanksgiving weekend.

b) Next Meeting Date

The next regularly scheduled General Board meeting will be held on Thursday, November 7, 2013, starting at 4:30 p.m., at Tom Davies Square. This meeting will immediately follow the N.D.C.A. budget presentation to the City's Finance & Administration Committee on November 6th.

No other business was transacted.

8. Adjournment

Resolution 2013-78

Davidson - Watelet

That we do now adjourn.

Carried.