

NICKEL DISTRICT CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Minutes of General Board Meeting

Thursday, September 18, 2013

Room C-11
Tom Davies Square

Commenced: 4:40 p.m.
Adjourned: 6:42 p.m.

PRESENT: Lin Gibson, Chairperson
Joe Cimino
Jennifer Davidson
Evelyn Dutrisac
Mark Signoretti
Russ Thompson

ALSO PRESENT: P. Sajatovic, N.D.C.A.
Mr. & Mrs. R. Leblanc, Delegation

COMMUNICATION: Jacques Barbeau
Joscelyne Landry-Altman
Anne Watelet

1. Chairperson Gibson opened the meeting by welcoming all present. A written memorandum from Chairperson Gibson had been distributed to members, which included highlights of activities undertaken since the last General Board meeting in June to present.

Mark Signoretti, Chair of the Friends of Lake Laurentian Steering Committee, was called upon to report on the Summer's End Trail Romp planned for September 21st at the Lake Laurentian Conservation Area. Copies of the poster were distributed to members. Member Signoretti encouraged all members to attend and participate in this fun day of activities.

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

Resolution 2013-57

Signoretti - Cimino

That the agenda for the September 18, 2013 N.D.C.A. General Board meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

a) June 13, 2013

Resolution 2013-58

Cimino - Thompson

That the minutes of the June 13, 2013 General Board meeting, as duplicated and circulated, be approved.

Carried.

b) Business Arising from Minutes

An update report on the preparation of the Fast Flowing Water Safety promotional video was provided, noting that the video will be completed by late November. Chairperson Gibson advised that the first meeting of the Healthy Community Cabinet she will be attending on behalf of the Nickel District Conservation Authority is scheduled for September 20, 2013. Chairperson Gibson recommended that consideration of membership in the Greater Sudbury Chamber of Commerce be tabled until future notice.

5. General Business

a) N.D.C.A. Owned Property - Nickeldale Dam and Reservoir

In April, 2013, an issue related to a piece of N.D.C.A. owned property surfaced when adjacent property owners approached the N.D.C.A. Following extensive discussions and review of the property file, it was decided that action would have to be taken to rectify the situation. Mr. & Mrs. R. Leblanc, the adjacent property owners involved were present at the meeting. A very long discussion ensued with the General Board members asking many questions. Mr. & Mrs. Leblanc explained their situation and asked the General Board to consider a solution that would be fair for both parties. The following resolution was then tabled for the consideration of members.

Resolution 2013-59

Signoretti - Davidson

That the N.D.C.A. hereby agrees to take the following action related to the Nickeldale Dam and Reservoir property matter and present this option to Mr. & Mrs. R. Leblanc (162 Mitchell Street) for their consideration and response to the N.D.C.A. as soon as possible:

- (a) a twenty-year lease at \$100/year, and
- (b) that Mr. & Mrs. Leblanc will pay all costs to finalize the lease agreement.

Carried.

b) Request to Install Bench and Memoriam Site - Lake Laurentian Conservation Area

A request from two regular users of the trails in the Lake Laurentian Conservation Area was received. General Board members had a number of issues to consider related to this request. This included the applicability of the request related to the N.D.C.A.'s Asset Naming Policy; the right to locate at this site without considering if others may be interested; what level of a donation the applicant would consider making to the Friends of Lake Laurentian ; and would the N.D.C.A. permit the scattering of ashes at this bench/memoriam site. General Board members discussed this request for an extended period of time. Members then directed staff to contact the applicant to discuss the request based on the resolution passed. General Board members will be updated once a response is received from the applicant.

Resolution 2013-60

Cimino - Dutrisac

That the request from Sheila and Chuck Ross to install a bench (memoriam site) in the Lake Laurentian Conservation Area with the eventual possibility to scatter cremated ashes at the preferred site as identified by the Rosses be responded to by the N.D.C.A. as follows:

1. No consideration of scattering of ashes of people or animals in the Lake Laurentian Conservation Area, and
2. Consideration of adequate donation to Friends of Lake Laurentian and to cover all costs of material and installation.

Carried.

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

This property matter had been dealt with at a General Board meeting earlier this year. P. Sajatovic reported on the current situation and requested that General Board members go in-camera to discuss a recent development related to this matter. Members agreed and the following resolution was passed.

Resolution 2013-61

Davidson - Thompson

That we go in-camera at 6:00 p.m.

Carried.

At 6:12 p.m., the Chair of the in-camera session reported that a property matter had been discussed and that no resolution would be forthcoming.

Staff was directed to continue working on this file and report back at the October, 2013 General Board meeting.

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

Final plans for this project had been circulated to General Board members in August. P. Sajatovic updated members on the current status of the project and recommended that final approval be provided. Members had a number of questions. A resolution was then tabled..

Resolution 2013-62

Thompson - Davidson

That the e-mail poll of members dated August 15, 2013 in relation to the N.D.C.A. office relocation project is hereby approved,

AND FURTHER that final approval is now provided to complete this project based on the information provided at the September 18, 2013 General Board meeting.

Carried.

e) Development, Interference with Wetlands & Alteration to Shorelines/Watercourses and Fisheries Files Report - June, July and August, 2013

Resolution 2013-63

Thompson - Dutrisac

That the N.D.C.A. Permits 2013-15 to 2013-44 issued in June, July and August, 2013, be approved as outlined in the Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines/Watercourses and Fisheries Files report.

Carried

f) Funding Request to Nickel District Conservation Foundation

Resolution 2013-64

Dutrisac - Cimino

That the Nickel District Conservation Foundation is hereby requested to donate \$25,700 to support program activities at the Lake Laurentian Conservation Area.

Carried.

g) Appointments to Nickel District Conservation Foundation

Chairperson Gibson and P. Sajatovic updated General Board members on the efforts to increase membership on the Nickel District Conservation Foundation. Mr. Marc

Tonelli, Union Gas (Sudbury) submitted an application. As well it was expected that an application from Mrs. Eliisa Petersen would be received for consideration. However, that was deferred to the October, 2013 General Board meeting. A resolution was then tabled related to the confirmation of Marc Tonelli.

Resolution 2013-65

Thompson - Davidson

That Marc Tonelli is hereby approved for appointment to the Nickel District Conservation Foundation for an initial three-year term effective as at September 13, 2013.

Carried.

h) 2013 A. D. Latornell Symposium

Attendance at the 2013 A. D. Latornell Symposium was considered by members. It was suggested by Chairperson Gibson that Member Signoretti consider attending as other members were not able to attend. If Member Signoretti is unable to attend, Chairperson Gibson will attend. N.D.C.A. staff, one or two, depending on availability will also be registered. The following resolution was then presented.

Resolution 2013-66

Davidson - Thompson

That the following General Board member(s) and staff will be registered to attend the 2013 A.D.Latornell Symposium:

- 1) Mark Signoretti
- 2) Judy Sewell

Carried.

General Board members were reminded that items are being requested for the Silent Auction. Funds raised through the Silent Auction support conservation students attending the symposium the following year. Members agreed to consider the request and provide items, if possible, by mid-October.

i) City of Greater Sudbury Official Plan Review (Transportation Background Study Recommendations)

Information presented at an open house held by the municipality in June, 2013 was distributed to General Board members. Two specific recommendations contained in the background reports were highlighted. Reasons for submitting comments were outlined by staff. Following discussion and consideration of the issue, a resolution was tabled.

Resolution 2013-67

Thompson - Dutrisac

That the Nickel District Conservation Authority hereby strongly recommends that the City of Greater Sudbury NOT include the proposed South Bay Road/University Link and Montrose Extension in the final Transportation Study which is being completed as part of the Official Plan Review/Update Project.

Carried.

j) 2014 Municipal Budget Preparation

An overview summary report was distributed to General Board members. Revenue assumptions/uncertainties and expenditure assumptions were considered. Staff was directed to prepare a draft budget for review and approval at the October 10th General Board meeting. The N.D.C.A. must submit a proposed 2014 budget to the member municipality by October 15th. Further, the N.D.C.A. is scheduled to make a presentation at the November 6th meeting of the City's Finance and Administration Committee.

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

Resolution 2013-68

Davidson- Thompson

That we go in-camera at 6:38 p.m.

At 6:41 p.m., the Chair of the in-camera session reported that a legal matter had been discussed and that no resolutions would be forthcoming for consideration by General Board members.

7. New Business

a) Next Meeting Date

The next regularly scheduled General Board meeting will be held on Thursday, October 10, 2013, starting at 4:30 p.m., in Room C-11, Tom Davies Square.

No other business was transacted.

8. Adjournment

Resolution 2013-69

Thompson - Cimino

That we do now adjourn.

Carried.