

NICKEL DISTRICT CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Minutes of General Board Meeting

Thursday, March 6, 2014

Room C-12
Tom Davies Square

Commenced: 4:15 p.m.
Adjourned: 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Lin Gibson, Chairperson
 Jacques Barbeau
 Joe Cimino
 Mark Signoretti
 Russ Thompson
 Anne Watelet

ALSO PRESENT: P. Sajatovic, N.D.C.A.
 Michael Jakubo, Chartered Accountant

COMMUNICATION: Jennifer Davidson
 Evelyn Dutrisac
 Joscelyne Landry-Altman

1. Chairperson Gibson opened the meeting by welcoming all present. Chairperson Gibson noted that the March General Board meeting was being held one week early due to the upcoming March break. It was noted that a number of initiatives had occurred since the February meeting and that a number of these matters would be dealt with at this meeting.
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2. No declarations of conflict of interest were declared by any member present.
3. Adoption of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

 Resolution 2014-26 Cimino - Signoretti

 That the agenda for the March 6, 2014 N.D.C.A. General Board meeting be adopted as circulated.

 Carried.
4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting
 - a) February 13, 2014

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Resolution 2014-27

Signoretti -Cimino

That the minutes of the February 13, 2014 General Board meeting, as duplicated and circulated, be approved.

Carried.

b) Business Arising from Minutes

The submission of the revised Assessment Report and proposed Source Protection Plan was referenced. The letter signed by G.S.S.P.A. Chair Lin Gibson and sent to the Ministry of the Environment was shared with each member by way of copy.

Chairperson Gibson also informed members that representatives from the provincial Auditor General's office will meet with local representatives on March 13th to conduct an operational review of the Drinking Water Source Protection Program in the Greater Sudbury watersheds. P. Sajatovic reported on the recruitment process for the recently approved NOHFC Intern position. It is hoped that a candidate will start work on March 17th, and by March 24th at the latest.

Chairperson Gibson advised that P. Sajatovic had attended the Community Builders Award dinner held on February 20th and that excellent members from the community had been selected in each category. Of note was the selection of Muriel Checkeris in the Arts category. Chairperson Gibson has sent a congratulatory note to Muriel.

5. Presentation - 2013 N.D.C.A. Audited Financial Statement

Michael Jakubo from the firm of Edward Jakubo Chartered Accountants was introduced to General Board members. General Board members received a copy of the 2013 audited financial statement. Chairperson Gibson then invited Mr. Jakubo to proceed with the presentation of the 2013 audit results. Mr. Jakubo began by highlighting the changes in process for the 2013 statement due to the content and format of the 2013 reporting adopted. As well, the inclusion of the Tangible Capital Assets information was thoroughly reviewed. Mr. Jakubo then conducted a page by page review answering numerous questions from General Board members. The status of all N.D.C.A. reserves, as at the end of 2013 were reviewed with members. Mr. Jakubo was thanked for his presentation and for working so well with N.D.C.A. staff on short engagement to complete the 2013 statement. A resolution was then tabled for consideration by members.

Resolution 2014-28

Cimino - Signoretti

That the N.D.C.A. 2013 audited Financial Statement be approved as presented, AND FURTHER that the Chairperson and General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer sign this statement on behalf of the Nickel District Conservation Authority.

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Carried.

6. General Business

a) Property Matter - Nickeldale Dam and Reservoir/Mitchell Street

This subject has been discussed at numerous General Board meetings during the past six months. General Board members were provided with a complete application package to request approval from the Minister of Natural Resources to sell a piece of N.D.C.A. owned land. The potential purchasers of the property in question had been sent the information package, via e-mail, but did not attend this meeting. Members of the General Board again discussed this matter thoroughly and raised a number of questions in relation to the content of the application package. Following the discussion, a resolution was tabled.

Resolution 2014-29

Signoretti - Watelet

That the Nickel District Conservation Authority sell to Mr. & Mrs. R. Leblanc 0.0402 hectares of land in the Nickeldale Flood Control Reservoir area for \$5,000.00 plus all other costs to be assumed by the purchaser, and as outlined in the attached application,

AND FURTHER that this is a transfer of land to resolve an encroachment issue,

AND FURTHER that since this land is being declared surplus to the needs of the Nickel District Conservation Authority, the disposition will further the objects of the Authority pursuant to Section 21 of the Conservation Authorities Act.

Carried.

When N.D.C.A. owned land is to be sold, a request to the Ministry of Natural Resources to retain the funds in reserve must be included with an application. The following resolution was presented for consideration by General Board members.

Resolution 2014-30

Watelet - Barbeau

The Nickel District Conservation Authority hereby designates that the funds to be derived from the sale of land to Mr. & Mrs. R. Leblanc of Greater Sudbury be placed in the following reserve account:

Water Management and Flood Control Reserve - \$5,000.00.

Carried.

b) Lake Laurentian Conservation Area Signage Plan Approval

The Nickel District Conservation Authority General Board had previously approved an Environmental Management and Operations Plan for the Conservation Area. A key

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element required for implementation was the completion of a Signage Plan and Graphic Guidelines identity document. The proposed Signage Plan document was circulated to General Board members. It was agreed that this will be an effective tool to move forward with the comprehensive Signage Plan for Lake Laurentian.

Friends of Lake Laurentian Steering Committee Chair Mark Signoretti explained how the "Friends" initiative will lead this vitally important project. Member Watelet expressed support for the Signage Plan and also emphasized that the comprehensive signage must be provided in French language. This was agreed upon and will be incorporated into the fabrication and installation plans. Once all questions had been answered, the following resolution was tabled.

Resolution 2014-31

Signoretti - Cimino

That, based on approved N.D.C.A. Resolutions 2012-46, 2012-82, and 2013-41, the Lake Laurentian Conservation Area Sign Plan and Graphic Guidelines document is hereby approved,

AND FURTHER that this plan be implemented as soon as possible based on the availability of all the necessary funding,

AND FURTHER that the Friends of Lake Laurentian Sub-Committee take a lead implementation role to action this very important work,

AND FURTHER that the BioSki and Snowshoe Club be immediately engaged to determine how their signage needs can eventually also be incorporated into this document to support the future growth and appreciation of the Lake Laurentian Conservation Area.

Carried.

c) Fast Flowing Water (FFW) Program

The final promotional video and strategic plan to be used to market the FFW program across the province were presented to General Board members. Chairperson Gibson also confirmed that a presentation will be made on March 31st at the Conservation Ontario Council meeting. As well, a meeting has been confirmed with representatives of the Ontario Ministry of Education on April 1st to further explore how the FFW program can be recognized in province-wide curriculum. Members are to be kept up-to-date on all the initiatives. The following resolution was then presented.

Resolution 2014-32

Watelet - Barbeau

That the Fast Flow Water Program Promotional Video and Strategic Plan is hereby approved for distribution across the Province and beyond,

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AND FURTHER that Chairperson Lin Gibson, Member Landry-Altman and Mr. & Mrs. R. Croteau are sincerely thanked for the presentation they will be making at the March 31, 2014 Conservation Ontario Council meeting.

Carried.

d) Water and Erosion Control Infrastructure Program (WECI) 2014

A staff report was distributed to General Board members recommending that the N.D.C.A. apply for three dam study projects as part of the 2014 WECI Program. It is anticipated that the Province's share of the program will be \$5 million in 2014. The province's share had been reduced to \$2.5 million in 2012 and 2013. It is not known when the province will provide a response to the N.D.C.A.'s applications, however, members will be kept up-to-date. After the discussion, a resolution was tabled.

Resolution 2014-33

Watelet - Barbeau

That the Nickel District Conservation Authority submit a 2014/2015 application to the Water & Erosion Control Infrastructure (WECI) Program based on the information provided to General Board members at this meeting,

AND FURTHER that depending on the response eventually received from the Ministry of Natural Resources to this application, that the General Board be informed and asked to consider alternate options to complete the three dam review studies in 2014, if necessary.

Carried.

e) 2014 Spring Runoff Overview

P. Sajatovic provided a verbal update for General Board members related to current watershed conditions, and the potential impacts that could arise from the very severe winter we are experiencing, etc. It was noted that the annual spring runoff meeting to be held with watershed partners will be held on Wednesday, March 19th at 10:30 a.m. General Board members were invited to attend if available. Updates will be provided to General Board members once the spring runoff fully begins.

f) Section 28 Permits Report (February, 2014)

Resolution 2014-34

Barbeau - Watelet

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That the N.D.C.A. Permit 2014-02 issued in February, 2014, be approved as outlined in the Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines/Watercourses report.

Carried.

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

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

8. New Business

a) Development Proposal (Ponderosa Pines)

P. Sajatovic updated members on a development proposal that will be dealt with under the Planning Act by the City's Planning Committee on March 24, 2014. The application pertains to amendments of planning policies with specific reference to the City's Official Plan policies in Section 21.7 - Special Flood Plain Policies. The N.D.C.A., as a regulatory agency, has provided comments related to this application and will likely be referenced during upcoming public hearings. Further updates from staff to General Board members will be provided as required.

b) Next Meeting Date

The next regularly scheduled General Board meeting will be held on Thursday, April 10th, starting at 4:00 p.m., in Room C-12, Tom Davies Square.

No other business was transacted.

9. Adjournment

Resolution 2014-35

Watelet - Barbeau

That we do now adjourn.

Carried.