

NICKEL DISTRICT CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Minutes of General Board Meeting

January 14, 2016

Provincial Meeting Room A*
199 Larch Street

Commenced: 4:40 p.m.
Adjourned: 7:15 p.m.

PRESENT: Anne Watelet
Deb McIntosh
Jen Davidson
Joscelyne Landry-Altman
Lin Gibson, Chairperson
Stephen Kaufman
Paul Sajatovic

REGRETS: Mark Signoretti, Vice-chair
Mike Jakubo

ALSO PRESENT: Carl Jorgensen, General Manager
Dennis Lenzi, Regulations Officer
Hajnal Kovacs, Conservation Assistant
Kassidy Kennedy, Young Leader on Board

* Moved from the advertised location immediately prior to meeting commencing due to renovations of room C-12.

1. Chairperson Opens Meeting

Chairperson Gibson opened the meeting by welcoming all present. Lin indicated that there has been no update on the status of the *Conservation Authorities Act* discussion paper. She highlighted that the governance of Conservation Ontario Council is in discussion and the Chair and Vice Chair elections for Conservation Sudbury will take place at the AGM next month. Members fulfilling these two roles could attend Conservation Ontario meetings in the future to represent our authority. She also noted that the strategic plan development for Conservation Sudbury is underway and progressing well. As for flood concerns in December, Conservation Sudbury issued one water safety message on December 14, 2015. Gibson concluded by announcing that all of the Source Water Protection Plans in the province have officially been approved, a significant milestone for the Program.

2. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

No declarations of conflict were declared.

3. Adoption of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

Member Sajatovic asked a discussion regarding the existing Timberwolf Golf Course be added to the agenda. This item was added to New Business as item (c).

Member McIntosh asked for the status of watershed studies to be added to the agenda. This item was added to New Business as item (d).

Resolution 2016-01

Davidson – Landry-Altmann

That the agenda for the meeting of January 14, 2016 N.D.C.A General Board meeting be adopted as amended and circulated.

Carried.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

a) December 3, 2015

Member Sajatovic asked that the spelling of Member Joscelyne Landry-Altmann's name be corrected. No other comments.

Resolution 2016-02

Watelet - Sajatovic

That the minutes of the December 3, 2015 General Board meeting, as duplicated and circulated, be approved.

Carried.

b) Business Arising from Minutes

i) Detailed Budget

General Manager Carl Jorgensen reviewed the detail budget report distributed in the agenda. The new report has broken down costs into finer detail; however there are still some numbers that need to be finalized. Chairperson Gibson reminded all that no IT costs are in the budget as a result of our good partnership with the City and their IT staff.

Carl added that the internet charges in the budgets are specifically relating to the Nature Chalet and Ski Cottage. Member Landry-Altmann asked for clarification on why the ski cottage needs internet services. Jorgensen replied that the service was for four (4) months of the year, mostly used for membership sales, and the BioSki club reimburses the cost to Conservation Sudbury.

Member Sajatovic asked for clarification on which staff the wages sum

encompasses. Jorgensen clarified that staff wages involved the core staff and seasonal staff (~ \$72,000 is seasonal).

Member Sajatovic asked about the vehicle expenses and what the \$4,400 pertained to. Carl said that the amount is approximately 25% of previous vehicle rental costs that are estimated to continue. Particularly in situations where multiple vehicles are needed on the same day or a special size vehicle is needed for a project.

Member Sajatovic asked about the contract services and what major items the lump sum included. Carl said he will circulate those details to the Board following the meeting.

Member Sajatovic asked about the revenue offsets and how they have changed since November and specifically asking about the \$30,000 relating to the flood-forecasting system replacement. Carl said that the offsets had not changed and that \$30,000 amounts will be a one-time draws from each of our flood forecasting reserve and from the City's reserves.

ii) Living with Lakes Centre Video Funding

Jorgensen reported that in his discussion with Dr. John Gunn, he indicated that Conservation Sudbury is considering contributing over two years to the video project. Dr. Gunn had told Jorgensen that there could be sharing of the course materials and video clips created from the process. Clarifying that the video shooting is already complete, and the funding would contribute to the post production. It has yet to be confirmed if any of the footage was shot on Conservation Sudbury properties, if so, staff have asked that they indicate so and label it in the final product.

Members discussed the importance of building partnership through these types of projects and generally supported a funding contribution but wondered how other partners are contributing. This would help the Board better understand what to expect from the final product , and to better grasp the value for money for the contribution before the Board makes a commitment.

The Members asked Carl to draft a motion for a future meeting regarding the value for money contribution and timelines for supporting the project. It was agreed to leave the dollar amount blank at this point.

It was asked if there was a mandate for a donations or granting by-law and if not, suggested we create a by-law for such so that in the future people/groups know what they can ask for and what criteria will be needed. Carl believes that we have no such established criteria.

5. General Business

a) Section 28 Permits Report (December, 2015)

A clarification was requested regarding the violations listed. Jorgensen indicated that these items would be addressed during the in-camera session.

Resolution 2016-03

Watelet - Kaufman

That the N.D.C.A. Permit 2015-47 issued in December, 2015, under Section 28 of the *Conservation Authorities Act* be approved as outlined in the Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines/Watercourses report.

Carried.

b) Audit by KPMG

Jorgensen updated members regarding the KPMG audit that was initiated. Auditors will be back on Monday January 18, 2016.

6. In-Camera Session

At 5:30 p.m the Board passed a motion to move in-camera.

Resolution 2016-04

Landry-Altmann - Watelet

That we go in-camera at 5:30 p.m.

Carried.

At 6:20 the Chairperson reported that there were no resolutions coming from the in-camera session.

7. New Business

a) 50 Million Trees Proposal - Jorgensen reviewed the distributed staff report about the 50 Million Trees Program proposal.

Chairperson Gibson highlighted the importance of this type of a provincial program coming to Northern Ontario. She was glad to hear that Conservation Sudbury could qualify and take on this type of role in our community.

Member Landry-Altmann asked how the City of Greater Sudbury has been involved during

the creation of the proposal. Jorgensen described how the proposal was presented to the VETAC group and involved several meetings with City staff. Overall there is support of the proposed program; since it is complementary to VETAC's efforts.

After some discussion and clarification of certain lines in the staff report by Hajnal Kovacs, the Board agreed the program would be a good initiative but suggested revising the resolution to include that the project is approved only to run for a 2016 pilot and that the Members review it again before running it in future years. Carl indicated that the spreadsheets in the report will be updated with actual costs for the year-end report.

Resolution 2016-05

Landry-Altman - McIntosh

That the Nickel District Conservation Authority endorses the Planting Delivery Agency role that Trees Ontario has approved the Authority for under the 50 Million Tree Program for a 2016 pilot program, and further

That a review be conducted before future years' program implementation.

Carried.

b) Source Water Protection Update

Carl indicated that Melanie Venne, Source Protection Program Lead, could not attend the meeting to present the distributed Source Water Protection Update to the Board. However, a wholesome update will be provided at the March 2016 Sudbury Source Protection Authority meeting.

c) Timberwolf Agreement

Member Sajatovic talked about the status of the new video-golf operation was once a retail store at the Timberwolf golf course that was exempt from the current agreement. If the activity is generating revenue it should be looked at under the terms of the agreement, and suggested staff address the matter and clarify. Jorgensen committed to having a discussion with Timberwolf's operator about recent changes to operations in the context of the agreement's terms.

d) Watershed Studies

Member McIntosh asked for a status of the watershed studies and how the Authority could be involved in developing watershed studies in Greater Sudbury as conservation authorities in southern Ontario do these types of studies frequently. Jorgensen agreed and updated the Members on his recent discussions with City staff about our interest in being involved in watershed management plans and studies. Discussions are still ongoing and staff will report to the Board once there is progress on the matter.

No other business was transacted

8. Adjournment

Resolution 2016-05

Watelet - Kaufman

That we do now adjourn at 7:10 pm.

Carried.