

NICKEL DISTRICT CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Minutes of General Board Meeting

Thursday, May 12, 2016

Room C-12
Tom Davies Square

Commenced: 4:15 p.m.
Adjourned: 5:27 p.m.

PRESENT: Anne Watelet
Jennifer Davidson
Lin Gibson, Chairperson
Paul Sajatovic
Mark Signoretti
Steve Kaufman, Vice-Chair

ALSO PRESENT: Carl Jorgensen, Secretary –Treasurer and General Manager
Hajnal Kovacs, Conservation Sudbury

COMMUNICATION: Mike Jakubo
Deb McIntosh
Joscelyne Landry-Altmann

1. Chairperson Gibson opened the meeting and welcomed all Board Members. Chairperson Gibson then spoke to the following items: Latornell Leadership Award announcement and solicitation for potential candidates; Fast-Flowing Water (FFW) judging to occur May 13; the the FFW outreach education by the volunteer team has reached almost 8000 elementary students this year; reminder that there are Friends of Lake Laurentian membership forms for Members who have not joined to date; General Manager Mervi Henttonen from Lakehead CA retirement announcement of July 1, a letter being prepared by Member Sajatovic on our behalf for presentation at the Northern Chapter meeting of June 28th in Toronto (by GM Jorgensen)
2. Declarations of Conflict

None
3. Adoption of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

Resolution 2016-43

Sajatovic - Watelet

That the agenda for the May 12, 2016 NDCA General Meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Resolution 2016-44

Davidson - Kaufman

That the minutes of the April 21, 2016 General Board Meeting, as duplicated and circulated, be approved.

Carried.

Member Watelet asked that her name be removed from the attendees list as she was not present.

Member Sajatovic asked that the dates of the events in Chairperson Gibson's opening remarks be corrected to dates in April, rather than March.

a) April 21, 2016 (Resolution Prepared)

b) Business Arising from Minutes -

i) Banking & Investing Request for Proposals - attached for review

Member Signoretti joined the meeting at 4:22pm.

GM Jorgensen reviewed the scoring results of the three major banks who responded to the Banking Services RFP that was original sent out on April 27. The three banking providers who submitted proposals gave relatively similar services, costs, and investment strategies with similar quality of service.

Each bank offers similar services with similar features, options and rates as they are bound by the same operating laws. There was no distinctive investment strategy presented from the three providers; all offer safe investment strategies with opportunities to discuss more risk taking investment options to gain higher returns.

Members wanted to clarify if one of the providers is our existing provider, GM Jorgensen confirmed that one of them is. Members asked if GM Jorgensen has been happy with the service of the existing provider, GM Jorgensen replied that there have been no complaints. Members asked if the highest scored provider was our existing provider, GM Jorgensen replied in the negative. It was suggested we seek a new provider if our current one did not get the highest score. They should have given us the best proposal since they know our business and would have had an advantage in providing us with options.

Chairperson Gibson asked for clarification on the approximate cost of a changeover, if that is the route we went down. GM Jorgensen clarified that there would be no over whelming costs of switching providers.

It was suggested that the successfully selected bank be asked to cover some of the minor expenses to switch over e.g. printing new cheques.

Members asked for confirmation that the RFP was initiated to seek a better investment strategy but investment strategies were not clearly presented in these proposals. GM Jorgensen confirmed.

It was suggested that the names of the providers be disclosed to help make a decision; a motion to go in-camera was brought forth to further discuss the matter.

Resolution 2016-45

Sajatovic - Kaufman

That we go in-camera at 4:50 p.m.

Carried.

Resolution 2016-46

Watelet - Sajatovic

That we go out of in-camera at 5:40 p.m.

Carried.

At 5:40 Chairperson Lin reported no resolutions arising from the in-camera session. However with respect to item 4 (b) the members have directed GM Jorgensen to: seek further information from Provider A, the highest scoring candidate, to clarify the following: annual banking service fees, if the provider would assist with migration costs, a more precise investment strategy and to identify their key people working on the portfolio

6. General Business

a) Strategic Plan - Draft Report discussion

Member Kaufman said he really liked the draft plan. No comments

GM Jorgensen notified members that the draft plan will be circulated via survey monkey to touch base with the people who originally provided input. A draft final will be brought to the June Board meeting.

b) Climate Change Presentation - Steve Kaufman

Member Kaufman gave a brief climate change overview presentation.

c) Section 28 Report – (resolution prepared)

Resolution 2016-47

Sajatovic - Signoretti

That the NDCA Permit 2016-7 issued in May, 2016, under section 28 of the *Conservation Authorities Act* be approved as outlines in the Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines/Watercourses report.

Carried.

Member Kaufman asked for clarification if Permits are issued prior to the Board approval, GM Jorgensen confirmed that the permits are indeed issued prior to. Staff person Kovacs added that prior to 2012, the O. Reg 156/06 only allowed the Board to issue permits whereas the amendments in 2012 now allow staff to issue them; three staff at Conservation Sudbury have been appointed with the ability to issue these permits on behalf of Conservation Sudbury. Member Sajatovic added that Board approval is still needed in some circumstances ex. to issue 3 and 5 year permits.

d) Fast Flowing Water Program - Report, Joscelyne Landry-Altman

Chairperson Gibson provided an update on behalf of Member Landry-Altman. The Fast Flowing Water poster contest will take place on Friday May 13. There will be over a dozen judges reviewing the posters. The award event will be at 11am on **June 9** at Tom Davies Square, followed by a lunch for the winners.

8. New Business

a) Next General Board Meeting – June 9, 2016 at 4:00pm

9. Adjournment

Resolution 2016-48

Watelet - Sajatovic

That we do now adjourn.

Carried.