

NICKEL DISTRICT CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Minutes of General Board Meeting

Thursday, November 10, 2016

Room C-12
Tom Davies Square

Commenced: 4:35 p.m.
Adjourned: 6:50 p.m.

PRESENT: Lin Gibson, Chairperson
Jennifer Davidson
Mike Jakubo
Stephen Kaufman
Joscelyne Landry-Altman
Paul Sajatovic
Anne Watelet

ALSO PRESENT: Carl Jorgensen, Secretary –Treasurer and General Manager

COMMUNICATION: Mark Signoretti, Regrets
Samantha Hunter, Regrets

1. Chairperson Gibson opened the meeting and welcomed all Board Members.

Introductory remarks included that she and Member Davidson and Staff member Anoop Naik will be attending the Latornell symposium later in the month.

2. Declarations of Conflict

None

3. Adoption of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

Chairperson Gibson indicated that a new item would be added to each of the *business arising* and the *new business* sections of the agenda.

Resolution 2016-81

Sajatovic - Jakubo

That the agenda for the November 10, 2016 NDCA General Meeting be adopted as amended.

Carried.

4. a) Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Resolution 2016-82

Davidson - Sajatovic

That the minutes of the October 13, 2016 NDCA General Board Meeting, as duplicated and

circulated, be approved.

Carried.

b) Business Arising from Minutes

i) Investment Policy Statement

There was further discussion regarding the investment policy statement and the following resolution was presented.

Resolution 2016-83

Jakubo - Kaufman

Given that the Authority requires a long-term strategy to guide the investment of public funds entrusted to it in a responsible fashion, therefore, be it resolved,

That the Nickel District Conservation Authority amend the Investment Policy Statement as presented by Gilberto Cuilini from RBC Dominion Securities as follows:

That 15% foreign content is a long-term target, and at least 50% of the equities will be from environmentally ethical funds.

Carried.

5. General Business

a) Resignation of Board Member - Deb McIntosh

Members were advised that Deb had resigned as a member due to time commitments. They expressed thanks to Deb for her dedicated service. The Members asked that the City Clerk be consulted as to CGS Council's options for replacing Deb on the Board such as a citizen appointee, another Councilor, etc.

b) Lawyer's Letters - Proposed Fee Increase

A memo from Carl Jorgensen outlining a proposal to increase the fees was reviewed by members. The following resolution was presented.

Resolution 2016-84

Sajatovic - Jakubo

That the fees for solicitors' property inquiries be increased to a base rate of \$75.00 effective January 1, 2017, and that staff will develop a fee schedule for applying higher rates in cases that require more extensive research.

Carried.

c) Budget 2017

An in-depth discussion of the budget was undertaken. The following resolution was presented.

Resolution 2016-85

Watelet - Sajatovic

That the Nickel District Conservation Authority's 2017 budget in the total amount of \$1,548,200 be approved as presented.

And be it further resolved that the Authority's member municipality, the City of Greater Sudbury, be requested to provide funding in the total amount of \$683,000 that includes an increase in the base levy of \$12,500.

And further that the Secretary-Treasurer of the Authority submit the approved budget to the City of Greater Sudbury's Finance Department no later than November 14, 2015 and that the budget be presented to the Finance Committee of the City of Greater Sudbury on November 15, 2016.

Carried.

d) Section 28 Report

Resolution 2016-86

Landry-Altmann - Watelet

That Permits 2016-46 to 2016-47, issued in October 2016, 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.

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

Resolution 2016-87

Jakubo - Landry-Altmann

That we go in-camera at 5:50 p.m.

Carried.

At 6:30 p.m. the Board ended the in-camera session with no resolutions forthcoming.

7. New Business

- a) Staff Pension Plan - A memo was reviewed indicating that the staff had opted to change providers and go to Manulife for its pension. There is no additional expense to the Authority because of this decision of the seven staff currently in the group plan.
- b) Christmas Dinner – As a result of the online poll, the date was set for Thursday, December 1 at the Sixth Avenue Golf Course in Lively. If required, a General Board meeting will be held on December 8
- c) Friends of Lake Laurentian (FLL) and Nickel District Conservation Foundation (NDCF)

There was discussion about the reporting of the FLL committee and it was decided that in the future this committee would report to the NDCF as it is a creation under the by-laws of the NDCF and it shares the focus of the Conservation Area.

- d) Proposed Business Plan for 2017

Carl presented a draft business plan for Board members to review at their convenience.

This was created at the request of the CAO of the CGS as part of the budget process and submission of the Authority's Levy request.

Feedback on this proposed plan is sought – please provide your comments to GM Carl.

- e) Poetry on the Trails

Member Landry-Altman brought up the topic of adding poetry to the sign plan at Lake Laurentian. She has been working with the current and past Poet laureates of the CGS to expand the presence of poetry in parts of the city. The group will be looking for funding from various sources including the Cultural Spaces program and will be meeting regularly including on November 21 at the Authority office.

9. Adjournment

Resolution 2016-88

Watelet - Sajatovic

That we do now adjourn.

Carried.