

# NICKEL DISTRICT CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

## Minutes of General Board Meeting

Thursday, June 8, 2017

Room C-12  
Tom Davies Square

Commenced: 4:35 p.m.  
Adjourned: 6:55 p.m.

PRESENT: Lin Gibson  
Fern Cormier  
Jennifer Davidson  
Steve Kaufman, Vice-Chairperson  
Joscelyne Landry-Altmann  
Paul Sajatovic  
Anne Watelet

ALSO PRESENT: Carl Jorgensen, Secretary –Treasurer, General Manager  
Gil Cuilini, RBC Dominion Securities

COMMUNICATION: Mike Jakubo, Regrets  
Mark Signoretti, Regrets

1. Chairperson Gibson opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance.
2. No declarations of conflict were made.
3. Adoption of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

Under New Business Chairperson Gibson added a) staffing and Member Landry-Altmann added b) policies of Camp Bitobig.

**Resolution 2017-46**

**Watelet - Sajatovic**

*That the agenda for the June 8, 2017 General Board Meeting be adopted as amended*

**Carried.**

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meetings

**Resolution 2017-47**

**Kaufman - Davidson**

*That the minutes of the May 11, 2017 General Board Meeting, as duplicated and circulated be approved.*

**Carried.**

5. Business Arising from Minutes

a) RBC Dominion Securities Investment Update

Mr. Ciulini presented the results to date of the Authority's investments. Approximately 52% of the equity holdings are in the "ethical class." The net income in the first 5 months following the Board's investment instructions is a gain of 4.61%

Mr. Ciulini also explained how the investments he has selected on our behalf are allocated to meet the Board's requests and targets for ethical investing and foreign content.

**Resolution 2017-48**

**Watelet – Kaufman**

*That the revised Nickel District Conservation Authority's Investment Policy Statement presented by Gil Ciulini from RBC Dominion Securities be accepted as presented.*

**Carried.**

b) Audit and Finance Committee Terms of Reference

The terms of reference presented at the May 2017 meeting were revised in accordance to the Members' requests and were presented for review.

**Resolution 2017-49**

**Kaufman - Sajatovic**

*That the terms of reference for the Audit & Finance Committee be approved as circulated.*

**Carried.**

c) Selection of Audit and Finance Committee

Resolution 2017-50

**Landry-Altman – Davidson**

*That the following members be appointed to the Audit and Finance Committee until replace or reappointed at the next Annual General Meeting in 2018*

*Treasurer – Carl Jorgensen*

*Member – Paul Sajatovic*

*Member – Mike Jakubo (in absentia) Secretary to confirm with Member*

*Member – Steve Kaufman*

**Carried.**

6. General Business

a) Section 28 Permits Report

**Resolution 2017-51**

**Kaufman – Watelet**

*That the report for permits issued under Section 28 of the Conservation Authorities Act for May 2017 is received.*

**Carried.**

b) Ramsey Lake Auto-Sampler

Member Kaufman presented an overview of RAMS, the scientific instrument now floating in Ramsey Lake. The unit is connected to the internet and provides real time updates of conditions via a satellite uplink. It is part of the grant provided to the CGS by the MOECC for sub-watershed studies.

Members were impressed and asked that the presentation and live link to the sampler be shared after the meeting by the Secretary.

c) CA Act Review Update

General Manager Jorgensen presented a verbal overview of the notable sections of the proposed revisions to the CA Act under Bill 139 and referred to an FAQ document from Conservation Ontario and correspondence from the MNR. Some discussion followed regarding the powers of the authority and its programs, the ability to enforce the act and perhaps to write tickets and noted the absence of any financial commitment from the province.

d) WECI Update

General manager Jorgensen provided an update on the results of the 2016 WECI projects and the recommendations from that work. He also outlined the upcoming WECI project for 2017 – namely the repairs to Junction Creek box culvert between Larch street and the Brady underpass.

**Resolution 2017-52**

**Landry-Altmann - Kaufman**

*That the Board received the WECI report, dated June 7, 2017, presented by the General Manager.*

**Carried.**

- e) Strategic Plan, Next Step

**Resolution 2017-53**

**Davidson - Watelet**

That the Board received the Staff Report regarding the Strategic Plan Implementation and Communication, dated June 6, 2017, and supports the recommendations therein.

**Carried.**

- f) Fast Flowing Water Update

Member Landy-Altmann provided a brief update on the Fast-Flowing Water program and the upcoming awards at Science North on June 19.

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

At 6:32 p.m. the Board moved in-camera.

**Resolution 2017-54**

**Landry-Altmann - Watelet**

*That we go in-camera at 6:32 p.m.*

**Carried.**

At 6:40 p.m., the in-camera session was completed and no resolutions were brought forward.

8. New Business

- a) Chairperson Gibson asked General manager Jorgensen to provide an update of current staff at the Authority; he did so.
- b) Member Landry-Altmann made a request that a policy be formed for Camp Bitobig that would allocate a certain number of spaces for each session at camp Bitobig to be allocated through social agencies to children whose situations would not allow them to attend normally due to financial constraints. Direction was provided to staff to work on this and return to the Members before 2018 camp.

9. Adjournment

**Resolution 2017-55**

**Watelet – Landry-Altmann**

*That we do now adjourn.*

**Carried.**