

NICKEL DISTRICT CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF GENERAL BOARD MEETING



Thursday, November 14, 2017

Boardroom AB
South End Public Library

Commenced: 4:40 p.m.
Adjourned: 6:25 p.m.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Carl Jorgensen, Secretary –Treasurer, General Manager
Sarah Woods, Conservation Sudbury
Kevin Jarus, Tulloch Engineering

COMMUNICATION: Steve Kaufman, Regrets
Mark Signoretti, Regrets

1. Chairperson Gibson opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance, including Kevin Jarus from Tulloch Engineering who is presenting on the options from his fees review. Chairperson Gibson also provided a quick update on a few items including: Member Jakubo's recent 40 under 40 award and the upcoming Latornell Conservation Symposium that is being attended by Member Davidson and two staff.
2. No declarations of conflict were made.
3. Adoption of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

Member Landry-Altman suggested a few new topics under New Business.

Resolution 2017-75

Jakubo - Watelet

That the agenda for the November 14, 2017 General Board Meeting be adopted as amended.

Carried.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meetings

Resolution 2017-76

Davidson - Sajatovic

That the minutes of the October 19, 2017 General Board Meeting, as duplicated and circulated be approved.

Carried.

5. Business Arising

a) Presentation of Options

Kevin Jarus, from Tulloch Engineering, presented on the final recommendations from the Planning Act and Permit Application Fees Review. His presentation is a follow-up from last month's board meeting presentation. The presentation discussions options for a phased approach to increasing fees. The board discussed the presentation and options provided.

Resolution 2017-77

Watelet – Landry-Altmanm

Be it resolved that the Board accept the November 2017 report by Tulloch Engineering on the Planning Act and Permit Application Fee Review, Final Recommendations.

Carried.

b) Barrydowne Arena Temporary Rezoning

This topic was tabled at the October board meeting. The members asked that the parking lot condition be reviewed by staff for options including drainage. It was noted that the City is acting as the Authority's agent in this matter and would undertake consultation in the planning process on its behalf. Carl provided an update and after a discussion the following motion was passed:

Resolution 2017-78

Jakubo - Watelet

Be it resolved that the Authority authorizes the City of Greater Sudbury to act as its agent and supports the application for temporary re-zoning of 828 Beatrice Crescent, for the use of the arena as a film studio for the requested three years only (May 2018-May 2021).

Further, that the Authority seeks to review an exit strategy for the film studio to another location prior to supporting such a request in the future.

Carried.

6. 2018 Budget Discussion

Carl presented the 2018 Budget, including a breakdown of human resources and operating costs and revenue streams. After a discussion the board approved the following motion:

Resolution 2017-79

Watelet - Sajatovic

That the Nickel District Conservation Authority's 2018 budget in the total amount of \$1,707,536 be approved as presented.

And be it further resolved that the Authority's member municipality, the City of Greater Sudbury, be advised that the 2018 levy is in the amount of \$867,286.

And further that the Secretary-Treasurer of the Authority submit the approved budget to the City of Greater Sudbury's Chief Financial Officer no later than November 16, 2017 and a presentation be made to the Finance Committee of the City of Greater Sudbury on November 21, 2017.

Carried.

7. General Business

a) Section 28 Report

Resolution 2017-80

Landry-Altman - Watelet

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

Carried.

8. New Business

a) December Board Meeting

Resolution 2017-81

Watelet – Cormier

Be it resolved that the Board members agree to dispense with their per-diems for the

December 14 2017 meeting and that these funds be allocated to a Christmas celebration.

Carried.

b) Environment Canada EDF Funding Project

Resolution 2017-82

Cormier – Jakubo

That the Board directs staff to enter into an agreement with Environment and Climate Change Canada for the purpose of completing a Low Impact Development project as described in the staff report dated November 2, 2017.

Carried.

c) Ponderosa Wetland

Carl indicated that the study of the portion of wetland on the Authority's property undertaken by staff of the Junction Creek Stewardship Committee using funds from the RBC Bluewater grant had been expanded in scope using landowner consents and/or GIS techniques to capture the entire wetland. The study report followed the format of the province's Wetland Evaluation System and had been submitted to the MNRF Sudbury District office. It is anticipated that the MNRF will make a determination of the validity of the scoring in the coming months.

d) Graffiti problem in Ward 1

Member Landry-Altman mentioned that the Leslie Street flood-forecasting station is often a target for graffiti and that in 2018 an anti-graffiti initiative was going to be undertaken in the area. This was mentioned so that the Authority is aware of this initiative.

e) Beaver issues along Junction Creek

Member Landry-Altman raised the issue of nuisance beavers removing many of the trees along Junction Creek – and that some residents are worried about erosion of the banks. Carl mentioned that that staff could visit the area to view the extent of the problem to be better able to provide input for a solution.

9. Adjournment

Resolution 2017-83

Watelet - Jakubo

That we do now adjourn.

Carried.