

NICKEL DISTRICT CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF GENERAL BOARD MEETING



Thursday, September 14, 2017

Boardroom AB
South End Public Library

Commenced: 4:40 p.m.
Adjourned: 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Lin Gibson, Chairperson
Fern Cormier
Jennifer Davidson
Mike Jakubo
Steve Kaufman, Vice Chairperson
Paul Sajatovic
Anne Watelet

ALSO PRESENT: Carl Jorgensen, Secretary –Treasurer, General Manager
Melanie Venne, Conservation Sudbury

COMMUNICATION: Joscelyne Landry-Altmann , Regrets
Mark Signoretti, Regrets

1. Chairperson Gibson opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance. Chair Gibson provided a quick update on a few items:
 - The Conservation Authorities Act had its second reading at the Ontario legislature on Monday Sept. 11.
 - On Sunday September 24 there will be the induction of two new patrons at the Lake Laurentian Conservation Area: Chris Blomme and Sheilah Arena.
 - The next board meeting will be October 19, the third Thursday of the month.
2. No declarations of conflict were made.
3. Adoption of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

Resolution 2017-61

Watelet - Cormier

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

Carried.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meetings

Resolution 2017-62

Watelet - Cormier

That the minutes of the August 29, 2017 General Board Meeting, as duplicated and circulated be approved.

Carried.

5. Business Arising

a) Organizational Chart Request

As requested at the August meeting, an organizational chart illustrating the General Board, the Nickel District Conservation Foundation and the Friends of Lake Laurentian Steering Committee was distributed.

b) Transit Letter

Likewise, at the August meeting, it was requested that GM Carl send a letter to the Sudbury Transit Action Plan requesting public transit services on the weekend to the Lake Laurentian Conservation Area. A copy of the letter was circulated.

c) Strategic Plan Implementation Report Update

Carl provided updates on implementation of the Strategic Plan since the last board meeting. He also spoke about the need for updated floodplain mapping and an opportunity for cost-sharing provided by the National Disaster Mitigation Program. A Conservation Sudbury proposal will be submitted on September 15 and future support will be sought by resolution after the screening group at the Province has reviewed the application.

Carl and Stephen Kaufman are working on a prioritization exercise for the 2018 budget and will be meeting weekly. Updates will be provided to the Board via email.

5. General Business

a) Section 28 Permits Report

A question was raised about one of the permits and an explanation was provided by GM Jorgensen.

Resolution 2017-63

Jakubo - Sajatovic

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

Carried.

b) WECI Update

Conservation Sudbury's WECI project, supported by the MNRF and the City of Greater Sudbury has commenced. This year's repair is to the Junction Creek box culvert from Larch Street to Brady Street. The project received five bids through the RFP and Dominion Construction was the successful bidder. AECOM is the engineering firm providing project management and contract administration services.

The project started at location of the box culvert that was known to be in the worst condition. However, pre-construction inspections have revealed it the condition to be worse than expected; repair work has been delayed and investigation of the extent of the problem is ongoing. Carl will provide another update at the October meeting.

c) 50 Million Trees Update

A report illustrating the 2017 planting sites and financial contributions and expenses was distributed. The expenses were less than shown and a revised report will be distributed shortly.

There will also be a community plant behind the Chelmsford Library on Saturday September 23 as part of TD Tree Days.

d) Interim Budget Report

Carl discussed the 2017 revenue and expenses up to August 30, 2017.

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

At 6:12 p.m. the Board moved in-camera.

Resolution 2017-64

Kaufman - Watelet

That we go in-camera at 6:40 p.m.

Carried.

At 6:30 p.m., the in-camera session was completed and the following resolutions were brought forward.

Resolution 2017-65

Jakubo – Kaufman

Be it resolved that the Nickel District Conservation Authority enter into an agreement with Mr. Terry Hicks as per the in-camera report dated September 12, 2017.

Carried.

Resolution 2017-66

Sajatovic – Watelet

Be it resolved that the Nickel District Conservation Authority transfer the lands described in the in-camera report dated September 12, 2017, to the City of Greater Sudbury for the purposes of the development of Silver Hills Drive.

Carried.

8. New Business

a) Bench at Lake Laurentian Conservation Authority

A report was brought forward to the board indicating the request for a new bench along the Lake Laurentian Loop trail by long time volunteers and patrons of the Conservation Area. A discussion ensued about the value of recognition of patrons but also the need for fundraising for the Conservation Area.

Resolution 2017-67

Davidson – Watelet

That the new bench as requested to the board be accepted at the cost of the bench with installation, plus a donation of \$500 to the Nickel District Conservation Foundation.

Carried.

9. Adjournment

Resolution 2017-68

Cormier - Watelet

That we do now adjourn.

Carried.