

NICKEL DISTRICT CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Minutes of General Board Meeting

Thursday, January 12, 2017

Room C-12
Tom Davies Square

Commenced: 4:39 p.m.
Adjourned: 6:50 p.m.

PRESENT: Stephen Kaufman - Vice-Chair
Fern Cormier
Mike Jakubo
Joscelyne Landry-Altman
Paul Sajatovic
Anne Watelet

ALSO PRESENT: Carl Jorgensen, Secretary –Treasurer and General Manager
Anoop Naik, Water Resources Specialist
Samantha Hunt - Young Leader on Board

COMMUNICATION: Lin Gibson, Regrets
Jennifer Davidson, Regrets
Mark Signoretti, Regrets

1. Vice-Chair Stephen Kaufman opened the meeting and welcomed all Board Members.

Introductory remarks were made and new Board member Fern Cormier was introduced as well as a round of introductions by all.

2. Declarations of Conflict **None**

3. Adoption of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

Resolution 2017-01

Landry-Altman - Jakubo

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

Carried.

4. a) Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Resolution 2017-02

Watelet - Sajatovic

That the minutes of the November 17, 2016 NDCA General Board Meeting, as duplicated and circulated, be approved.

Carried.

b) Business Arising from Minutes

i) Replacement of Board Member Deb McIntosh

Members were provided with a copy of the letter from the City of Greater Sudbury's Clerk advising that council had appointed Fern Cormier to the NDCA Board. He was again welcomed to the Board.

ii) Investment Policy Statement

The signed Investment Policy Statement was circulated. The Members asked that Gil Ciulini from RBC Dominion Securities be invited to the June meeting where he can present the investment portfolio including a discussion of the ethical investments and other items of interest.

iii) Proposed Business Plan

The proposed Business Plan was circulated and discussed by members. It was suggested that some figures be included where possible so that reference can be made to benchmarks and targets.

5. General Business

a) Samantha Hunt, Young Leader on Board made a brief presentation, outlining her background and interest in working with our Board through the program. She has a background in biology and monitoring and it is hoped that her participation appeals to her interest in the environment. She was encouraged to participate as much as possible and that her input is valued by the Members.

b) Section 28 Report

There was one question for clarification which was provided by the General Manager.

Resolution 2017-03

Jakubo - Watelet

That Permits 2016-48 to 2016-51, issued in November and December 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.

c) Report from Latornell Symposium - Anoop Naik

Anoop provided a written report on the Symposium and the theme of Green Infrastructure - Collaborating with Nature. He spoke to new regulations coming from

the Province and to Low Impact Development (LID) methods and their usefulness in our watersheds and opportunities for the Authority's role within the municipality. The Members thanked him for his presentation.

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

Resolution 2017-04

Watelet - Jakubo

That we go in-camera at 5:30 p.m.

Carried.

At 6:30 p.m. the Board ended the in-camera session with one resolution forthcoming.

Resolution 2017-05

Watelet - Sajatovic

Given that the positions of the Environmental Education Assistant, the Source Water Lead, and the IM /GIS Specialist have become integral to the operations of the Authority,

And that during the past years the incumbents have provided consistently high-quality work, therefore be it resolved,

That these three positions be converted to permanent staff positions effective on the date of expiry of their current contracts,

And that, each be offered the position on a permanent basis based at the current rate of compensation, and that the General Manager provide a letter of offer in a timely fashion so that their employment with the Authority is uninterrupted.

Carried.

7. New Business

a) NDCF Membership Update

The Board reviewed a letter from Peter Edmunds, Chair of the NDCF, recommending two new members be appointed for three year terms. The Board concurred and the following resolution was presented.

Resolution 2017-06

Jakubo - Sajatovic

The Nickel District Conservation Foundation has recommended two individuals to become members,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Nickel District Conservation Authority hereby

appoints Edward Najgebauer and Kristy Rousseau to be members of the Nickel District Conservation Foundation for three year terms ending December 2019.

Carried.

b) NDCF Joint Committee proposal re: Nature Chalet

A request from Peter Edmunds, chairperson of the Nickel District Conservation Foundation was conveyed by GM Carl and discussed. The proposal suggests that future improvements to an educational facility and current Nature Chalet be examined by a joint committee comprised of two Members of each board. Members Cormier and Sajatovic volunteered to let their names stand. Also suggested was Member Davidson who was not present; GM Carl offered to ask Jennifer if she is interested.

c) City of Greater Sudbury's Auditor General plans for a GRC Audit in 2020.

In response to a question posed by Member Sajatovic, Member Jakubo provided some background on the Governance, Risk and Compliance (GRC) audit scheduled for 2020. He indicated that outside agencies that receive funding from the municipality, such as the Health Unit and this Authority, will be audited with respect to their practices relating to these three areas.

8. Adjournment

Resolution 2017-07

Watelet - Landry-Altmann

That we do now adjourn.

Carried.