

NICKEL DISTRICT CONSERVATION AUTHORITY



MINUTES OF GENERAL BOARD MEETING

Thursday, May 10, 2018

Northern Water Sports Center
206 Ramsey Lake Rd. Sudbury

Commenced: 4:30 p.m.
Adjourned: 6:18 p.m.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Carl Jorgensen, Secretary –Treasurer, General Manager
Tiffany Cecchetto, KPMG (auditor)

COMMUNICATION: Fern Cormier, Regrets
Mark Signoretti, Regrets
Steve Kaufman, Regrets

1. Chairperson Lin Gibson opened the meeting by providing some opening remarks:
 - At the Conservation Ontario Annual General Meeting on April 16, Lin was nominated as vice-chair for a third term.
 - On April 17, a memorandum of understanding was signed between the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and the 36 Conservation Authorities to formalize the partnership between the two agencies.
 - As discussed at the last board meeting, Nels Conroy is retiring. Lin and former Chair of the NDCA, Bob Rogers, are acting as scrutineers in the vote by Committee members for an interim chair to be selected from within the existing Source Protection Committee membership. A formal replacement process conducted by the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change will be held in the fall.
 - The Fast-Flowing Water Poster and Script contest just wrapped up judging. Twenty schools are participated and the award ceremony will be held on June 5 at Science North.
 - A fast-flowing water presentation will be filmed by Sudbury Secondary School students on June 20 with students Lansdowne Public school as the audience. This will then be edited and put on YouTube as a teaching resource.

2. No declarations of conflict were made.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Member Landry-Altman suggested a topic under new business concerning beavers and erosion issues on Junction Creek.

Resolution 2018-39

Watelet - Jakubo

That the agenda for the May 10, 2018 General Board Meeting be adopted as amended.

Carried.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meetings

Resolution 2018-40

Davidson - Sajatovic

That the minutes of the April 12, 2018 General Board Meeting, as duplicated and circulated be approved.

Carried.

5. 2017 Audit – Presentation by Tiffany Cecchetto, KPMG

Tiffany Cecchetto reviewed the Findings of the 2017 Audit Report as prepared by KPMG. The report was approved following a few comments and questions from the Board.

Resolution 2018-41

Jakubo - Sajatovic

Given that the Audit and Finance Committee of the Authority met with the Auditor (KPMG) on Monday May 7, 2018, to discuss the Findings Report and the Financial Statements and

That, after a productive session, the Audit and Finance Committee recommended a few changes and edits to the Financial Statements, that have been since made and are included in the audit distributed at this meeting, and

That the Audit and Finance Committee endorses the audited Financial Statements be it resolved that,

The audited Financial Statements for 2017 be accepted as presented, and be it further resolved that,

The allocation of funds to internally-restricted reserves is reviewed by the Audit and Finance Committee at their next meeting, to be held prior to budget 2019 preparations, and their report be provided to the Members prior to the subsequent General Board meeting.

Carried.

Resolution 2018-42

Jakubo – Sajatovic

That the minutes of the May 7, 2018 Audit and Finance Committee meeting are approved as received.

Carried.

Ms. Ceccetto left the meeting at this point.

6. General Business

a) Section 28 Report

A report describing the S.28 permits for April 2018 was distributed.

Resolution 2018-43

Landry-Altman – Watelet

That the Report for permits issued under Section 28 of the Conservation Authorities Act for April 2018 is received.

Carried.

7. In Camera Session

Resolution 2018-44

Watelet – Davidson

That we go in-camera at 5:00 pm.

Carried.

At 5:09 p.m. the Board ended the in-camera session with no resolutions forthcoming.

8. New Business

a) NDMP Update

A staff report describing next steps in the National Disaster Mitigation program was distributed. Work will be moving forward on this project in June 2018 to March 31, 2020. Also staff is considering preparation of a submission to the next intake (Round 5) in September 2018. An answer could not be provided to a question from Member Landry-Altmann about the possibility of infrastructure being funded through this program – GM Jorgensen committed to determining if this was possible and providing a response.

Resolution 2018-45

Watelet - Jakubo

That the National Disaster Mitigation Program Update staff report, dated May 10, 2018, is received.

Carried.

a) Planning and Regulations Fees Update

A staff report was discussed regarding an increase in planning fees, and a job posting for a new position of watershed planning officer. Member Sajatovic commented that the City of Greater Sudbury would eventually have to update its by-law that includes the collection of planning fees. He wondered if this was not another opportunity for consultation in addition to the methods proposed in the report. GM Jorgensen committed to speaking with the head of the planning department to determine the proper course of action for changing the Authority's planning fees as listed in the City's by-law. After some discussion, the following resolution was passed:

Resolution 2018-46

Watelet - Jakubo

Be it resolved that the planning and permitting fees be amended as recommended in the report, dated May 10, 2018 and,

That consultation as described in the staff report be undertaken, and,

That the watershed planning specialist position be advertised and filled as of July 1, 2018.

Carried.

b) Administrative By-Law

A document describing a model administrative by-law and best management practices was distributed prior to the board meeting via Dropbox only. GM Jorgensen asked Members to review the model by-law before the next meeting. He will prepare the first draft for first reading and discussion at the June meeting. ...

- c) Junction Creek issues: Member Landry-Altman thanked GM Jorgensen for visiting the section of Junction Creek between Perrault and Dell streets. She asked if anything could be done with the beaver problem removing the trees and causing erosion. GM Jorgensen indicated that he would expect that the issue of erosion and beaver a management would be contained in the discussion and recommendations in the sub-watershed study reports currently being completed by consultants working under the direction of the City of Greater Sudbury's drainage staff. Also that the Authority has been working with the MNRF, the CGS, the two major mining companies and the Sudbury Area Trappers Council to develop a regional approach to proactive beaver management.

7. Adjournment

Resolution 2018-47

Watelet – Landry-Altman

That we do now adjourn.

Carried.