

# NICKEL DISTRICT CONSERVATION AUTHORITY



## MINUTES OF THE GENERAL BOARD MEETING

**Monday, November 18, 2019**

Tom Davies Square, room C-12  
200 Brady Street, Sudbury

Commenced: 12:03 p.m.

Adjourned: 1:07 p.m.

PRESENT: Lin Gibson, Chairperson  
Jennifer Davidson  
Mike Jakubo  
Steve Kaufman, Vice Chair  
Joscelyne Landry-Altman  
Bill Leduc  
Paul Sajatovic

ALSO PRESENT: Carl Jorgensen, Secretary –Treasurer, General Manager  
Sarah Woods, staff

COMMUNICATION: Geoff McCausland, regrets  
Anne Watelet, regrets

1. Chairperson Lin Gibson began the meeting by welcoming attendees and indicated that she would reserve her remarks until the end of the meeting in case we went over time. Time did allow and the remarks are included here to align with the agenda layout:
  - a. Lin attended the Source Protection Committee (SPC) meeting on October 24, 2019. Richard Bois has stepped down as chairperson of the SPC. The Province is responsible for appointing a new chairperson. Terms on the committee are for a fixed period and the terms of four members expire at the end of this calendar year. These positions have been advertised and the call for applications closes December 9, 2019.
  - b. Staff member Jaimée Bergeron is working on the Watershed Report Card for Ramsey Lake, that is expected to be completed by the end of this year.
  - c. Public Health Sudbury and Districts has completed 40 septic inspections this year, mostly in the Ramsey Lake watershed.
  - d. The Nickel District Conservation Foundation (NDCF) is making progress toward establishing enough funds to hire a dedicated staff person.
  - e. Lin and Carl will be attending the Conservation Ontario council meeting on December 9.

2. No declarations of conflict were made.
3. Adoption of Agenda/Addition to Agenda

**Resolution 2019-69**

**Davidson – Leduc**

*That the agenda of the November 18, 2019 General Board Meeting be adopted as circulated.*

Chairperson Gibson noted that the order of business will change slightly to ensure that the most time-sensitive items are covered during this relatively short meeting (opening remarks will be kept until the end).

**Carried.**

4. Previous Meeting Minutes

- a) Adoption of Minutes of September 12, 2019

**Resolution 2019-70**

**Sajatovic – Leduc**

*That the minutes of the October 10, 2019 General Board Meeting, as circulated and reviewed, are approved.*

**Carried.**

- b) Business arising from the meeting not addressed below

- a) LID

Member Landry-Altmann asked whether there is opportunity to partner with the municipality for another Low Impact Development (LID) project. GM Jorgensen indicated that future LID projects may be implemented if staff identifies an appropriate funding opportunity, and are successful in obtaining the funds.

5. General Business

- a) Section 28/29 Report

Note: Member Kaufman arrived at 12:10 during this item.  
Following a brief clarification on one of the permits issued the resolution was introduced:

**Resolution 2019-71**

**Leduc – Davidson**

*That the report for permits issued under Sections 28 and 29 of the Conservation Authorities Act during the month of October 2019 is received.*

**Carried.**

b) Budget 2020, final version

GM Jorgensen circulated copies of the final budget that will be presented to City Council tomorrow (Tuesday November 19). He thanked the Audit and Finance Committee for their assistance with the budget and input into updating the format. He explained the new presentation format and presented the Consolidated Summary line by line. He also explained that the Water Risk Management section outlines the budget related to this part of our mandate and it shows the importance of the provincial Section 39 funding to our program as well as the funding from Source Protection. This is the only part of the budget that receives provincial funding,

Note: Member Jakubo arrived at 12:28 during the above.

Member Landry-Altman asked for clarification on the Conservation Lands section and Carl indicated that this includes all lands owned by the Authority and that a large part of the budget is driven by the cost of municipal taxes paid.

Member Landry-Altman also asked for clarification on the relationship and cost-sharing agreement with the BioSki Club. GM Jorgensen indicated that he is currently working on a formal agreement with the club that will include details on cost sharing. Staff is to bring two reports to the Board early in 2020: one that describes the activities that occur at the BioSki Cottage annually and another that describes the new formal agreement between Conservation Sudbury and the BioSki Club.

**Resolution 2019-72**

**Sajatovic – Leduc**

*Be it resolved,*

*That the Nickel District Conservation Authority's 2020 budget in the total amount of \$1,775,105 is approved as presented.*

*And be it further resolved that the Authority's member municipality, the City of Greater Sudbury, be advised that the 2020 levy is in the amount of \$1,018,094*

*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 18, 2019 and a presentation be made at the Finance Committee of the City of Greater Sudbury on November 19, 2019.*

**Carried.**

c) Reserve changes

GM Jorgensen explained some key points from the staff report that was included in the agenda package. There was some discussion on the Junction Creek Water Management reserve. There was also a suggestion that Camp Bitobig fees might be increased in future to better align with the value of the service.

**Resolution 2019-73**

**Jakubo – Sajatovic**

*Be it resolved,*

*That the Nickel District Conservation Authority's reserves and income allocations are amended as recommended by the Audit and Finance Committee and presented in the report entitled RESERVES, dated November 12, 2019*

**Carried.**

6. In-Camera Session

**Resolution 2019- 74**

**Landry-Altmann – Leduc**

*That we go in-camera at 1:43 p.m.*

**Carried.**

At 1:51 p.m. the Board ended the in-camera session. Direction was provided to staff on one item and one resolution was forthcoming as follows:

**Resolution 2019-75**

**Kaufman – Leduc**

*Be it resolved that Bailey Chabot be hired as the new Watershed Planner contingent on the acceptance of the Employment Agreement dated November 11, 2019, and*

*That Ms. Chabot will begin her six-month probationary period on Monday November 25, 2019.*

**Carried.**

7. New Business / Upcoming

d) Presentation to City's Finance Committee

Carl indicated that he will be presenting the 2020 budget to the City of Greater Sudbury's Finance Committee tomorrow, November 19. Chairperson Gibson invited board members to attend.

e) Meeting with MECP Minister

The meeting with Minister Yurek, that was scheduled for this Wednesday, has been postponed. Staff is currently trying to schedule a teleconference meeting for the first week of December. Carl and Members Jakubo and Kaufman will participate.

Minister Yurek is also expected to attend the Conservation Ontario Council meeting on December 9.

Once this round of meetings has been completed, the Minister's office is expected to begin formal consultation as early as January on the yet-to-be-proposed regulations and the *Conservation Authorities Act* and to the core mandate of conservation authorities.

f) Next Meeting

As there is not much business to be conducted in December and the Board often forgoes a formal December meeting.

**Resolution 2019-76**

**Jakubo – Sajatovic**

*Be it resolved that the meeting scheduled for December 12, 2019 will not be held, and*

*That the next meeting of the General Board will be at 4:30 PM Thursday January 9, 2020 in Room C-12.*

**Carried.**

8. Adjournment

**Resolution 2019-77**

**Leduc – Davidson**

*That we do now adjourn.*

**Carried.**