

NICKEL DISTRICT CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Minutes of General Board Meeting

Thursday, March 8, 2012

Room C-13A
Tom Davies Square

Commenced: 6:03 p.m.
Adjourned: 7:09 p.m.

PRESENT: Bob Rogers, Chair
 Jacques Barbeau
 Joe Cimino
 Joscelyne Landry-Altman
 Mark Signoretti
 Russ Thompson
 Anne Watelet

ALSO PRESENT: P. Sajatovic, N.D.C.A.
 Fred Slade & Laurie Rossignol - Slade & Associates, Chartered Accountants

COMMUNICATION: Evelyn Dutrisac
 Lin Gibson

1. Chair Rogers opened the meeting, welcoming all present. Chair Rogers highlighted some of the activities since the Annual Meeting in January. Highlights included the Community Builders Award evening on February 16th, the Greater Sudbury Climate Change Consortium workshop on February 21st, very positive communications with the Vermilion River Stewardship group in follow-up to their presentation on January 19th, and general public special events held at the Lake Laurentian Conservation Area on January 22nd and March 4th.

2. No declarations of conflict of interest were declared by any member present.

3. Adoption of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

Resolution 2012-24

Signoretti - Cimino

That the agenda for the March 8, 2012 N.D.C.A. General Board meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

a) January 19, 2012

Resolution 2012-25

Barbeau - Cimino

That the minutes of the January 19, 2012 Annual General Board meeting, as duplicated and circulated, be approved.

Carried.

b) Business Arising from Minutes

No items of business were raised that were not already on the agenda for the March 8th General Board meeting.

5. Presentation - 2011 N.D.C.A. Financial Statement

a) Financial Statement Overview

Chair Rogers welcomed Fred Slade and Laurie Rossignol from Slade & Associates, Chartered Accountants. N.D.C.A. members had received a copy of the 2011 Financial Statement prior to the meeting. Chair Rogers then asked Fred and Laurie to proceed with the overview presentation for members. The overview presentation included a summary of the key elements of the statement including the balance sheet, status of reserve accounts and any special observations or issues. Fred noted no issues and indicated that the engagement letter to be signed by the Chair and General Manager was very positive for the N.D.C.A. operations. Following the presentation, members had a number of questions for clarification. A resolution was then tabled for the consideration of members.

Resolution 2012-26

Cimino - Barbeau

That the N.D.C.A. 2011 audited Financial Statement be approved as presented,

AND FURTHER that the Chair and General Manager sign the statement on behalf of the N.D.C.A.

Carried.

b) Revision to Resolution 2006-40 (N.D.C.A. Reserves)

This matter had been highlighted during the 2011 Financial Statement presentation. Members were given details of the recommendation from the General Manager. Members had a number of questions for clarification. Following the discussion, a resolution was presented.

Resolution 2012-27

Cimino - Barbeau

That the N.D.C.A. General Board agrees to rescind Resolution 2006-40, and hereby directs that the gross revenue received from the Yenway lease on an annual basis, now be allocated as follows:

- a) 25% to the Levy Stabilization Reserve,
- b) 25% to the Lake Laurentian Reserve,
- c) 25% to the Water Management Capital Reserve,
- d) any annual funds needed in the Accumulated Sick Leave Liability Reserve, and
- e) the remaining annual revenue to the Flood Forecast Reserve,

AND FURTHER that this allocation strategy be followed each year until changed again by resolution of the General Board.

Carried.

6. General Business

a) Section 28 Permits Report

Members received the report for January and February, 2012. Members questioned two of the applications that had been approved. Following clarification, a resolution was presented.

Resolution 2012-28

Barbeau - Cimino

That the N.D.C.A. Permits 2012-01 to 2012-05 issued in January and February, 2012, be approved as outlined in the Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines/Watercourses and Fisheries Files report.

Carried.

b) 2012-2013 WECl Program Submission

The N.D.C.A. submission to the Water and Erosion Control Infrastructure Program (WECl) was presented to members. The proposed project was to continue major repairs to the Junction and Nolin Creek box culverts. This is significant stormwater management/flood control infrastructure in the downtown core. In 2011 a detailed engineering report had been completed to validate the need to continue repairing this infrastructure to ensure the long-term operability. The 2012-2013 application had been submitted on February 24th, requesting total project funding of \$500,000. Subsequent to that on March 6th, the Ministry of Natural Resources asked that the total project cost be reduced to \$380,000. Funding for WECl projects is a 50/50 cost share

between the Province and Conservation Authority. Project approvals will only be confirmed once the Provincial budget identifies what funding is available for the 2012-2013 WECI program. Members questioned the reduction in total proposed funding. The General Manager confirmed that necessary work would still be completed with the reduced total funding, to be potentially provided. The following resolution was then tabled.

Resolution 2012-29

Cimino - Barbeau

That the N.D.C.A. 2012-2013 WECI Program submission be approved as outlined in the staff report dated February 16, 2012,

AND FURTHER that the Rehabilitation Strategy report for the box culverts system be forwarded to the City of Greater Sudbury for inclusion in the capital infrastructure strategy for future funding consideration.

Carried.

c) 2012 Biennial Tour Registration

Information on the 2012 Conservation Authorities Biennial Tour to be hosted by Grey Sauble Conservation and Saugeen Conservation was distributed to members. Registration details were provided with the early bird deadline being March 31st. Chair Rogers emphasized that it is very important to attend and reminded members of the excellent experience our Authority had when we sponsored the 2008 tour. Following a number of questions, a resolution was presented.

Resolution 2012-30

Thompson - Barbeau

That the following N.D.C.A. representatives attend the 2012 Biennial Tour:

- 1) Mark Signoretti
- 2) 1 Board member to be determined
- 3) 1 Staff member to be determined.

Carried.

d) 2012 Canadian Water Summit

Member Gibson had represented the N.D.C.A. at this event last year when held in Toronto. Information on the 2012 Summit to be held in Calgary was distributed to members. Although of great value, it was recommended that no one from the N.D.C.A. attend this year. However, Chair Rogers mentioned that a great deal of valuable information related to the Summit was already available for review. The Chair circulated one of the reports related to the importance of properly valuing our water resources. Members were advised that a copy of this report and others could be provided upon request.

e) N.D.C.A. 2012 Budget/Drummond Report Implications

P. Sajatovic reported on the recent approval of the N.D.C.A.'s municipal share of the 2012 budget. Members expressed thanks to the member municipality for the continuing support. It was further noted that it will be some time yet before the Ministry of Natural Resources confirms funding for 2012. The Provincial budget is not expected until early April. Until that time, the General Manager indicated that expenditures will be very closely monitored. The General Board will immediately be advised if provincial funding for 2012 is noticeably reduced at which time options to deal with the impact will be presented.

Members were also provided with information related to Conservation Authorities which was in the recently released Drummond Report related to Conservation Authorities. Chair Rogers and P. Sajatovic emphasized that the N.D.C.A. can use this information to pro-actively reinforce the importance of the work the N.D.C.A. does in Greater Sudbury's watersheds. This will include increased community outreach/profile and consultations with our member municipality, local members from the Provincial Legislature, etc.

f) Community Flood Management Plan/N.D.C.A. Annual Spring Partners Meeting

The City of Greater Sudbury's Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (H.I.R.A.) identifies flooding, both riverine and urban, as a hazard. To address this issue, a Community Flood Management Plan has been developed to mitigate and respond to flooding hazards/occurrences within the municipality. The Plan was developed in collaboration with the N.D.C.A. and many other municipal services/agencies/departments. The Community Flood Management Plan will be incorporated into the City's overall Emergency Management Plan. The General Manager appeared before the City's Operations Committee on February 27th to jointly present the plan in conjunction with Emergency Management staff. This presentation will also be made to City Council on March 27th. N.D.C.A. members emphasized the importance of this partnership and collaboration work for the benefit and safety of our residents.

P. Sajatovic reminded members that the annual spring Community Flood Response Planning meeting will be held on March 19th. This will involve many partners with a discussion of preparations for the spring runoff period, to be the primary focus. General Board members will be kept fully informed throughout the runoff period.

g) N.D.C.A. Submission to City of Greater Sudbury Official Plan Review

The City of Greater Sudbury is currently involved with the review of their Official Plan. Chair Rogers made a presentation on behalf of Conservation Sudbury-

N.D.C.A. at a public input meeting held on January 23rd. Chair Rogers and P. Sajatovic emphasized a number of issues the N.D.C.A. will include in a written submission. It was noted that the draft submission will be shared with members before being submitted. Members agreed that the submission is very important and the following resolution was then tabled.

Resolution 2012-31

Thompson - Barbeau

That the N.D.C.A. prepare a formal written submission to the City of Greater Sudbury as part of the Official Plan Review,

AND FURTHER that the submission focus on the main themes of watersheds and collaborative watershed management; building community changing climate adaptation capacity; and the need for a connected south shore green space strategy in the Lake Ramsey watershed, which will include concerns related to a second route access in or near the Lake Laurentian Conservation Area.

Carried.

h) Tributary III Channelization Project Review (Chelmsford)

This matter had been considered at the January 19th General Board meeting. Members had directed that a preliminary engineers report be completed to outline cost scenarios for two different options to deal with the issue raised. Members received a report prepared by S. A. Kirchhefer Limited and discussed the two options and cost estimates in detail. Members noted that no funding at the provincial or local level, is available at this time to do this type of capital flood control works. Members agreed to table this matter until the 2013 budget deliberations begin. As well the resident who contacted the N.D.C.A. with the concern will be advised in writing of the N.D.C.A.'s decision.

7. In-Camera Matters (Personnel/LegalProperty)

Resolution 2012-32

Watelet - Signoretti

That we go in-camera at 6:56 p.m.

Carried.

At 7:08 p.m., the Chair of the in-camera session reported that legal and personnel matters had been discussed and that one resolution would be presented for consideration of members.

Resolution 2012-33

Thompson - Barbeau

That Daniela Stuewer be hired as the Conservation Sudbury-N.D.C.A. Environmental

Education Program Co-ordinator effective March 19, 2012,

AND FURTHER that the General Manager is hereby authorized on behalf of the N.D.C.A. to execute a three-year Term Employment Contract with Daniela Stuewer based on the conditions outlined in the staff report presented to the General Board.

Carried.

8. New Business

a) Camp Bitobig 2012

P. Sajatovic advised members that all 360 available spots, had been filled in five working days. This is strong validation of the excellent camp we provide and the dedication our staff bring to this very important N.D.C.A. initiative. Member Cimino questioned the registration process and the approach taken to more than two weeks being booked by parents for their child(ren). The General Manager confirmed it will be revised for 2013 to ensure a maximum of two weeks per child, which will provide more opportunities for other children to attend Camp Bitobig at the Lake Laurentian Conservation Area.

b) Watershed Conditions Update

Weather conditions over the past week have been very extreme with a blizzard over the weekend and then above normal temperatures with some rain. It was noted that some increase in water levels and flow were observed, but that no major overland flooding issues were reported. The N.D.C.A. and other partners are very concerned with public safety as we head into the spring runoff period and have been distributing these messages through the local media and to schools.

c) Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the N.D.C.A. General Board will be held on Thursday, April 12, 2012, starting at 6:00 p.m. in Room C-12 at Tom Davies Square.

No other business was transacted.

9. Adjournment

Resolution 2012-34

Cimino - Signoretti

That we do now adjourn.

Carried.