

# NICKEL DISTRICT CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

## Minutes of General Board Meeting

Thursday, March 19, 2009

Room C-12  
Tom Davies Square

Commenced: 4:10 p.m.  
Adjourned: 5:37 p.m.

PRESENT: Bob Rogers, Chair  
Jacques Barbeau  
John Dennis  
Anne Watelet

ALSO PRESENT: A. Bonnis, N.D.C.A.  
P. Sajatovic, N.D.C.A.  
D. Lenzi, N.D.C.A.  
Fred Slade, N.D.C.A. Auditor  
Laurie Rossignol, Slade & Associates  
Emily McMillan

COMMUNICATIONS: Joe Cimino  
Evelyn Dutrisac  
Joscelyne Landry-Altmann

1. Chair Rogers opened the meeting. He welcomed Anne Watelet to the General Board and thanked her for coming forward to assist with the work of the N.D.C.A. for the benefit of our watershed residents.

2. No declarations of conflict were declared.

3. Adoption of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

Resolution 2009-17

Dennis - Rogers

That the March 19, 2009 agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

a) January 15, 2009

Resolution 2009-18

Rogers - Dennis

That the minutes of the January 15, 2009 General Board meeting, as duplicated and circulated, be approved.

Carried.

b) Business Arising from Minutes

No matters were identified for discussion at this meeting.

5. Presentation of N.D.C.A. 2008 Audited Financial Statement

Copies of the N.D.C.A. 2008 audited Financial Statement had been distributed to members. Mr. Fred Slade, the N.D.C.A.'s Auditor and Ms. Laurie Rossignol, Associate to Mr. Slade, were present. Mr. Slade conducted a page by page review and highlighted a number of key items covered by the audit. Mr. Slade noted that the audit went very smoothly and thanked the N.D.C.A. for full co-operation. Members had a number of questions, and following the discussion, a resolution was presented.

Resolution 2009-19

Barbeau - Watelet

That the N.D.C.A. audited 2008 Financial Statement be approved as presented,  
AND FURTHER that the Chair and Director of Corporate Services sign the statement on behalf of the Conservation Authority.

Carried.

An issue connected to the 2008 audit and possible requirements for 2009 and onward was also discussed with members. The specific issue relates to Tangible Capital Assets and how they may have to be recorded in financial statements for 2009 and onward. Mr. Slade and P. Sajatovic provided additional information for members. This issue will be brought back to the April, 2009 General Board meeting at which time members will decide on how to proceed in relation to this matter.

6. General Business

a) Appointments to Greater Sudbury Source Protection Authority and Nickel District Conservation Foundation - 2009

Resolution 2009-20

Dennis - Rogers

That member Anne Watelet be appointed to the Greater Sudbury Source Protection Authority and the Nickel District Conservation Foundation for the year 2009.

Carried.

b) Development, Interference with Wetlands & Alteration to Shorelines/Watercourses and Fisheries Files Report

Resolution 2009-21

Watelet - Barbeau

That the N.D.C.A. Permits issued in December, 2008 and January and February, 2009, be approved as outlined in the Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines/Watercourses and Fisheries Files report.

Carried

c) Annual Review and Approval of N.D.C.A./G.S.S.P.A. Services Agreement

This agreement deals with the provision of services between these two agencies related to the Clean Water Act, 2006 for the Drinking Water Source Protection Program. It was originally directed that this policy/service agreement be reviewed annually for information and guidance of members, and that any new members be advised of this agreement upon entering the duties of office. Chair Rogers provided an overview and P. Sajatovic indicated that no revisions were required for the 2009/2010 period. Based on that, the following resolution was presented.

Resolution 2009-22

Watelet - Barbeau

That the Agreement to Provide Services including related schedules, between the Nickel District Conservation Authority and the Greater Sudbury Source Protection Authority, originally approved by Resolution 2008-21, is hereby renewed, AND FURTHER that this agreement again be reviewed in March, 2010.

Carried.

d) N.D.C.A. 2008 Performance Measurement Report

Performance Measurement is a technique utilized by organizations to assess quantitative and qualitative results in any one year based on budgets, business plans and strategic plans, where they exist. In that regard, the 2008 report for the N.D.C.A. was provided to members. P. Sajatovic provided an overview and members felt that this is a very important information tool. It was noted that this report will also be posted on the N.D.C.A. corporate website for the information of the general public.

Resolution 2009-23

Barbeau - Watelet

That the N.D.C.A. 2008 Performance Measurement Report be approved as presented, AND FURTHER that copies of this report be distributed to members of City Council and senior municipal staff.

Carried.

e) N.D.C.A. 2009 Final Budget

Members were provided with a copy of the final 2009 N.D.C.A. Budget. Chair Rogers noted the excellent support again provided by the member municipality and asked Member/Councillor Barbeau to pass on the N.D.C.A.'s thanks to City Council. N.D.C.A. members will be provided with variance reports during 2009 to track the status of the overall budget and progress on program/project priorities.

Related to the 2009 budget, a copy of a letter received by the N.D.C.A. in late February from the Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Natural Resources, was distributed to members. The letter addressed the issues of expenditure constraints and provincial measures to deal with the current severe economic challenges. Although no specific measures were directed at Conservation Authorities, this very serious matter will continue to be monitored and members will immediately be advised of any direct impacts.

f) 2009/2010 Water & Erosion Control Infrastructure Projects (WECI)

Continuing with necessary studies and repairs to N.D.C.A. water control infrastructure was contained in the four WECI projects proposed. Members reviewed each project and staff provided more information as requested. A financial summary report of the N.D.C.A.'s involvement in this vitally important program since 2003 was also provided to members. It was noted that the Ministry of Natural Resources will soon be advising authorities which projects are approved for 2009/2010. The N.D.C.A. is ready to proceed as soon as word is received from Ministry of Natural Resources. A resolution was then passed to confirm the N.D.C.A.'s projects submitted.

Resolution 2009-24

Dennis - Rogers

That the N.D.C.A. projects for 2009/2010 as contained in the Water and Erosion Control Infrastructure Program (W.E.C.I.), be approved for implementation subject to final funding confirmation from the Ministry of Natural Resources in order to match the local share funding provided by the member municipality.

Carried.

g) N.D.C.A. Climate Change Position Paper

The N.D.C.A. had committed to developing, approving and sharing with the community, a Climate Change Position Paper for the Nickel District watersheds. Before leaving the General Board and Sudbury, former Board member Liette Vasseur agreed to continue leading this initiative. Liette also had a post-graduate student, Emily McMillan, assisting her with this work. The current draft version of the position paper was presented to members at this meeting. Ms. Emily McMillan was present at the meeting and provided members with a detailed overview of the position paper. Members had a number of questions for Emily and thanked her and Liette for their dedicated work on this project. Chair Rogers outlined to members how this

initiative will be presented to the community and beyond, such as at Conservation Ontario. Members were very pleased with the results of this initiative and look forward to future positive actions.

Resolution 2009-25

Rogers - Dennis

That the Climate Change Position Paper, "Positioning the Nickel District Conservation Authority within the City of Greater Sudbury in a Future Climate," be accepted,

AND FURTHER that the N.D.C.A. sincerely thanks Liette Vasseur and Emily McMillan for their dedicated work in developing this very important document for the Nickel District watersheds,

AND FURTHER that a meeting be immediately arranged with senior staff of the City of Greater Sudbury to develop a strategy to move forward on this vitally important issue,

AND FURTHER that the Sudbury community be informed of this initiative, by way of a media event,

AND FURTHER that the Greater Sudbury Climate Change Adaptation Consortium become a reality by June 30, 2009 at the latest.

Carried.

h) Spring Runoff Update

A. Bonnis and staff updated members on the current runoff conditions and possible issues as the runoff period proceeds throughout the watershed. General messaging and specific advisories/warnings for the general public will commence in the near future and continue until the threats from overland flooding due to the spring runoff have passed. Chair Rogers noted that the N.D.C.A.'s annual spring runoff meeting with all partners had been held recently and that a specific issue had been raised which requires further work for the benefit of watershed residents. Members felt that this is a very proactive approach to work together with the member municipality, at both the staff and elected officials' level. Following the discussion, a resolution was presented.

Resolution 2009-26

Dennis - Rogers

WHEREAS the City of Greater Sudbury is the frontline agency responsible for providing assistance to residents who may experience overland flooding at anytime of the year, especially during the Spring runoff period and significant rainfall events,

AND WHEREAS the Nickel District Conservation Authority (NDCA) acknowledges that our member municipality has limitations with the resources available to provide direct assistance to residents who may face overland flooding threats,

AND WHEREAS the NDCA and member municipality need to continue to work together and be proactive in assessing, analyzing and implementing improvements where possible in responding to the needs of our citizens during times of overland flooding,

AND WHEREAS in the City of Greater Sudbury there are many community based organizations such as the Community Action Networks, service clubs, unions, student organizations and other volunteer groups, who could come together with the municipality and NDCA to enhance storm event preparation and response capabilities during overland flooding events,

AND WHEREAS based on the resources that the municipality can commit this group would help to establish "Sandbag Filling" networks and other capabilities in order to be prepared to mobilize rapidly in the event overland flooding is forecast for certain areas,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NDCA submit this resolution to the City of Greater Sudbury, the Healthy Community Cabinet and other concerned agencies, seeking to move forward in establishing this community assistance network as soon as possible.

Carried.

i) Conservation Ontario Update

- a) March 2, 2009 Council Meeting - Chair Rogers and A. Bonnis attended this meeting. Chair Rogers identified a number of key items discussed including the tabled "Back to Nature - Environmental Education Advocacy Report"; the proposal to hold province-wide trails events to highlight the conservation areas in the network; the presentation from the Toronto Region C.A. concerning their action plan to meet the challenges of climate change; planning for the 2009 Latomell Conservation Symposium, etc. Chair Rogers also noted that the next Conservation Ontario Council meeting to be held in April, 2009 will include a full day strategic planning/visioning session which benefits all Authorities in the network.

7. In-Camera Matters

No in-camera matters were dealt with at this meeting.

8. New Business

- a) Next Meeting - The next regularly scheduled meeting of the N.D.C.A. General Board will be held on Thursday, April 16, 2009, at 4:00 p.m., in Room C-12, Tom Davies Square.

No other business was transacted.

9. Adjournment

Resolution 2009-27

Barbeau - Watelet

That we do now adjourn.

Carried.

