

NICKEL DISTRICT CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Minutes of General Board Meeting

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Room C-13B
Tom Davies Square

Commenced: 4:03 p.m.
Adjourned: 4:52 p.m.

PRESENT: Bob Rogers, Chair
 Jacques Barbeau
 Joe Cimino
 John Dennis
 Evelyn Dutrisac
 Joscelyne Landry-Altman
 Anne Watelet

ALSO PRESENT: P. Sajatovic, N.D.C.A.
 Paddy O'Sullivan, The Creative Moment

1. Chair Rogers opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

2. No declarations of conflict were declared.

3. Adoption of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

Resolution 2010-48

Dutrisac - Dennis

That the May 20, 2010 agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

a) April 15, 2010

Resolution 2010-49

Dutrisac - Watelet

That the minutes of the April 15, 2010 General Board meeting, as duplicated and circulated, be approved.

Carried.

b) Business Arising from Minutes

Chair Rogers reported on correspondence he had recently sent to the Ministers of Natural Resources and Education, and copied to General Board members, related to items noted on Pages 3 and 6 of the April 15th General Board meeting minutes. Chair Rogers noted no responses have been received to date. P. Sajatovic reported that the Terms of Reference for the projects as noted on Pages 5 and 7 of the April 15th General Board meeting minutes were complete and would be issued by the end of May. Member Landry-Altman updated members on the site visit to sections of Junction Creek as addressed in the April 15th minutes. Member Landry-Altman noted Member Watelet had also participated in the site visit. It was noted by member Landry-Altman that the N.D.C.A. Section 28 permit to do the works identified by the municipality was issued very promptly and she thanked staff for the very rapid response. Member Watelet also advised that she would be in contact with the Junction Creek Stewardship Committee concerning a rock monument they have in Junction Creek which may be causing flow and scouring issues at a section of Junction Creek.

5. General Business

a) DWSP Project Hiring (Source Protection Assistant)

A report from the hiring committee had been circulated to General Board members with a recommendation. Members concurred with the recommendation and welcomed the new staff member. Following a brief discussion, a resolution was presented.

Resolution 2010-50

Barbeau - Dutrisc

That, based on the attached report dealing with the interviews to fill the position of Source Protection Assistant, Drinking Water Source Protection project, Ms. Jessica Brunelle be hired to fill this temporary, non-renewable position for the period May 10, 2010 to January 31, 2011,

AND FURTHER that the funding for this position will be taken from the D.W.S.P. program budget, it being understood that this is provided 100% by the province.

Carried.

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

The report had been circulated to members. Members asked for further clarification related to two permits listed as issued. P. Sajatovic and D. Lenzi, Regulations Officer, were directed to respond to the members the next day. The resolution to approve the report for April, 2010 was then presented.

Resolution 2010-51

Dutrisac - Dennis

That the N.D.C.A. Permits 2010-13 to and including 2010-16, issued in April, 2010, be approved as outlined in the Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines/Watercourses and Fisheries Files report.

Carried

c) Nickel District Conservation Foundation Renewal

At the April, 2010 General Board meeting, members approved a process to recruit six new members from the general public for the Conservation Foundation. P. Sajatovic presented the draft advertisement and application for review. It was clarified that all interested individuals, including representatives from the Laurentian University Biology Society, will have to submit application forms. A report will be presented at the June, 2010 General Board meeting to appoint the six new members with the N.D.C.F. 2010 Annual meeting to be held no later than September 30, 2010.

Resolution 2010-52

Dutrisac - Barbeau

That the public notification and application form to recruit new members for the Nickel District Conservation Foundation is hereby approved,

AND FURTHER that a report on the outcomes of this process be presented at the June, 2010 General Board meeting.

Carried.

d) Drinking Water Source Protection Project Update

i) Submission of Proposed Assessment Report

The Greater Sudbury Source Protection Authority must submit the Greater Sudbury Proposed Assessment Report to the Minister of the Environment on June 8, 2010 as required under the Clean Water Act, 2006. A letter had been received from Source Protection Committee Chair Nels Conroy to Chair Rogers delivering the Proposed Assessment Report as posted May 7th. The process leading up to the June 8th submission by the G.S.S.P.A. was discussed. Following a number of questions and positive comments related to the excellent work again done by the N.D.C.A.'s staff to finalize the Proposed Assessment Report, a resolution was tabled.

Resolution 2010-53

Barbeau - Dennis

That the Proposed Assessment Report for the Greater Sudbury Source Protection Area is hereby received as outlined in the letter from Source Protection Committee Chair, Nels Conroy,

AND FURTHER that subject to the completion of the current 30 day consultation period, and after considering any further comments, the final Proposed Assessment Report will be submitted to the Minister of the Environment on June 8, 2010 as required under the Clean Water Act, 2006.

Carried.

ii) Update on Discussions with Member Municipality

Chair Rogers and P. Sajatovic updated members and noted that a meeting will be held very soon with senior City staff to begin discussions related to the future of Source Protection Planning in Greater Sudbury after August, 2012 and once the Source Protection Plan is approved. Source Protection Committee Chair Nels Conroy and Judy Sewell, DWSP Project Manager, are also a part of the N.D.C.A. team that will meet with City staff. N.D.C.A./G.S.S.P.A. members will be updated during all stages of the discussions and when key decisions have to be made.

e) 2010 WECI Project - Junction/Nolin Creeks Box Culvert Repairs

An information report was distributed to members. Although final funding confirmation has not been received from the Province, the N.D.C.A.'s project submission ranked high during the review process. P. Sajatovic noted that General Board approval at this time is in-principle and would allow the project to proceed immediately following confirmation of provincial funding.

Resolution 2010-54

Watelet - Dutrisc

That, subject to receipt of final Provincial approval and funding, the Nickel District Conservation Authority will proceed with the 2010 Water and Erosion Control Infrastructure Project - Junction and Nolin Creeks box culvert repairs as outlined in the information report contained in the agenda package.

Carried.

6. New Business

a) Latornell Conservation Pioneer Awards 2010 Nominations

Information pertaining to the nomination process for 2010 was distributed to members. Members were requested to consider recommendations of possible candidates. It was

noted that an application must be received by the nominating committee no later than June 25th, 2010. Possible candidates will be identified to P. Sajatovic who would prepare the nomination package

b) Low Water Conditions

P. Sajatovic updated members on the watershed conditions. Conservation Authorities, where they exist, have the responsibility to implement the Ontario Low Water Response Program (OLWRP) and form a Water Response Team if necessary. P. Sajatovic noted that a working group would be meeting on May 26th to discuss conditions and then decide how to proceed. If the N.D.C.A. and partners decide to form a Water Response Team to manage the OLWRP in our watersheds, funding support is available from the Province. Members will be updated on the May 26th meeting and planned next steps.

c) Junction Creek Fast Flowing Water Contest

Member Landry-Altman updated members on the exciting plans for this year's contest. The contest is in memory of Adam Dickie, who tragically lost his life in August, 2007 when he drowned in Junction Creek during a severe storm event. Member Landry-Altman shared some of the promotional and information materials for the contest. She explained how students from elementary, secondary and post-secondary schools are involved. Member Cimino is also again involved this year as Vice-Chair of the Committee. Judging of all posters submitted will occur in early June with winners publicly recognized later in June. P. Sajatovic will be representing the N.D.C.A. as one of the judges. Members congratulated member Landry-Altman and applauded her for her dedication to the memory of Adam and this public education/awareness work to hopefully ensure no tragedy like this again occurs in the future.

d) Next Meeting Date

The next regularly scheduled General Board meeting will be held on **Thursday, June 17, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. in Room C-12, Tom Davies Square.**

No other business was transacted.

7. Adjournment

Resolution 2010-55

Dutrisac - Watelet

That we do now adjourn.

Carried.

