

# NICKEL DISTRICT CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

## Minutes of General Board Meeting

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Room C-12  
Tom Davies Square

Commenced: 4:03 p.m.  
Adjourned: 5:03 p.m.

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

ALSO PRESENT:    A. Bonnis, N.D.C.A.  
                      P. Sajatovic, N.D.C.A.

COMMUNICATIONS:    Evelyn Dutrisac

1.     Chair Rogers opened the meeting.
2.     No declarations of conflict were declared.
3.     Adoption of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

Chair Rogers noted that due to time constraints and other scheduling demands for members following the Board meeting, that Item #5, the presentation by the Laurentian University Biology Society would be deferred. At the latest, the presentation will occur at the September 17<sup>th</sup> General Board meeting.

No other changes to the agenda were noted.

Resolution 2009-44

Landry-Altmann - Watelet

That the June 18, 2009 agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

4.     Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

a)     May 21, 2009

Resolution 2009-45

Landry-Altmann - Watelet

That the minutes of the May 21, 2009 General Board meeting, as duplicated and circulated, be approved.

Carried.

b) May 27, 2009

Resolution 2009-46

Dennis - Watelet

That the minutes of the May 27, 2009, Special General Board meeting, as duplicated and circulated, be approved.

Carried.

c) Business Arising from Minutes

Chair Rogers noted that there were no items arising from the minutes to be discussed at this time as the specific items would be dealt with later on during the meeting.

5. In-Camera Matters

At this point in the meeting, Chair Rogers requested unanimous consent from members to move in-camera to deal with legal/personnel/property issues as necessary. With the approval of members, the following resolution was presented.

Resolution 2009-47

Cimino - Landry-Altmann

That we go in-camera at 4:07 p.m.

Carried.

Resolution 2009-48

Dennis - Cimino

That we move out of camera at 4:20 p.m.

Carried.

The Chair from the in-camera session reported on the discussions and indicated that no resolutions would be forthcoming from the in-camera session.

6. General Business

a) Funding Request to Nickel District Conservation Foundation

Following the reading of the proposed resolution, member Landry-Altmann had questions related to the Lake Laurentian program total budget, how the funding to run the program is received and if there are any shortfalls anticipated at year-end. Staff outlined the various methods used to fund the staff component, the program operations

and other costs. It was noted that the funding received from the Conservation Foundation is vitally important. Following the discussion, a resolution was presented.

Resolution 2009-49

Dennis - Watelet

That the Nickel District Conservation Foundation be requested to provide \$28,000 to support the Lake Laurentian Environmental-Education Program activities in 2009.

Carried.

b) Section 28 Permit Applications - May, 2009

Permits issued in May, 2009 were reviewed. Permit applications received in May and still under review were noted. A brief update on one permit application under appeal was provided. Members were given an information sheet outlining why this report comes to the General Board for final endorsement.

Resolution 2009-50

Watelet - Landry-Altmann

That the N.D.C.A. Permits 2009-09 to and including 2009-11, issued in May, 2009, be approved as outlined in the Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines/Watercourses and Fisheries Files report.

Carried.

c) Request to Purchase N.D.C.A. Owned Land

A request to purchase a piece of N.D.C.A. owned property had been received. Detailed information including a draft survey plan, appraisal report, conceptual site plan, etc., related to the request and the N.D.C.A.'s requirements was distributed to members. An extensive discussion ensued and members had many questions. Members were concerned with some parts of the request and before considering the issue further, directed staff to respond to the applicant as follows. The applicant's Solicitor is to be contacted immediately with a number of items identified requiring further consideration. Once a follow-up response is received from the applicant and his lawyer, the N.D.C.A. members will consider the request either by e-mail poll or at the next regularly scheduled General Board meeting.

d) Tangible Capital Assets Policy

General Board members had discussed this issue at the April, 2009 meeting, and had directed staff to present a draft policy for review at the June General Board meeting. The full staff report including the draft policy had been distributed to members prior to this meeting. The N.D.C.A.'s external Auditor had also submitted information to

assist members in considering this matter. Due to the time limitations for this meeting and the complexity of this issue, it was recommended to members that staff do more detailed work during the summer months and present a written report on the progress of this project at the September meeting. Members unanimously agreed to defer this item to the September, 2009 General Board meeting.

e) N.D.C.A. Property Issue (Kelly Lake Road)

An ongoing problem next to a piece of property owned by the N.D.C.A. was outlined to members in a staff report. Despite many efforts to rectify this situation and, due to the trespassing and liability issues, it was recommended that action be taken now to resolve this issue. Members considered the recommendations from staff and prior to having the N.D.C.A. expend significant funds, a different approach as a first step was presented. Members agreed to this but also indicated that if the property owner/occupier does not respond to the full satisfaction of the N.D.C.A., further action will be taken. A resolution was then presented.

Resolution 2009-51

Cimino - Landry-Altmann

That the staff report dated June 8, 2009 dealing with the Kelly Lake Road property issue be received,

AND that the first step be to send a lawyer's letter to the property owner and occupier with additional action to follow if necessary.

Carried.

f) Mid-Year Revenues/Expenditures Report

Members were provided with the mid-year variance report detailing actual and anticipated revenues/expenditures to June, 2009 and including projects to year-end based on current assumptions. It was noted that everything possible is being done to control expenditures. It was noted that revenues as budgeted are in line at this time, except for a few items. Revenues from Solicitors Inquiries and Development Review fees are well below 2008 revenues. This was not unexpected when the 2009 budget was prepared, however, the year-end projection has been lowered. This will be closely monitored and expenditures in these associated cost centres may have to be adjusted if necessary.

Resolution 2009-52

Landry-Altmann - Barbeau

That the mid-year Revenues/Expenditures Report be received for information and that a similar report be presented at the September, 2009 General Board meeting.

Carried.

g) Report on Climate Change Partners Workshop Session (June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009)

Chair Rogers and P. Sajatovic reported on the session held with City staff. Dr. Liette Vasseur, a former N.D.C.A. Board member, facilitated the session. A draft report on the outcomes from the session will be available in the near future. Other action steps will be taken over the next 4-6 months. It was noted that outreach to other agencies/organizations involved in climate change adaptation/risk management work in the community will commence very soon. Members were satisfied with the report and thanked Dr. Vasseur for coming back to Sudbury to assist the N.D.C.A.

h) 2009 A.D. Latornell Conservation Pioneer Awards

Chair Rogers noted that the submission deadline for 2009 is June 26th. The Chair suggested a possible nomination, however, further information has to be obtained from Conservation Ontario before any submission would be made. If the suggested submission by Chair Rogers can proceed, staff will do that immediately. Members will be advised once the situation is clarified.

i) Cancellation of July and August, 2009 General Board Meetings

Resolution 2009-53

Dennis - Watelet

That the regular General Board meetings scheduled for July and August, 2009 be cancelled, subject to a meeting if necessary, at the call of the Chair, at any time,

AND FURTHER that the next regularly scheduled General Board meeting will be held on Thursday, September 17, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.

Carried.

7. New Business

i) Next Meeting

Subject to the call of the Chair during July and August, the next regularly scheduled meeting of the N.D.C.A. General Board will be held on **Thursday, September 17, 2009, at 4:00 p.m., in Room C-12, Tom Davies Square.**

ii) Junction Creek Access Structure

Chair Rogers and member Landry-Altmann reported on the very successful opening/media briefing held at the project site on June 11<sup>th</sup>. It was noted that Minister/Sudbury M.P.P. Rick Bartolucci and Greater Sudbury Mayor John Rodriguez had also attended. Member Landry-Altmann also recognized the poster contest winners selected on June 12<sup>th</sup> as a continuation of the work by the Junction Creek

Safety Committee. It was noted that the plaque to be placed on the structure to identify the significance and relationship to the tragic drowning event in August, 2007, is under development and will be erected as soon as possible.

No other business was transacted.

8. Adjournment

Resolution 2009-54

Dennis - Barbeau

That we do now adjourn.

Carried.