

# NICKEL DISTRICT CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

## Minutes of General Board Meeting

Thursday, September 15, 2011

Room C-12  
Tom Davies Square

Commenced: 4:02 p.m.  
Adjourned: 5:38 p.m.

PRESENT:            Bob Rogers, Chair  
                      Joe Cimino  
                      Evelyn Dutrisac  
                      Lin Gibson  
                      Joscelyne Landry-Altmann  
                      Mark Signoretti  
                      Anne Watelet

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

COMMUNICATION:    Jacques Barbeau  
                              Russ Thompson

1.     Chair Rogers opened the meeting, welcoming all present. Chair Rogers highlighted many activities that had occurred since the June General Board meeting. It was also noted that P. Sajatovic would provide additional updates later in the meeting.

2.     No declarations of conflict were declared.

3.     Adoption of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

Resolution 2011-61

Gibson - Dutrisac

That the agenda for the September 15, 2011 N.D.C.A. General Board meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

4.     Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

a)     June 16, 2011

Resolution 2011-62

Gibson - Dutrisac

That the minutes of the June 16, 2011 General Board meeting, as duplicated and circulated, be approved.

Carried.

b) Business Arising from Minutes

No items of business were noted that were not already on the agenda for this meeting.

5. General Business

a) Development, Interference with Wetlands & Alteration to Shorelines/Watercourses and Fisheries Files Report - June, July, August, 2011

Members reviewed the report provided for the three months and pointed out a potential duplication in the numbering of permits from a specific applicant. Staff agreed to check and correct the problem if necessary. The amended report would then be placed in the official Section 28 permit file held by the N.D.C.A. A resolution was then presented.

Resolution 2011-63

Dutrisac - Gibson

That the N.D.C.A. Permits 2011-14 to 2011-38 issued in June, July and August, 2011 be approved as outlined in the Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines/Watercourses and Fisheries Files report.

Carried

b) Section 28 Regulation Amendment

Under Section 28 of the Conservation Authorities Act, subject to the approval of the Minister of Natural Resources, and in conformity with the Provincial Regulation 97/04, every Conservation Authority has a regulation applicable to its jurisdiction. Within the last year the Provincial government and the Ministry of Natural Resources has approved a number of changes that have impacted the Conservation Authorities Act (CA's Act) and related regulations of individual Authorities. One of those changes relates to the permitting process Authorities are responsible for under Section 28 of the CA's Act. A detailed information report in this regard had been distributed to members. P. Sajatovic provided a detailed verbal report as well. Members had many questions for clarification and following the discussion, a resolution was tabled.

Resolution 2011-64

Dutrisac - Gibson

Whereas a local Conservation Authorities Act Section 28 "Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation" has been prepared in conformity with the provisions outlined in Section 28 of the Conservation Authorities Act and the amended Ontario Regulation 97/04, and as per the eligible amendments identified by the Ministry of Natural Resources,

AND FURTHER that the Nickel District Conservation Authority hereby adopts the proposed amendments to the subject regulation,

AND FURTHER that the said regulation proposal with eligible amendments be submitted to the Ministry of Natural Resources for review, posting on the Regulatory Registry, and depending on the results of the registry posting, for subsequent consideration for approval by the Minister of Natural Resources.

Carried.

c) A. D. Latornell Conservation Symposium - November, 2011

The A. D. Latornell Conservation Symposium is a highly anticipated annual event. This year's theme is: "Water: The Future of the Source." Ontario's water issues in the context of climate change, future demands, relationships to human health, etc, will be discussed from November 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>. Chair Rogers encouraged members to consider attending and also advised that certain N.D.C.A. staff members would be attending. Early bird registration closes on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Chair Rogers and P. Sajatovic also updated members on the 2011 Conservation Pioneer Award recipients. The N.D.C.A. has very exciting news to share on this and will do so at a media conference on October 5, 2011. Following this discussion, a resolution was presented.

Resolution 2011-65

Signoretti - Cimino

That the following N.D.C.A. members will attend the A.D. Latornell Conservation Symposium and Conservation Pioneer Award luncheon:

- 1) Chair Bob Rogers
- 2) Lin Gibson

Carried.

d) 2011 Revenue/Expenditures Update Report; 2012 Budget Priorities and Direction

A written report updating the N.D.C.A.'s financial position at August 31, 2011 was provided to members. Detailed financial information was available should members have had specific concerns or questions about certain 2011 priorities/programs/projects. The service delivery priorities set for 2011 in the N.D.C.A. Budget and Business Plan were reviewed. All members concurred that solid progress is being made in most areas, based on the resources and capacity available at this time.

Members were advised that the member municipality's 2012 budget process has been set. The N.D.C.A. has been requested to appear before the City's Finance Committee on Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. The N.D.C.A. has been asked to submit its draft budget (levy) request to the City by October 21<sup>st</sup>. Therefore, direction was sought from the

Chair and members of the General Board related to the following to assist in developing the proposed 2012 budget:

- 1) overall strategic priorities and directions for 2012,
- 2) consensus on the general levy increase percentage,
- 3) timing of an N.D.C.A. budget review meeting.

Members provided direction to the General Manager. A special budget meeting of the N.D.C.A. will be organized and held prior to October 21<sup>st</sup>. P. Sajatovic will poll members to find a date which is satisfactory.

e) Progress Report on 2011 Business Plan Activities

Members were given written and verbal update reports on strategic activities. Chair Rogers and P. Sajatovic mentioned the Lake Laurentian Vision/Masterplan Project, the Greater Sudbury Climate Change Consortium, the update and refresh of the N.D.C.A. corporate website, the progress on the implementation of the Employee Wellness Program, etc.

More detailed information was provided on two specific projects. They are the "Friends of Lake Laurentian" and the rebranding of the N.D.C.A. It was noted that the Friends of Lake Laurentian will be launched on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. More details are to follow very soon with General Board members and others being asked to volunteer some time for this very important event.

Three rebranding concepts developed by a working group comprised of General Board members and staff were distributed. Members reviewed the concepts in detail and provided suggested modifications. The revised options requested are to be distributed to members for final review and approval. The next step will then be to implement the rebranding initiative which will include the logo and name for the organization.

f) N.D.C.A. Information Briefing Sessions

A key priority identified in the N.D.C.A.'s Strategic Plan is to organize information briefing sessions with the elected officials from the member municipality. Input and direction was sought from General Board members on how to best pursue this strategic priority. Members provided excellent input and the next step will be for the General Manager to finalize a plan of engagement which will happen no later than the first quarter of 2012.

6. In-Camera (Legal/Personnel/Property)

Resolution 2011-66

Signoretti - Cimino

That we go in-camera at 5:18 p.m.

Carried.

At 5:34 p.m., the Chair of the in-camera sessions reported that legal and personnel matters had been discussed and that no resolutions would be forthcoming at this time.

7. New Business

a) October, 2011 General Board Meeting Date Change

A request was made to consider rescheduling the October 20, 2011 General Board meeting. October 27<sup>th</sup> was suggested as a possible option. Members present indicated that this would be an acceptable date. This reschedule option will be investigated and members will be advised as soon as possible.

No other business was transacted.

8. Adjournment

Resolution 2011-67

Cimino - Landry-Altman

That we do now adjourn.

Carried.