

# NICKEL DISTRICT CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

## Minutes of General Board Meeting

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Room C-12  
Tom Davies Square

Commenced: 4:02 p.m.  
Adjourned: 5:26 p.m.

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

ALSO PRESENT: P. Sajatovic, N.D.C.A.  
D. Lenzi, N.D.C.A.  
Carla Mooney, NOHFC Intern  
Myles Carter, Science Horizons Intern

COMMUNICATIONS: Joscelyne Landry-Altmann

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 2010-56

Dennis - Barbeau

That the September 16, 2010 agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

a) May 20, 2010

Resolution 2010-57

Dennis - Barbeau

That the minutes of the May 20, 2010 General Board meeting, as duplicated and circulated, be approved.

Carried.

b) Business Arising from Minutes

Member Watelet inquired when the annual meeting of the Nickel District Conservation Foundation would be held now that four new Directors had been approved. P. Sajatovic advised that an e-mail would be sent on September 17<sup>th</sup> with suggested dates and that based on the consensus of members, the meeting would be scheduled in early October. P. Sajatovic updated members on the status of the N.D.C.A.'s WECI project. Although still unfunded, it is hoped that slippage funding will be identified when the WECI committee meets on or about October 6<sup>th</sup> to do the in-year progress review. The N.D.C.A. will be advised shortly thereafter if our project is to be funded in this fiscal year. Members will immediately be advised as soon as the WECI program lead contacts the General Manager.

5. Presentation - Lake Laurentian Environmental Education Program Update

Ms. Carla Mooney was hired in September, 2009 as an NOHFC Intern to work on upgrading and expanding the Lake Laurentian Environmental Education Program. Carla proceeded with an electronic presentation and displayed many of the new program and promotional items created in both French and English. Carla also reported on the work done to expand the contacts with school board representatives with the four local school boards. It was noted that Carla's internship will soon be over and that Carla has been accepted as a casual teacher with the Rainbow District School Board. Members and staff thanked Carla for her dedication and commitment to the internship project and wished her the very best in her teaching career.

6. General Business

a) Approval of E-Mail Polls

During the months of July and August when General Board meetings were not held, e-mail polls of members were conducted. Based on those e-mail polls, the consensus

decisions were now being brought forward for formal General Board approval. P. Sajatovic provided a brief overview of the background to the e-mail polls and following the explanation a resolution was presented.

Resolution 2010-58

Watelet - Dutrisac

That the E-mail Polls of July 19, 2010 and August 12, 2010 which were agreed to by a majority of N.D.C.A. General Board members be formally approved and recorded in the minutes of this meeting.

Carried.

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

Chair Rogers asked D. Lenzi to comment on a number of the applications listed and permits issued. Members directed that the spreadsheet be updated to confirm that the permits had been issued and that in the future the final column be completed in all instances. After a number of other questions had been answered the following resolution was presented.

Resolution 2010-59

Barbeau - Watelet

That the N.D.C.A. Permits 2010-21 to and including 2010-46, issued from May to August, 2010, be approved as outlined in the Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines/Watercourses and Fisheries Files report.

Carried

c) General Manager's Second Quarter Report

This report had been distributed to members for information, review and comment. A number of points in the report were discussed and members noted the value in receiving this information. A resolution was then placed before the members.

Resolution 2010-60

Watelet - Dutrisac

That the General Manager's second quarter 2010 report be received for information, as submitted.

Carried.

d) Drinking Water Source Protection Project Updates

i) State of Drinking Water Source Protection in Greater Sudbury (Post 2012) - A copy of a letter and draft Information Report sent to Mr. Bill Lautenbach, G.M. of Growth & Development with the City of Greater Sudbury had been distributed to members. The correspondence and information had been sent in follow-up to a meeting held on June 23<sup>rd</sup> with senior municipal staff to discuss Source Protection Planning implementation issues in Greater Sudbury watersheds. The next meeting of the working group will occur soon and will discuss the information provided in more detail. Members of the N.D.C.A./G.S.S.P.A. and G.S.S.P.C. will be updated on a continuing basis. It is agreed that the N.D.C.A. must work with our municipal partner to identify an implementation strategy which is affordable and sustainable for the benefit of our watershed residents and natural environment.

ii) G.S.S.P.C. Quarterly Report to N.D.C.A./G.S.S.P.A.(June to September, 2010)

Resolution 2010-61

Dennis - Barbeau

That the June to September, 2010 Quarterly Report from the Greater Sudbury Source Protection Committee to the Greater Sudbury Source Protection Authority as required by the Clean Water Act, 2006, be received for information.

Carried.

e) N.D.C.A. Strategic Planning Project

Chair Rogers noted that excellent progress is being made by the N.D.C.A. team in completing this vitally important blueprint to guide future activities in our watershed. A report had been sent to General Board members in August from Chair Rogers and P. Sajatovic providing an update and recommending that the strategic planning project budget be slightly increased. Chair Rogers and P. Sajatovic summarized the recommendation and following the discussion, a resolution was presented.

Resolution - 2010-62

Dennis - Watelet

That the report from Chair Rogers and Paul Sajatovic, General Manager, dated August 10, 2010 in relation to the N.D.C.A. Strategic Planning Project be received,

AND FURTHER that the Strategic Planning cost centre in the N.D.C.A.'s 2010 budget be increased from \$20,000, to a maximum of \$28,000, in order to complete this vitally important blueprint for the N.D.C.A.,

AND FURTHER that the additional funding up to a maximum of \$8,000 be taken from the Levy Stabilization Reserve.

Carried.

f) Landry Creek Erosion Study

In October, 2009 a delegation had appeared before the General Board and presented their concerns related to erosion and bank failure issues on a section of Landry Creek in Azilda. The N.D.C.A. agreed to include in the 2010 budget funds to complete a study, the results of which were presented to members at this meeting. The discussion that ensued dealt with a number of issues including reaffirming the fact that the N.D.C.A. has no funding available to undertake remedial erosion control work on private property. Members reaffirmed that the property owners' expectations must not be falsely raised when the information is provided to them. Staff were directed to continue discussions with other departments within the City who may be able to assist. Following a very lengthy discussion a resolution was presented for the consideration of members.

Resolution 2010-63

Dennis - Watelet

That the report from S.A. Kirchhefer Limited dated July, 2010 related to private property erosion/stability issues on a section of Landry Creek in Azilda is received for information,

AND FURTHER that the property owners within the study area who had appeared before the N.D.C.A. General Board in October, 2009 be informed in writing of the outcomes of the study,

AND FURTHER it is understood that the N.D.C.A. has no funding available to undertake any remedial erosion control work on these private properties.

Carried.

g) Climate Change Consortium Update Report

Before proceeding Chair Rogers took the opportunity to introduce Myles Carter to members. Myles was recently hired by the N.D.C.A. through Environment Canada's Science Horizons Youth Internship Program as the Climate Change Adaptation Intern. Myles will be working at the N.D.C.A. on the internship until March, 2011. Myles provided a brief report to members related to his background and education and it was noted that a more comprehensive report related to Myles' work for the Consortium will be presented at the November, 2010 General Board meeting.

Chair Rogers and P. Sajatovic provided members with an update on the work being done related to the Climate Change Consortium, engaging the Managing Partners, and plans for a workshop/conference in early February, 2011. Chair Rogers noted that Janet Gasparini, Executive Director of the Social Planning Council of Sudbury has been working within the Consortium to integrate the issues of social justice and equity into the community climate change adaptation discussions. It was also noted that former N.D.C.A. General Board member Dr. Liette Vasseur is continuing to make significant contributions to the "Sudbury Story" dealing with building climate change adaptation capacity in Greater Sudbury's watersheds.

h) Funding Request to Nickel District Conservation Foundation

Resolution 2010-64

Barbeau - Dutrisac

That the Nickel District Conservation Foundation be requested to provide \$5,000.00 to support activities related to the Lake Laurentian Environmental Education programs and Camp Bitobig for 2010.

Carried.

i) Expenditures/Revenues Report to August 31, 2010

A report from P. Sajatovic dealing with actual expenditures and revenues to August 31, 2010 was distributed to members. Positive and negative variances in specific expenditure and revenue line accounts were outlined to members. Although the finances of the N.D.C.A. were in line to the end of August, P. Sajatovic reaffirmed to members that a very close watch on expenditures for the final four months of 2010 will be maintained. The following resolution was then presented.

Resolution 2010-65

Dutrisac - Barbeau

That the Expenditures/Revenues Report to August 31, 2010 be received for information.

Carried.

j) October, 2010 General Board Meeting

It was recommended to members that the October, 2010 General Board meeting be cancelled, as this is only four days prior to municipal election day and some other members will not be available to attend the meeting scheduled on October 21st. The recommendation was considered and the following resolution was placed before members.

Resolution 2010-66

Barbeau - Dutrisac

That the N.D.C.A. General Board meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 21, 2010 be cancelled,

AND FURTHER that the next regularly scheduled N.D.C.A. General Board meeting be held on Thursday, November 18, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. in Room C-12 at Tom Davies Square.

Carried.

Direction was sought from members in scheduling the December dinner meeting. It was decided that the dinner meeting would be scheduled on Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup> with a venue in the city core to be identified. Staff will provide further information to members shortly and then finalize plans at the earliest opportunity.

7. In-Camera Matters (Property, Legal, Personnel)

Resolution 2010-67

Dennis - Watelet

That we go in-camera at 5:10 p.m.

Carried.

At 5:23 p.m. the Chair of the in-camera session reported that legal and property matters had been discussed and that no resolutions would be forthcoming at this time.

8. New Business

a) RBC Dominion Securities/Artists on Elgin Juried Art Show

Chair Rogers distributed to members copies of an exciting juried art show brochure and media release that the N.D.C.A. is participating in as a primary sponsor. This is an excellent initiative and fits in nicely with the N.D.C.A.'s watershed responsibilities and need to increase community presence which has certainly been identified as a priority in the Strategic Planning Project. Members expressed strong support for the involvement of the N.D.C.A. and look forward to the planned event at the Vale Living with Lakes Centre in May, 2011 when the winning artwork will be unveiled.

No other business was transacted and it was noted that the next regularly scheduled General Board meeting will be held on Thursday, November 18, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.

9. Adjournment

Resolution 2010-68

Barbeau - Dutrisac

That we do now adjourn.

Carried.