

# NICKEL DISTRICT CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

## Minutes of General Board Meeting

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Room C-12  
Tom Davies Square

Commenced: 4:09 p.m.  
Adjourned: 4:59 p.m.

PRESENT: Jacques Barbeau  
Joe Cimino  
Evelyn Dutrisac  
Joscelyne Landry-Altmann  
Anne Watelet

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

COMMUNICATIONS: Bob Rogers  
John Dennis

1. In the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair, it was necessary to elect an Acting Chair from the members present. P. Sajatovic was in the Chair and according to the N.D.C.A.'s Policies and Procedures, a resolution was moved and seconded.

Resolution 2010-69

Barbeau - Cimino

That Joscelyne Landry-Altmann is hereby appointed Acting Chair of the November 18, 2010 NDCA General Board meeting as per the NDCA's Administrative Policy and Procedures.

Carried.

Acting Chair Landry-Altmann assumed the chair to continue the meeting.

2. No declarations of conflict were declared.
3. Adoption of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

P. Sajatovic requested that one item be added to the agenda under New Business, dealing with municipal appointments to the General Board. Members agreed and with that the following resolution was presented.

Resolution 2010-70

Watelet - Barbeau

That the November 18, 2010 agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

a) September 16, 2010

Resolution 2010-71

Cimino - Watelet

That the minutes of the September 16, 2010 General Board meeting, as duplicated and circulated, be approved.

Carried.

b) Business Arising from Minutes

There were no items raised.

5. General Business

a) Section 28 - Development, Interference with Wetlands & Alteration to Shorelines/Watercourses and Fisheries Files Report

Resolution 2010-72

Watelet - Cimino

That the N.D.C.A. Permits 2010- 46 to and including 2010- 55, issued in September and October, 2010 be approved as outlined in the Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines/Watercourses and Fisheries Files report.

Carried

b) Nickel District Conservation Foundation

i) Annual Meeting Minutes - The minutes from the October 15, 2010 N.D.C.F. Annual Meeting were distributed for information. It was noted that Carolyn Hunt had been elected as the new President/Chair and Chris Melchior as Vice-Chair. Ms. Hunt will be appearing at the N.D.C.A. Annual Meeting in 2011 to update members on the workplans of the N.D.C.F. for 2011 and 2012.

ii) Appointment of N.D.C.F. Member - Members reviewed an application from a watershed resident to join the N.D.C.F. Members were very pleased to receive the application and the following resolution was then presented.

Resolution 2010-73

Cimino - Watelet

That the Nickel District Conservation Authority hereby approves the appointment of Mr. Bob Deeth as a member of the Nickel District Conservation Foundation for a three year term effective immediately.

c) General Manager's Third Quarter Report

Members had previously received this report for their review and comment. Acting Chair Landry-Altmann asked members if they had questions, and a couple of items were clarified by P. Sajatovic. Following the discussion, a resolution was presented.

Resolution 2010-74

Cimino - Watelet

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

Carried.

d) Section 28 (3) Conservation Authorities Act Hearing Guidelines

The Hearing Guidelines outline in detail the procedures to be followed when the Conservation Authority Hearing Board holds a hearing under the Conservation Authorities Act related to an application that could impact the control of flooding, erosion, dynamic beaches, pollution, conservation of land, alterations to water resources, or interference with wetlands. It was recommended to N.D.C.A. members that the N.D.C.A.'s Hearing Guidelines be updated to reflect necessary changes especially with regard to the Hearing Procedures. P. Sajatovic outlined the details of the proposed changes and members posed a number of questions. Following the discussion, a resolution was tabled for consideration by members.

Resolution 2010-75

Barbeau - Watelet

That updated Hearing Guidelines under Section 28 (3) of the Conservation Authorities Act for the Nickel District Conservation Authority are hereby approved effective November 18, 2010.

Carried.

e) Water Resources Technologist Hiring Process

The N.D.C.A. had authorized that the hiring process for this permanent, full-time position be undertaken. A detailed hiring process report had previously been distributed to members. Since the General Board did not meet in October, 2010, an e-

mail poll was conducted to accept the recommendation from the General Manager. Confirmation of the e-mail poll and affirmative decision by members was being brought forward at this meeting for formal approval. After a brief discussion, the following resolution was presented.

Resolution 2010-76

Barbeau - Cimino

That based on the E-mail poll of October 1, 2010 and approval from a majority of General Board members by October 15, 2010, it is hereby confirmed that Anoop Naik is hired as the NDCA's permanent Water Resources Technologist effective November 1, 2010.

Carried.

f) N.D.C.A. Presentation to City of Greater Sudbury (November 30, 2010)

In order to assist members of the new City Council in making decisions on appointments to different boards, agencies and organizations and as part of Council orientation activities, the N.D.C.A. has been asked to prepare three slides for presentation. The slides will relate to the N.D.C.A.'s mandate, Board roles and responsibilities, and Board composition. P. Sajatovic has been asked to make the presentation on November 30<sup>th</sup> and will highlight the excellent relationship the N.D.C.A. has with our member municipality and the significant contributions that the current elected members on the Board have made over the past four years.

g) N.D.C.A. Strategic Planning Update

P. Sajatovic reported on the highly productive strategic planning team session held on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Consensus was reached on the N.D.C.A.'s strategic directions to be outlined in the Strategic Plan. As well, a short, concise summary document will be developed for public distribution and awareness. However, it was outlined to members that Implementation Action Plans must be prepared to maintain the momentum and identify realistic costings for the N.D.C.A.'s current work and new directions as identified in the Strategic Planning document. Members were in agreement with the process and timelines identified to complete the final steps of the strategic planning process.

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

Resolution 2010-77

Watelet - Barbeau

That we go in-camera at 4:36 p.m.

Carried.

At 4:44 p.m., the Chair of the in-camera session reported that a legal matter had been discussed and that no resolutions would be forthcoming at this time.

7. New Business

a) Appointments to N.D.C.A. General Board

As specified in the Conservation Authorities Act, the member municipality is responsible for making appointments to the General Board. Appointments will be made soon following the municipal election in October. The N.D.C.A. General Board had discussed the membership issue on a few occasions during the current term. Based on those discussions and work during the Strategic Planning Process, members agreed by consensus that the N.D.C.A. would ask the City of Greater Sudbury to increase the total membership. Accordingly it was recommended that the City be asked to increase the membership and that this request be forwarded to the City Clerk immediately. Following final discussion of this matter, a resolution was presented for consideration by members.

Resolution 2010-78

Dutrisac - Barbeau

That the NDCA General Board hereby recommends and requests that the City of Greater Sudbury increase the total number of members on the General Board from seven (7) to nine (9) members when appointments are made in the near future following the recent municipal election,

AND FURTHER that the membership include four (4) members from the Council of the City of Greater Sudbury and five (5) non-elected citizens from the watershed population at large,

AND FURTHER that if possible one of the non-elected positions be designated as a Student/Youth member.

Carried.

b) Spring Water Awareness/Swift Water Information

Acting Chair Landry-Altmann reported on an e-mail received from Jeff Fournier of Ontario Power Generation concerning possible program options and funding availability in connection with the work done by the Junction Creek Safety Committee. It was recommended that the N.D.C.A. work towards developing these types of water safety information materials. P. Sajatovic noted that when the N.D.C.A. is able to fill the Community Stewardship/Partnership position currently posted this will be one of the tasks to be undertaken.

c) Healthy Community Awards Event

Member Watelet, Acting Chair Landry-Altmann and P. Sajatovic reported on this very exciting event held earlier in the day. The N.D.C.A. was a co-sponsor of this "water" event which had as the keynote speaker Alexandra Cousteau, the granddaughter of world wide explorer Jacques Cousteau. N.D.C.A. Chair Rogers was not able to attend, however, greeting remarks he had left for Alexandra Cousteau were read at the event. The N.D.C.A. also received three awards for recognized Healthy Community initiatives. This included for the Climate Change Consortium - received by Cathy Orlando-Mathur; the Drinking Water Source Protection Project - received by Judy Sewell; and the N.D.C.A./Lake Laurentian Environmental-Education Program - received by member Anne Watelet. Water is the N.D.C.A.'s business and passion and this was a highly rewarding event to be directly involved with in our community and watersheds.

No other business was transacted.

8. Adjournment

Resolution 2010-79

Dutrisac - Barbeau

That we do now adjourn.

Carried.