

NICKEL DISTRICT CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Minutes of General Board Meeting

Thursday, November 8, 2012

Room C-12
Tom Davies Square

Commenced: 4:05 p.m.
Adjourned: 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Lin Gibson, Chairperson
Jacques Barbeau
Joe Cimino
Mark Signoretti
Anne Watelet

ALSO PRESENT: Jennifer Davidson, N.D.C.A. Board Member Elect
P. Sajatovic, N.D.C.A.
Natalie Webster, N.D.C.A.

COMMUNICATION: Evelyn Dutrisac
Joscelyne Landry-Altmann
Russ Thompson

1. Chairperson Gibson opened the meeting, welcoming all present. Chairperson Gibson had distributed to members a one page summary report highlighting activities and events that had been attended in October and early November, plus a list of upcoming events later in November.

Chairperson Gibson then proceeded to introduce Jennifer Davidson. Jennifer was nominated by the member municipality to fill the vacant position on the N.D.C.A. General Board. Jennifer's appointment will be confirmed by Greater Sudbury City Council on November 20th. Jennifer shared her experience and interests with all present. Board members welcomed Jennifer and thanked her for wanting to join our organization to advance watershed stewardship work for the benefit of our natural environment and watershed residents.

2. No declarations of conflict were declared by any member present.

3. Adoption of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

Member Watelet requested that a recently reported water quality issue related to Nolin Creek be reported on. It was agreed that this item would be reported on under New Business. The following resolution was then presented.

Resolution 2012-80

Cimino - Barbeau

That the agenda for the November 8, 2012 N.D.C.A. General Board meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

a) October 11, 2012

Resolution 2012-81

Watelet - Cimino

That the minutes of the October 11, 2012 General Board meeting, as duplicated and circulated, be approved.

Carried.

b) Business Arising from Minutes

Chairperson Gibson and P. Sajatovic referenced a number of items of business contained in the minutes from the October 11, 2012 meeting. It was noted that all of these items would be further discussed or updates would be provided at this General Board meeting.

5. Presentation - Lake Laurentian Conservation Area Environmental Management Plan and Operations Plan

In May, 2012, the General Board had directed that these two documents be prepared to guide the future use and development of the Lake Laurentian Conservation Area. N.D.C.A. staff lead the work and were authorized to secure external professional assistance as required. Natalie Webster, N.D.C.A. staff, lead the work. Natalie proceeded with power point presentations related to both plans. It was noted that these plans, although being considered for approval at this time, would be updated and added to in the future as required. Members asked a number of questions following this review of the two draft proposed documents. Member Signoretti noted that the Operations Plan will be very beneficial for the future work of the Friends of Lake Laurentian. Natalie and Paul were thanked for all the work done to reach this point. A resolution was then tabled for consideration by General Board members.

Resolution 2012-82

Barbeau - Watelet

That the Lake Laurentian Conservation Area Environmental Management Plan and Operations Plan be approved,

AND FURTHER that these guidance documents be updated as required,

AND FURTHER that these plans be used to guide the future use and development of the Lake Laurentian Conservation Area.

Carried.

6. General Business

a) Development, Interference with Wetlands & Alteration to Shorelines/Watercourses and Fisheries Files Report - October, 2012

Resolution 2012-83

Watelet - Cimino

That the N.D.C.A. Permits 2012-40 to 2012-43 issued in October, 2012, be approved as outlined in the Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines/Watercourses and Fisheries Files report.

Carried

b) Appointment of Auditor for N.D.C.A./N.D.C.F. (2013-2017)

At the September, 2012 General Board meeting, authorization was received to proceed with a Request for Proposals process (RFP) for audit services for the N.D.C.A. and N.D.C.F. A comprehensive staff report with recommendation was provided for the consideration of General Board members at this meeting. Members had many questions which were answered by P. Sajatovic. Following a very thorough discussion, a resolution was tabled for consideration by General Board members.

Resolution 2012-84

Cimino - Watelet

That Fred Slade & Associates, Chartered Accountant, be retained to provide audit and accounting consultation services for the N.D.C.A. and N.D.C.F. for 2013, 2014 and 2015, for the fixed fee as outlined in the proposal dated October 11, 2012,

AND FURTHER that the N.D.C.A. will discuss with Fred Slade and Associates the option to renew in years 4 and 5, 2016 and 2017,

AND FURTHER that in September, 2017, the N.D.C.A. distribute a Request for Proposal to local Chartered Accountant firms for services over a five (5) year period, 2018-2022.

Carried.

c) Assets Naming Policy/Corporate Sponsorship Policy Working Committee Report

At the September, 2012 General Board meeting, a Working Group comprised of N.D.C.A. members and staff was formed to consider this subject. The first report from the working group was provided for the consideration of General Board members at this meeting. The report was presented in two parts to address each policy issue separately. Members had many questions and made a number of suggestions related to both policy issues. For example, it was suggested that the Corporate Sponsorship Policy be expanded in scope to also provide donations from private sources such as foundations and individuals. The working group will continue work on this initiative with the next report due at the January, 2013 N.D.C.A. General Board meeting. The following resolution was then presented.

Resolution 2012-85

Barbeau - Cimino

That the report from the Assets Naming Policy/Corporate Sponsorship Policy Working Group be received,

AND FURTHER that the Working Group is hereby directed to continue work on developing policies as recommended.

Carried.

d) Request to Lease N.D.C.A. Owned Land (Whitson River, Chelmsford)

N.D.C.A. General Board members were advised that a written request had been received from Lorrie and Roy Beausoleil to lease land owned by the N.D.C.A. in Chelmsford. A detailed staff report was provided to members. It was noted that before any lease agreement would be finalized, the applicant would have to satisfy all conditions as outlined in the staff report. N.D.C.A. General Board members emphasized that any storage which may occur on the N.D.C.A. owned land would have to be for non-hazardous materials, etc. At the conclusion of the discussion, the following resolution was presented to General Board members.

Resolution 2012-86

Cimino - Barbeau

That the request to lease N.D.C.A. owned land in Chelmsford as detailed in the staff report dated October 28, 2012 be approved, subject to all terms and conditions being finalized with the applicant to the satisfaction of the N.D.C.A.

Carried.

e) Verbal Update Reports for Information

- 1) Budget Presentation to City Finance Committee - Chairperson Gibson and P. Sajatovic updated members on the presentation made on November 6th. It was

a very positive presentation and the N.D.C.A. will now have to await final decisions by the member municipality.

- 2) Northern C.A.s Videoconference Meeting - Chairperson Gibson and P. Sajatovic reported on the October 31st meeting which focused primarily on the Watershed Management Futures White Paper. It was noted that this is an ongoing matter and that General Board members will be updated as more information becomes available.
- 3) October 20th "Friends of Lake Laurentian" Event - Chairperson Gibson & Member Signoretti reported on this event. The event was beneficial, however, the overall attendance was lower than expected. Therefore, the Friends Steering Committee will be considering how to improve the response, etc. External professional assistance will be secured to assist with the long term growth and sustainability of the "Friends" initiative in support of the Lake Laurentian Conservation Area. General Board members will receive regular updates related to the "Friends" activities.

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

Resolution 2012-87

Barbeau - Cimino

That we go in-camera at 5:16 p.m.

Carried.

At 5:26 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) Nolin Creek Reported Water Quality Issue

Member Watelet had requested an update report on this matter. It was noted that the N.D.C.A. had been called out to the site on Sunday, October 28th. As well, Vale staff attended at the site to take surface water samples. P. Sajatovic reported that the N.D.C.A. had provided information and was no longer involved. Vale is continuing to review the situation and has updated the municipality and the Ontario Ministry of the Environment.

b) Next Meeting Date

Chairperson Gibson reminded members that the Christmas dinner meeting will be held on Thursday, December 13th. Chairperson Gibson encouraged everyone to attend to enjoy this seasonal opportunity to get together to reflect on the excellent work we have done throughout 2012.

No other business was transacted.

9. Adjournment

Resolution 2012-88

Signoretti - Cimino

That we do now adjourn.

Carried.