

NICKEL DISTRICT CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Minutes of General Board Meeting

Thursday, October 9, 2014

Room C-12
Tom Davies Square

Commenced: 4:18 p.m.
Adjourned: 5:50 p.m.

PRESENT: Lin Gibson, Chairperson
 Jennifer Davidson
 Evelyn Dutrisac
 Joscelyne Landry-Altmann
 Anne Watelet

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

COMMUNICATION: Jacques Barbeau
 Mark Signoretti
 Russ Thompson

1. Chairperson Gibson opened the meeting by welcoming all present. The first highlight was to acknowledge that the Greater Sudbury Source Protection Plan which had been developed by the Nickel District Conservation Authority had been approved by the Province on September 30th. Chairperson Gibson congratulated Nels Conroy, Chair of the Source Protection Committee and it's members, the N.D.C.A.'s Drinking Water Source Protection Planning staff, and the Source Protection Authority members, both past and present, for all their dedicated work to reach this milestone. Chairperson Gibson noted that the S.P.A. will now work with the implementing bodies, including the City of Greater Sudbury, to implement the approved policies in order to protect the vitally important municipal drinking water sources.

a) September 29th Conservation Ontario Council Meeting

The agenda for this meeting had been distributed to General Board members, for information. Chairperson Gibson provided an overview of the discussions at the meeting including a presentation by Dr. Blair Feltmate from the University of Waterloo. The presentation related to a study recently completed, dealing with an assessment of climate change, extreme weather and flooding; property and casualty insurance priorities. Chairperson Gibson noted that this information is relevant for the work of the Greater Sudbury Climate Change Consortium. In that regard, P. Sajatovic was asked to forward the electronic version of the presentation to General Board members once it is available from Conservation Ontario.

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

3. Adoption of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

One item was added under New Business and then with the approval of General Board members, the following resolution was tabled.

Resolution 2014-69

Watelet - Dutrisac

That the agenda for the October 9, 2014 N.D.C.A. General Board meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

a) September 11, 2014

Resolution 2014-70

Dutrisac - Watelet

That the minutes of the September 11, 2014 General Board meeting, as duplicated and circulated, be approved.

Carried.

b) Business Arising from Minutes

Chairperson Gibson requested updates from P. Sajatovic related to the Ski Cottage expansion and beaver pond boardwalk projects at the Lake Laurentian Conservation Area. Current information was provided to General Board members, as requested.

5. General Business

a) Funding Request to Nickel District Conservation Foundation

Resolution 2014-71

Dutrisac - Watelet

That the Nickel District Conservation Foundation is hereby requested to donate \$10,000 to the Nickel District Conservation Authority to support school programs at the Lake Laurentian Conservation Area.

Carried.

b) Section 28 Permits Report (September, 2014)

It was noted that the September, 2014 report contained no approved permits, but did record three Violation Notices having been issued and one permit extension. This report was therefore presented for the information of General Board members.

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Resolution 2014-72

Watelet - Dutrisac

That the N.D.C.A. Permits report for September, 2014, under Section 28 of the Conservation Authorities Act be received for information.

Carried.

c) Confirmation of N.D.C.A. General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer Hiring

On behalf of Vice-Chair Signoretti who was unable to attend this meeting, Chairperson Gibson reported on the hiring process. She sincerely thanked Member Signoretti for chairing the Hiring Committee and the other committee members including: Members Dutrisac, Landry-Altman and Thompson. It was noted that following the General Board approval, the N.D.C.A. would distribute a release within and beyond our watersheds to advise of the hiring. A resolution was then presented.

Resolution 2014-73

Davidson - Dutrisac

That Carl Jorgensen be hired as the new General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer of the Nickel District Conservation Authority, based on the Offer of Employment dated October 1, 2014,

AND FURTHER that Mr. Jorgensen will begin work at the N.D.C.A. on Monday, October 27, 2014.

Carried.

d) Transfer of Property to City of Greater Sudbury (Galliard Island)

A report from P. Sajatovic was distributed to General Board members for their review and consideration. The background to this property ownership by the N.D.C.A. and rationale for the recommendation was discussed in great detail. After a very thorough discussion, with a number of questions answered, the following resolution was tabled.

Resolution 2014-74

Davidson - Dutrisac

That the N.D.C.A. enter into discussions with the City of Greater Sudbury, based on the General Manager's report dated September 27, 2014, related to the transfer of Galliard Island to the municipality,

AND FURTHER that an update report on this matter be brought back at the November, 2014 General Board meeting.

Carried.

e) Adoption of Social Media Policy

Social media has become an essential communications tool. It was being recommended to General Board members that the N.D.C.A. utilize a policy model and framework recently developed by Conservation Ontario, to finalize a policy for the N.D.C.A. This policy would be inserted into the existing N.D.C.A. Personnel Policy and would be administered by the General Manager based on the approval by the General Board. Chairperson Gibson expressed strong support for this recommendation and also noted that as a Director at Conservation Ontario, this policy framework had recently been approved.

Resolution 2014-75

Davidson - Dutrisac

That the N.D.C.A. develop a Social Media Policy based on the General Manager's report dated September 27, 2014, in consultation with Conservation Ontario.

Carried.

f) 2014 N.D.C.A. Christmas Dinner Meeting

General Board members were being asked to consider plans for the annual dinner meeting event. Following this discussion, staff were directed to schedule the dinner meeting for Thursday, December 4th and send out invitations immediately.

g) Draft 2015 Municipal Budget

The draft budget package had been distributed to General Board members. P. Sajatovic provided detailed information in relation to the various components of the draft budget. Members expressed concern with one part of the budget, namely the addition of the Lake Laurentian Trails Upkeep cost centre. Members support the initiative, but were concerned with how the initiative would be funded in 2015 and in future years. P. Sajatovic was directed to reconsider this item and provide additional options for consideration. It was then agreed that the proposed 2015 budget would be approved no later than November 13th for submission to the member municipality on or before November 14th, 2014, as requested by the City of Greater Sudbury.

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

No in-camera matters were dealt with at this meeting.

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7. New Businessa) Request for Erosion Control Assistance - Whitson River - Gaston & Lise O'Bomsawin)

A request had been received from Mr. & Mrs. O'Bomsawin related to their property on the Whitson River. A detailed background information package was provided to General Board members, including information from 2009 when this issue had last been before the General Board. Board members had a number of questions but emphasized that the policy adopted by the N.D.C.A. in 2010 related to requests for erosion control assistance on private property must be followed, in making a decision. After a thorough discussion, a resolution was tabled.

Resolution 2014-76

Dutrisac - Landry-Altman

That the submission from Gaston & Lise O'Bomsawin dated September 30, 2014, requesting erosion control assistance on their property located adjacent to Municipal Road 15, Chelmsford, be received,

AND FURTHER the N.D.C.A. hereby agrees that, based on its' existing private property Erosion Control Policy, it will commit a maximum of \$10,000 in 2014 to have an engineering study completed to identify the issues, potential solutions and recommendations with costs, to deal with the erosion issue identified by the applicant.

AND FURTHER that the final engineering report will be given to the O'Bomsawin's for their information and implementation as the N.D.C.A. has no funding available to undertake erosion control works on private property.

Carried.

b) Next Meeting Date

The next regularly scheduled General Board meeting will be held on Thursday, November 13th, starting at 4:00 p.m., in Room C-12, Tom Davies Square.

No other business was transacted.

8. Adjournment

Resolution 2014-77

Landry-Altman - Dutrisac

That we do now adjourn.

Carried.

