

NICKEL DISTRICT CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Minutes of General Board Meeting

Thursday, September 10, 2015

Lake Laurentian Conservation Area Nature Chalet

Commenced: 4:15 p.m.

Adjourned: 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Lin Gibson, Chairperson
Mike Jakubo
Stephen Kaufman
Deb McIntosh
Paul Sajatovic
Anne Watelet
Mark Signoretti
Joscelyne Landry-Altmann

ALSO PRESENT: C. Jorgensen, N.D.C.A.
D. Lenzi, N.D.C.A.

COMMUNICATION: Jen Davidson

1. Chairperson Gibson opened the meeting by welcoming all present. The meeting had been immediately preceded by a meet-and-greet for all staff and Board members. This included Chairperson Lin Gibson and past Chair Bob Rogers.

2. No declarations of conflict were declared.

3. Adoption of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

Resolution 2015-57

McIntosh - Watelet

That the agenda for the meeting of September 10, 2015 be adopted.

Carried.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

a) June 18, 2015

Resolution 2015-58

Jakubo - Watelet

That the minutes of the June 18, 2015 General Board meeting, as duplicated and circulated, be approved.

Carried.

b) Business Arising from Minutes

- i) Board Intern - Carl indicated that we would hear back from United Way later this month. If we do get a Young Leader on Board that person would attend the October meeting. Member Anne Watelet has agreed to act as a mentor for the intern.
- ii) Transportation Plan - Discussion around the third phase of the City of Greater Sudbury Transportation plan took place, including the previous message conveyed to the City by the Authority. The members requested that a letter be drafted to the City in this respect, commenting on several proposed road extensions. The letter should indicate that a response is requested.

5. General Business

- a) Conservation Authorities Act Review - Lin provided an overview and update on this review.

b) Section 28 Permits Report (June, July & August, 2015)

Resolution 2015-59

Watelet - Sajatovic

That the N.D.C.A. Permit 2015-9 to 2015-33 issued in June, July & August, 2015, under Section 28 of the Conservation Authorities Act be approved as outlined in the Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines/Watercourses report.

Carried

- c) Fast Flow Water Program - Lin Gibson provided a written update on activities under this program highlighting the presentations to schools, the development of the education package which is a resource manual for teachers, and the contest.
- d) Friends of Lake Laurentian - Mark Signoretti provided an update and highlighted upcoming events at Lake Laurentian including the opening of the floating boardwalk and appointment of Franco Mariotti as a Patron (on September 17th), and on September 20th, the Summer's End Trail Romp. Mark also indicated some progress had been made in regard to the Sign Plan campaign.
- e) Strategic Plan - Chairperson Lin Gibson provided an update on the progress on the Strategic Plan to date and noted two upcoming sessions with staff and Board members scheduled for October & November.

6. New Business

- a) Financial Update to June 30, 2015 - Carl provided a snapshot of the current year's budget to the end of the second quarter. The Authority is more or less on par for where we were last year. As this is a transition year for both the GM and the Auditor, there will be some differences in reporting methods. A few comments were made by members to indicate that minor items should be reflected in different budget lines, but otherwise no discussion. The third quarter report will be provided at the next meeting in October.
- b) 2016 Budget - Carl indicated that the budget would be discussed further at the October meeting, and should be approved at the November meeting. Discussion of the expenses related to rental vehicles should take place as part of the budget review.
- c) Nomination to Nickel District Conservation Foundation

Resolution 2015-60

Signoretti - Landry-Altmann

That Paul Sajatovic be appointed as a Director of the Nickel District Conservation Foundation for the year 2015, and until new appointments are made in 2016.

Carried.

- d) Staffing Update - Carl provided an update on some of the new staff. Specifically, Konrad Wiltmann as our Trails Maintenance Supervisor for approximately 16 weeks, and Hajinal Kovacs as a Conservation Assistant for approximately 6.5 months in a support role shared by SWP and the Authority.

7. In-Camera Legal/Property)

At 5:35 p.m. a resolution was passed to go in-camera.

Resolution 2015-61

Davidson - Signoretti

That we go in-camera at 5:35 p.m.

Carried.

At 6:18 p.m. the Board ended the in-camera session with no resolutions forthcoming, however a recommendation was made that the N.D.C.A. develop a fee schedule for future Freedom of Information requests.

8. Adjournment

Resolution 2015-62

McIntosh - Signoretti

That we do now adjourn at 6:30 p.m.

Carried.