

NICKEL DISTRICT CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Minutes of General Board Meeting

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Room C-41
Tom Davies Square

Commenced: 4:04 p.m.
Adjourned: 5:27 p.m.

PRESENT:

Deb McIntosh
Jennifer Davidson
Lin Gibson, Chairperson
Paul Sajatovic
Mark Signoretti
Joscelyne Landry-Altmann

ALSO PRESENT: Carl Jorgensen, Secretary –Treasurer and General Manager, Conservation Sudbury
Hajnal Kovacs, Conservation Sudbury
Keith Forrester, City of Greater Sudbury

COMMUNICATION: Mike Jakubo
Steve Kaufman, Vice-Chair

1. Chairperson Gibson opened the meeting and welcomed all Board Members.

Chairperson Gibson welcomed Keith Forester from City of Greater Sudbury Real Estate Division. Chairperson Gibson reported that on April 5, she and GM Jorgensen attended the Chamber of Commerce President Series Luncheon highlighted by Sudbury MP Paul Lefebvre and Nickel Belt MP Marc Serre.

On April 7 the Northern Chapter Conservation Authorities webcast meeting hosted by the North Bay - Mattawa Conservation Authority took place. Highlights from that event included discussions of Conservation Authority priorities including Source Water Protection Funding; Work Plans; Joint Advisory Committee; and potential initiatives re: First Nations.

On April 11 the Conservation Ontario Council AGM Meeting took place, attended by Chairperson Gibson, Vice Chair Kaufman and GM Jorgensen. Lin Gibson was nominated and voted 3rd term as Vice Chair of Conservation Ontario.

On April 20 Conservation Sudbury participated in the Greater Sudbury Watershed Alliance education outreach event at Science North, with representation and presentation by Hajnal Kovacs. Over 100 community members attended the successful event

Chairperson Gibson gave an update on future events. The Fast Flow Water Safety outreach education via our active volunteer group is ongoing and the FFW Poster and Video Contest is

active (see update from Member Landry-Altman). Our Strategic Plan is being drafted by the appointed Sub Committee with an anticipated draft to be presented at our May General Board meeting. The FLL Trail Signage Campaign had a recent sponsor, the Montessori Club, media event to happen next week, media events for committed sponsors to follow (see update from Member M. Signoretti).

2. Declarations of Conflict

None

3. Adoption of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

Resolution 2016-37

McIntosh - Signoretti

That the agenda for the April 21, 2016 N.C.D.A. General Meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

4. In-Camera Matters (Personnel/Legal/Property)

At 4:13 the Board passed a motion to move in-camera.

Resolution 2016-38

Davidson - McIntosh

That we go in-camera at 4:13 p.m.

Carried.

At 4:49 the Chairperson reported that no resolutions came from the in-camera session.

5. General Business

a) FLL Report (Mark Signoretti) Sign Plan (Resolution Prepared)

Resolution 2016-39

Signoretti - Sajatovic

WHEREAS the Friends of Lake Laurentian (FLL) Sign Plan Project was approved by the NDCA General Board in 2014,

AND that a number of community supporters/partners have already committed significant funding to this exciting project,

AND that based on the growing support for this project and on the information provided at the FLL meeting of April 18, 2016 by FLL Steering Committee Chair Signoretti and Authority General Manager Jorgensen, the Steering Committee of the FLL recommends that the NDCA proceeds with a Request for Proposal (RFP) process. Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the NDCA proceeds with a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the full sign-plan project,

AND FURTHER that all fully-completed proposals from interested parties be presented at the June 9, 2016 General Board meeting for consideration by the Members to proceed with all components of the project,

AND FURTHER that if necessary, the General Board members will consider using existing reserve funds to move forward with the project in 2016 and that as additional contributions are received from other community partners, these funds will then be credited back to the source reserves.

Carried.

Member Signoretti reported that the plan is about halfway to its target amount. Using reserve funds, until the remainder is fundraised, will allow the Plan to proceed helping to secure favourable pricing for the signs through an RFP, and would improve our chances of attaining new donors that can see some of the finished product. Some discussions of the pros and cons of this approach took place.

b) Fast Flowing Water Program Update (Member Landry-Altman)

Member Landry-Altman reported great success for the Fast Flowing Water Program this year with about 2,400 students already being reached year (totaling about 21 schools). There is a new Ojibway class on board this year for the contest so it will be interesting to see how they use the Ojibway language material. There are also two Manitoulin schools participating this year.

c) WECI - Review of approved projects (Carl Jorgensen)

Resolution 2016-40

Sajatovic – Landry-Altman

Given that the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry has approved 50 percent funding in the amount of \$16,501,

Be it resolved that, the Authority proceed with the geotechnical investigation of the Nickeldale Dam,

And further that, the local 50% share of the expense be taken from the capital portion of the levy.

Carried.

GM Jorgensen provided an update on the results of WECI funding applications notifying members that the Nickeldale Dam geotechnical investigation project was approved this year. Staff are looking into other opportunities presented via the MNRF WECI.

6. Section 28 Permits (March-April) – (Resolution Prepared)

Resolution 2016-41

Davidson - Sajatovic

That the N.D.C.A. Permit 2016-4 to 2016-5 issued in March & April, 2016 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.

7. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meetings

Resolution 2016-41

Jocelyn – Signoretti

That the minutes of the March 31, 2016 General Board meeting, as duplicated and circulated, be approved.

Carried.

a) March 21, 2016 (Resolution Prepared)

Chairperson Gibson noted that on April 28, 2016 the sub-committee in charge of assembling the Strategic Plan will meet. Staff Hajnal Kovacs, Melanie Venne and Member Sajatovic have joined the sub-committee.

b) Business Arising from Minutes

i) Update RFP banking/investing (Carl, information)

GM Jorgensen reported that he has not received review input from our accountants about the RFP yet but intends to proceed with the process based on the good templates received from similar organizations.

ii) Sale of lands for Maley Drive Extension - updated resolution wording attached

GM Jorgensen reported that the CGS has agreed to the terms brought forth at the last Board meeting, and the terms have been placed directly into the resolution. The land transfer will take place in September; however the CGS has asked to access the land now to start clearing some of the area for the future Maley Drive extension.

iii) Green Economy North (update and recommendation, Carl)

GM Jorgensen reported Lake Simcoe CA is joining the new Green Economy North initiative while some other Conservation Authorities are reviewing alternative options and determining their best option for their investment. Finances, scale and profile are being considered during this decision making. GM Jorgensen suggested staff stay in tune with any updates and continue to follow the development of the initiative before reviewing again before deciding to join.

iv) CA Act Review (correspondence from MNRF attached)

Chairperson Gibson reported that the first phase of the review complete. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry will be starting its second phase of the review process which will involve further engagement and input on options for strengthening Conservation Authorities. GM Jorgensen added that the original posting went to the EBR and the comprehensive discussion paper is being prepared and will be posted on the EBR in the coming weeks.

8. New Business

d) Beaver Management Workshop (Carl Jorgensen, information)

GM Jorgensen informed members that he is working with Michel Leclair to host a workshop on beaver management on May 10, 2016. This date is tentative at the moment. Michel has over 30 years of beaver management experience and was profiled as a “beaver whisperer” on CBC’s Television series the Nature of Things. The total fee

for the workshop is about \$2,500 and the CGS will provide a meeting place. There has been great uptake from multiple parties. Currently about 20 attendees have shown interest and have agreed to contribute to the cost of the course. The workshop will take a conservation approach to managing beaver issues without needing to trap them.

It was asked if members of the public can attend. GM Jorgensen clarified it is intended for implementers and companies who deal with water management day-to-day. It was suggested to contact the Trappers council to ensure that at least one of their members attend.

e) Conservation Ontario SWP & First Nations (Memo & report attached)

Chairperson Gibson reported that as part of efforts to eliminate boil water advisories on First Nation Reserves, Conservation Ontario (CO) is promoting the use of source protection planning as part of the multi-barrier approach to clean drinking water. Melanie Venne has been chosen to be part of the working group. Conservation Ontario is suggesting a four year program plus a one year engagement of a pilot project First Nations and a site visit to the community (see the CO memo & report attached for further detail).

f) Next General board Meeting Date – May12, 2016, at 4:30pm, Room C-12.

9. Adjournment

Resolution 2016-42

McIntosh - Davidson

That we do now adjourn.

Carried.