

NICKEL DISTRICT CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Minutes of General Board Meeting

Thursday, June 23, 2016

Room C-12
Tom Davies Square

Commenced: 4:10 p.m.
Adjourned: 5:27 p.m.

PRESENT: Lin Gibson, Chairperson
Jennifer Davidson
Mike Jakubo
Joscelyne Landry-Altmann
Deb McIntosh
Paul Sajatovic
Steve Kaufman, Vice-Chair

ALSO PRESENT: Carl Jorgensen, Secretary –Treasurer and General Manager

COMMUNICATION: Mark Signoretti - Regrets
Anne Watelet - Regrets

1. Chairperson Gibson opened the meeting and welcomed all Board Members. Lin acknowledged the research and outreach grant received from RBC Bluewater by the NDCF for work by the Junction Creek Stewardship Committee on the Authority's lands at the Ponderosa wetland. She also thanked all and noted the good work of staff and Members who contributed so much to the completion of the 2017-2021 Strategic Plan. On the horizon Lin pointed out the meeting of CO Council on June 27, the meeting of the Northern Chapter of CAs on June 28, and the CA Act review EBR comment deadline of September 9 – she and Carl had attended the MNRF's CA Act review consultation on June 15.

2. Declarations of Conflict

None

3. Adoption of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

Resolution 2016-49

Kaufman - Davidson

That the agenda for the June 23, 2016 NDCA General Meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Resolution 2016-50

Landry-Altmann - Kaufman

That the minutes of the May 12, 2016 NDCA General Board Meeting, as duplicated and circulated, be approved.

Carried.

b) Business Arising from Minutes -

i) Change of Banking Provider

Carl provided an update on this issue and indicated that an email poll conducted was unanimous in support of the RBC proposal. A transition period will be required. A meeting with representatives from the Royal Bank has been held. Following a discussion, the following resolution was presented.

Resolution 2016-51

Jakubo - Sajatovic

Given that its response to the Authority's RFP for banking and investment services was completed in a well-presented and timely fashion that received the top scoring, and given that follow up inquiries and assigned questions regarding rates, fees and strategies were addressed in a clear and engaged manner, therefore, be it resolved,

THAT the Nickel District Conservation Authority engage RBC and RBC Dominion Securities for banking and investment services respectively, for a period of five years, with the provision of two option extensions of one year each if mutually agreeable to all parties, and further,

THAT the Board of the Nickel District Conservation Foundation be advised of this decision with a recommendation to follow suit at the next scheduled meeting.

Carried.

5. General Business

a) Section 28 Application - Dominion Construction, Bodson Drive

Resolution 2016-52

Landry-Altman - Kaufman

That the General Board hereby approves the issuance of a Section 28 permit to Dominion Construction for a cut and fill operation on Lot 12, Conc. 6, Township of Garson, Bodson Drive, with the permit being valid for a period of 5 years.

Carried.

b) Section 28 Report

Resolution 2016-53

Davidson - Sajatovic

That Permits 2016-7 to 2016-20 issued in May & June, 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.

Carl is to provide two board members with details regarding specific permits.

c) Fast Flowing Water Program - Report, Joscelyne Landry-Altmann

Member Landry-Altmann noted that the Fast-Flowing Water poster contest awards occurred on June 9 at Tom Davies Square, followed by a lunch for the winners. Bradley Kiviaho was the big winner this year; the video and storyboards will be posted on Sudbury.com. A very successful event was held this year with 65 scripts and 800 posters submitted. Water-safety presentations were given at 27 schools reaching ~9 500 students. She thanked the dedicated volunteers who worked on this initiative.

d) WECI Funding - Alkali Aggregate Reactivity Study Maley Dam

Carl outlined the nature of this program, and the following resolution was passed.

Resolution 2016-54

Kaufman - Sajatovic

Given that the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry has approved 50 percent funding in the amount of \$25,000,

Be it resolved that, the Authority proceed with the AAR testing of the Maley Dam,

And further that the local 50% share (\$25,000) of the expense be taken from the capital portion of the levy.

Carried.

e) Adoption of Strategic Plan

Resolution 2016-55

Jakubo - Kaufman

Be it resolved that the Nickel District Conservation Authority adopt the Strategic Plan to be implemented for the years 2017-2021, and it will be released in the fall of 2016.

Carried.

6. In-Camera Session

Resolution 2016-56

Landry-Altmann - Sajatovic

That we go in-camera at 5:03 p.m.

Carried.

At 5:40 p.m. the Board came out of camera and Chairperson Lin reported no resolutions were forthcoming.

7. New Business

a) Registration for Ecological Gifts Program

Members reviewed a memo from Hajnal Kovacs outlining this program. Following a discussion, a resolution was presented.

Resolution 2016-57

Jakubo - Davidson

WHEREAS, the Nickel District Conservation Authority agrees that *Canadian Land Trust Standards and Practices(2005)* are the ethical and technical guidelines for the responsible operation of a land trust;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Nickel District Conservation Authority accepts the *Canadian Land Trust Standards and Practices* as guidelines for the organization's operations and commits to making continual progress toward implementation of these standards and practices.

AND THAT in the event of dissolution or winding-up of the Nickel District Conservation Authority all its remaining assets after payments of its liabilities shall be distributed to one or more qualified donees as defined under the provisions of the Income Tax Act that share the objectives of the Corporation, or in the case of ecological gifts, to one or more eligible Ecological Gifts Program recipients, before or separate from any payment of the organization's debts.

Carried.

b) Living with Lakes Video Funding

A letter from John Gunn of the Living with Lakes Centre outlining a request for funding to support their outreach program, as reviewed. The request was discussed and there were some concerns with the terms and value of the return. The following resolution was presented.

Resolution 2016-58

Landry-Altman - Sajatovic

Therefore be it resolved that NDCA support the completion of the video portion of Sudbury story online education program produced by Laurentian University's Living with Lakes Centre in the amount of \$_____ to be provided upon completion of the video and receipt of access to course materials and data. These funds will be distributed in equal amounts in the fall of 2016 and winter of 2017.

Defeated.

A letter explaining the Board's decision is to be sent to the applicants.

c) Cancellation of July & August General Board Meetings

Resolution 2016-59

Jakubo - Landry-Altman

That the General Board meetings be cancelled for July and August, but may be reconvened at the call of the Chairperson. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held September 8, 2016.

Carried.

d) LLCA Trail Signage - Request for Proposals

Carl informed the members that the submission deadline for the RFP had been extended to allow more time for several companies to submit. The results of the process would be communicated with the members once completed.

8. Adjournment

Resolution 2016-48

Jakubo - Kaufman

That we do now adjourn.

Carried.