

# NICKEL DISTRICT CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

## Minutes of General Board Meeting

Thursday, October 13, 2016

Room C-12  
Tom Davies Square

Commenced: 4:40 p.m.  
Adjourned: 6:25 p.m.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Carl Jorgensen, Secretary –Treasurer and General Manager  
Dennis Lenzi – Conservation Sudbury  
Melanie Venne – Conservation Sudbury  
Samantha Hunter – United Way, Young Leader on Board  
Gil Ciulini, RBC Dominion Securities

COMMUNICATION: Steve Kaufman, Regrets  
Anne Watelet, Regrets

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

Chairperson Gibson opened the meeting with some introductory remarks. The board welcomes Samantha Hunter, from the United Way's Young Leader on Board program. The Fast-Flowing Water Program, which operates thanks to a group of dedicated volunteers, will be going to visit two schools on Manitoulin Island next week. Approximately 300 students on Manitoulin Island will hear the water safety message.

2. Declarations of Conflict

None

3. Adoption of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

Chairperson Gibson indicated that two new items would be added to the new business section of the agenda.

**Resolution 2016-73**

**Jakubo - Sajatovic**

That the agenda for the October 13, 2016 NDCA General Meeting be adopted as amended.

*Carried.*

4. a) Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

**Resolution 2016-74**

**Landry-Altman - Jakubo**

That the minutes of the September 8, 2016 NDCA General Board Meeting, as duplicated and circulated, be approved.

*Carried.*

b) Business Arising from Minutes –

i) Member Landry-Altman brought up a funding idea re: the sign plan and a possible link to the arts. GM Carl indicated that he was following up on these leads that the Member had sent him and that he had placed calls to the local offices.

ii) Presentation from RBC Dominion Securities on Investment Policy Statement

Gil Ciulini from RBC Dominion Securities presented the draft Investment Policy Statement. Members Jakubo and McIntosh had reviewed the document prior to the meeting and provided some comments regarding foreign content, management fees and the ability of a Board to tolerate fluctuations. Members asked a few questions of Mr. Ciulini including some re: ethical investments versus regular investments.

**Resolution 2016-75**

**Davidson - McIntosh**

Given that the Authority requires a long-term strategy to guide the investment of public funds entrusted to it in a responsible fashion, therefore, be it resolved,

That the Nickel District Conservation Authority adopt the Investment Policy Statement as presented by Gilberto Cuilini from RBC Dominion Securities.

*TABLED.*

Lin will look into Conservation Ontario and other conservation authorities' investment guidelines in order for the Board to make more informed decisions with regard to the proportion of investments that are made into ethical funds.

5. General Business

a) Update from Nickel District Conservation Foundation

Chairperson Gibson provided an update on the Nickel District Conservation Foundation. A new chair, Peter Edmunds, was elected at the last meeting. A follow-up meeting will be held within the next month to establish a strategy and direction.

b) Section 28 Report

**Resolution 2016-76**

**Sajatovic - McIntosh**

That Permits 2016-39 to 2016-45, issued in September, 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.*

c) Budget 2017 Discussion

Carl Jorgensen presented a draft of the 2017 budget that will be presented to the City of Greater Sudbury council. He first presented a snapshot of budget spending in the key project categories for the current fiscal year to the end of September.

The budget for 2017 is similar to that of 2016. Most of the spending categories are ongoing. Last year there was a special contribution request for the flood forecasting equipment upgrades. There would be no special contribution request to the City of Greater Sudbury this year. He asked the members to provide him with feedback and to contact him with any questions regarding this preliminary document.

d) Update of CA Act Review

A letter from Conservation Ontario, Ontario Municipalities Association, the Canadian Environmental Law Association and the Ontario Federation of Agriculture regarding the *Conservation Authorities Act* review was recently released, and distributed to Board members.

A report back on the review of the Act from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry is not expected until late 2018.

6. In-Camera Session

**Resolution 2016-77**

**McIntosh - Signoretti**

That we go in-camera at 6:08 p.m.

*Carried.*

At 6:19 p.m. the Board ended the in-camera session with no resolutions forthcoming.

7. New Business

a) Acknowledgement of Samantha Hunter from the United Way's Young Leaders On Board (YLOB) program. Samantha will be attending these meetings until March. Member Davidson will be her board mentor.

b) Christmas Dinner – Discussion postponed until next meeting, Carl will send out a poll to the Members with dates in early December.

c) NOHFC Internship

**Resolution 2016-78**

**McIntosh - Sajatovic**

That application is made to the NOHFC for a one-year internship to support an Information Management Assistant as recommended in the Staff report dated October 6, 2016.

And further that the Authority's share of the cost (approx. \$10,000) be included in the 2017 budget.

*Carried.*

d) Conservation Ontario Council Meeting

Vice Chairperson Kaufmann attended the CO Council meeting; his notes will be distributed via email.

g) Recognition of a Volunteer

**Resolution 2016-79**

**McIntosh - Signoretti**

Given that Sheilah Arena has demonstrated a spirit of boots-on-the-ground volunteerism and leadership that goes above and beyond,

And, given that she has dedicated hundreds of hours including planning, fund-raising, working with staff, contractors, other volunteers and the Friends of Lake Laurentian, to improve the trail signage and promote the conservation area, be it resolved

That Sheila Arena is recognized for her outstanding contributions in assisting Conservation Sudbury to develop and improve its trail system at the Lake Laurentian Conservation Area.

*Carried.*

9. Adjournment

**Resolution 2016-80**

**Signoretti - McIntosh**

That we do now adjourn.

*Carried.*