

NICKEL DISTRICT CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Minutes of General Board Meeting

Thursday, September 8, 2016

Room C-12
Tom Davies Square

Commenced: 4:41 p.m.
Adjourned: 7:30 p.m.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Carl Jorgensen, Secretary –Treasurer and General Manager
Gil Ciulini, RBC Dominion Securities

COMMUNICATION: Mark Signoretti - Regrets
Paul Sajatovic - Regrets

1. Chairperson Gibson opened the meeting and welcomed all Board Members.
2. Declarations of Conflict

Member Watelet indicated that she would excuse herself during item 4. (b) iii – funding request from Living with Lakes.

3. Adoption of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

Resolution 2016-61

Kaufman - Watelet

That the agenda for the September 8, 2016 NDCA General Meeting be adopted as amended.

Carried.

Note: A request was made to have the meeting materials printed double-sided to save paper where possible. Some discussion followed regarding inclusion of all documents as some were not necessarily needed if previously circulated by email etc.. GM Carl indicated he could send a poll to the Members re: distribution of meeting materials and printing.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Resolution 2016-62

McIntosh - Jakubo

That the minutes of the June 23, 2016 NDCA General Board Meeting, as circulated, be approved.

Carried.

7. New Business (added here to allow our guest to present first)

e) Gil Ciulini from RBC - Dominion Securities made a brief presentation to the Members about investing the Authority's reserves in a way that is in keeping with contemporary practices by similar organizations (public bodies, foundations, charities etc.). He circulated some materials and answered questions from the Members. It was suggested that he return at the next meeting to discuss in detail the Authority's needed Investment Policy Statement. He committed to drafting this and providing it to GM Carl who would then circulate it to Members McIntosh and Jakubo for first review. It would then be discussed at the October meeting. The Members thanked Mr. Ciulini for his time.

b) Business Arising from Minutes -

i) Sign Plan RFP – Update

GM Carl circulated a report on the status of the sign plan pricing. The leading bidder has provided pricing for a reduced-scope version of Phase 1 that will commence shortly. The challenges of working in some remote locations make the pricing challenging as well. It is hoped that the first phase of the plan can be put in place this fall. The focus is on signs that will bear the logos of our early supporters. Reasonable up-front costs will be added to the first phase but will be used throughout the project (Phase 2).

ii) Strategic Plan - Final Draft

Resolution 2016-63 Watelet - Jakubo

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

Carried.

iii) Funding Request Update - Living with Lakes Centre

Resolution 2016-64 Kaufman - Jakubo

Be it resolved that the Members of the General Board reconsider their decision of June 23, 2016 to defeat Resolution 2016-58 as worded below:

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.

Carried.

Resolution 2016-65

McIntosh - Kaufman

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The above resolution was introduced and discussed. From the discussion, the Members revised the resolution via a friendly amendment, agreeable to both mover and seconder.

The revised motion was presented as:

Therefore be it resolved that the NDCA ask for clarification of the letter as discussed with respect to the cancellation terms in Paragraph 6 and the ability of Conservation Sudbury staff to audit the course,

AND further that the response to the clarification and request can be directed to to the NDCF for funding support.

Carried.

5. General Business

a) CA Act Review EBR Submission

Resolution 2016-66

Davidson - Landry-Altmann

Be it resolved that the enclosed letter dated September 8, 2016 from the Chairperson and General Manager be submitted to the EBR posting by the General Manager concerning the CA Act review no later than September 9, 2016.

b) Section 28 Report

Resolution 2016-67

Watelet - Landry-Altmann

That permits 2016-21 to 2016-38 issued in June, July and August, 2016, under Section 28 of the *Conservation Authorities Act* be approved as outlined in the circulated Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines/Watercourses report.

Carried.

6. In-Camera Session

Resolution 2016-68

Jakubo - Kaufman

That we go in-camera at 6:35 p.m.

Carried.

At 6:50 p.m. the Board ended the in-camera session; Chairperson Lin reported one resolution was forthcoming.

Resolution 2016-69

Be it resolved that the lands sought by Mr. Sam Yawney as described in the staff report and enclosures be declared surplus to the Authority's needs,

AND FURTHER, that application will be made to the MNRF for disposal under the CA Act,

AND FURTHER, that if approved by the MNRF, to complete the transfer.

Carried.

7. New Business

a) Canada 150/Ontario 150 Funding Opportunities

Resolution 2016-70

Landry-Altmann - Watelet

Given that the Nickel District Conservation Foundation (NDCF) is an eligible entity to apply to both provincial and federal governments and that the Canada 150 and Ontario 150 are potentially useful sources of funding of 50-90% of eligible projects, and

That enhancements to the Lake Laurentian Conservation Area facility are much needed with respect to Phase 2 of the trail signage project, docking/storage and building upgrades that would be eligible under these programs as per the circulated staff report,

Be it resolved that staff is endorsed to submit a timely application to the Ontario 150 and Canada 150 funding bodies on behalf of the Nickel District Conservation Foundation based on the Updated Staff Report, is endorsed (closing September 14, 2016 – Ontario150).

As the financial costs for these proposals were not available at the time of the meeting, this matter was tabled to be dealt with soon via an e-mail poll.

- b) Mid-Year Financial Update – A mid-year report was circulated to the Members and discussed. The Authority finds itself in a good position, at or near the 50% mark in most budget categories – some significant spending items are near zero as invoices have not been received or project has not commenced as of June 30. A two-thirds report will be presented at the next meeting as discussions of 2017 budget projections commence.

- c) Latornell Symposium - November 15-17, 2016

Resolution 2016-71

McIntosh - Watelet

That the following Board members be authorized to attend the Latornell Symposium on November 15-17, 2016:

1. Jennifer Davidson
2. Lin Gibson
3. Steve Kaufman

Carried.

- d) Passing of Nicholas Sajatovic - Lin mentioned that Member Paul Sajatovic's father had passed away. He was a well-known educator in Sudbury and supporter of the Lake Laurentian Conservation Area. Condolences were expressed by all the Members. Arrangements were made to collect donations from Members and staff to make a donation to the Tree Fund for planting trees at the Tom Davies Commemorative Forest in his memory.

8. Adjournment

Resolution 2016-72

McIntosh - Watelet

That we do now adjourn.

Carried.