

# NICKEL DISTRICT CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

## MINUTES OF GENERAL BOARD MEETING



**Thursday, October 19, 2017**

Boardroom AB  
South End Public Library

Commenced: 4:34 p.m.  
Adjourned: 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Lin Gibson, Chairperson  
Fern Cormier  
Jennifer Davidson  
Mike Jakubo  
Steve Kaufman, Vice Chairperson  
Paul Sajatovic  
Mark Signoretti  
Anne Watelet

ALSO PRESENT: Carl Jorgensen, Secretary –Treasurer, General Manager  
Melanie Venne, Conservation Sudbury  
Kevin Jarus, Tulloch Engineering

COMMUNICATION: Joscelyne Landry-Altman, Regrets

1. Chairperson Gibson opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance, including Kevin Jarus from Tulloch Engineering who is presenting on the preliminary findings of the fees review. Chairperson Gibson also provided a quick update on a few items:
  - Patron's Day was held on September 24, by the Friends of Lake Laurentian, and two new patrons were introduced: Sheilah Arena and Chris Blomme.
  - Carl and Lin attended the Conservation Ontario Council meeting in Toronto on September 25. Carl's presentation on behalf of Northern Conservation Authorities was very well received.
  - Our Foundation (NDCF) has hired its first staff; Kelly Turriff started this past Monday.
  - The proposed revisions to the Conservation Authorities Act (Bill 139) have received 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and CO staff were to address the Subcommittee. Lin asked Carl to share CO's comments.
2. No declarations of conflict were made.
3. Adoption of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

Chair Gibson suggested reorganizing the items on the agenda to fit the time restrictions of some board members.

**Resolution 2017-69**

**Watelet - Kaufmann**

*That the agenda for the October 19, 2017 General Board Meeting be adopted as amended.*

**Carried.**

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meetings

**Resolution 2017-70**

**Jakubo - Watelet**

*That the minutes of the September 14, 2017 General Board Meeting, as duplicated and circulated be approved.*

**Carried.**

5. General Business

a) Section 28 Report

**Resolution 2017-71**

**Kaufman - Sajatovic**

*That the report for permits issued under Section 28 of the Conservation Authorities Act for September 2017 is received.*

**Carried.**

b) National Disaster Mitigation Program

The National Disaster Mitigation Program is a federal program to support resiliency to flooding events. Conservation Sudbury recently submitted an application and is seeking board support. The funding would provide shared funding for the updating of floodplain mapping in the entire Junction Creek watershed. Carl discussed the scope of the project, costs and projected timelines.

**Resolution 2017-72**

**Jakubo - Sajatovic**

*That the NDCA Board supports the National Disaster Mitigation Program Application for updating floodplain mapping on Junction Creek as described in the staff report dated October 17, 2017.*

**Carried.**

c) Barrydowne Arena Property Rezoning Application

Carl led a discussion regarding the application for temporary rezoning of the Barry Downe Arena for a three year period only. The Board had several questions and more information was necessary to make an informed decision. The decision was deferred to the November meeting.

6. New Business

a) Environment Canada Environmental Defense Funding

Carl introduced a potential project, funded by the Environment Canada Environmental Defense Fund, for a Low Impact Development (LID) storm water demonstration site. More information will be provided at the November board meeting.

b) Bill 148 Cost Analysis

A report was circulated discussing the impacts of Bill 148, which would, amongst other things, raise the minimum wage starting in 2018. Lin also mentioned that this would have impacts to our personnel policy which we can update at the 2018 AGM.

**Resolution 2017-73**

**Kaufman - Watelet**

*That the report on Bill 148 Fair Workplaces/Better Jobs Act – Cost Analysis be received as information.*

**Carried.**

***Member Signoretti joined the meeting at this point..***

7. Business Arising

a) Fees Review Preliminary Findings

Kevin Jarus, from Tulloch Engineering, presented the preliminary findings from the Conservation Sudbury planning and regulation fees review. He discussed the methodology, preliminary findings and next steps. There will be follow-up presentation at the November board meeting.

b) Minutes from the Audit and Finance Sub-Committee

Minutes were distributed as part of the agenda package for information only. There were no follow-up questions from the Board with regards to these.

8. 2018 Budget Discussion – Preliminary Budget/Priorities

An information update on the 2018 budget request was provided to the Board by the General Manager. The draft budget presented is based on needs identified through the Strategic Planning and subsequent gap analysis and consultation with municipal staff. The Audit and Finance sub-committee requested that these be prioritized. The focus of the presentation was to describe the staffing levels required to meet the prioritized needs and gaps and to demonstrate the levy versus other funding sources. It was noted that a shift in expenditures of capital levy was required as a correction and that non-capital operational budget would be reduced by ~\$100,000. The final budget will be presented for approval at the next board meeting and then to the City of Greater Sudbury finance committee on November 21. There were a few questions and overall supportive comments.

9. Business Arising - Continued

c) WECI Update

Conservation Sudbury's WECI project, supported by the MNRF and the City of Greater Sudbury has restarted. Dominion Construction is the contractor and AECOM is the providing project management and contract administration services. The project started at location of the box culvert that was known to be in the worst condition. The entire budget, and then some, will be required to complete repairs to the section between Larch and Minto Streets – the portion from Minto to Brady will have to wait another year. AECOM will be providing an estimate to complete this year's work early next week and Carl will provide another update at the November meeting. There were a few questions for clarification and Carl indicated that AECOM will also be asked to provide a quotation to complete rigorous inspections of the remaining areas

10. Adjournment

**Resolution 2017-74**

**Watelet - Davidson**

*That we do now adjourn.*

**Carried.**