

NICKEL DISTRICT CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF GENERAL BOARD MEETING



Thursday, August 29, 2017

Room C-12

Tom Davies Square

Commenced: 4:12 p.m.

Adjourned: 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Lin Gibson, Chair
Fern Cormier
Joscelyne Landry-Altman
Paul Sajatovic
Mark Signoretti
Anne Watelet

ALSO PRESENT: Carl Jorgensen, Secretary –Treasurer, General Manager
Melanie Venne, Conservation Sudbury

COMMUNICATION: Mike Jakubo, Regrets
Steve Kaufman, Regrets
Jennifer Davidson, Regrets

1. Chairperson Gibson opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance. Chair Gibson provided a quick update on the Conservation Authorities Act Review and mentioned that Carl will be making a presentation at the Conservation Ontario Council meeting in Toronto on September 25 on best practices in Northern Ontario.

2. No declarations of conflict were made.

3. Adoption of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

Under New Business Chairperson Gibson added b) October meeting date discussion. Items 5) Business Arising and 6) General Business were also switched position on the agenda.

Resolution 2017-56

Landry-Altman - Signoretti

That the agenda for the August 29, 2017 General Board Meeting be adopted as amended.

Carried.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meetings

Resolution 2017-57

Landry-Altmann - Sajatovic

That the minutes of the June 8, 2017 General Board Meeting, as duplicated and circulated be approved.

Carried.

5. General Business

a) Section 28 Permits Report

A question was raised about one of the permits and an explanation was provided by GM Jorgensen.

Resolution 2017-58

Landry-Altmann - Sajatovic

That the report for permits issued under Section 28 of the Conservation Authorities Act for June and July 2017 is received.

Carried.

b) Staffing Update

Carl provided a verbal update on staffing changes at Conservation Sudbury.

An intern was hired through the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Internship program. This position as the Regreening Education Intern is shared position between the City of Greater Sudbury VETAC Committee and Conservation Sudbury.

Our Stewardship and Source Protection Liaison, had left Conservation Sudbury for another position. A job posting for a one year contract was advertised in July and a replacement has been hired as of August 21.

The Nickel District Conservation Foundation (NDCF) currently has an open job posting for a Fundraising Support Specialist. GM Carl and member Sajatovic clarified that this position will be fundraising but also have administrative duties. The board however did state that they would like to see some fundraising goals established for this new hire.

c) WECI Update

Conservation Sudbury's WECI project, supported by the MNR and the City of Greater Sudbury has commenced. This year's repair is to the Junction Creek box culvert from Larch Street to Brady Street. The project received five bids through the request for quote process and Dominion Construction was the successful bidder. AECOM is the engineering firm 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. However, pre-construction inspections have revealed it the condition to be worse than expected; repair work has been delayed and investigation of the extent of the problem is ongoing. Carl will provide another update at the September meeting.

6. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

a) Strategic Plan Implementation Report Update

The goals from the 2017-2021 Strategic Plan were elaborated upon in an excel table. Conservation Sudbury staff estimated the timeframe, and the financial and personnel commitments needed to accomplish all of the goals of the plan.

Elaborating upon that, Carl gave a presentation on the goals, gaps and opportunities of strategic plan implementation. This included examining the existing staff structure and looking at gaps within, our current fee structure, municipal funding and organizational structure at similar-sized conservation authorities.

Carl sought board direction on the next steps in implementation. More information will be shared about next steps at the September board meeting.

A meeting of the Audit and Finance Committee will be scheduled for next week.

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

At 6:40 p.m. the Board moved in-camera.

Resolution 2017-59

Landry-Altman - Watelet

That we go in-camera at 6:40 p.m.

Carried.

At 6:50 p.m., the in-camera session was completed and no resolutions were brought forward.

8. New Business

a) Latornell Conservation Symposium

The Latornell Conservation Symposium will be held on November 21-23. Chair Gibson will be attending as will two staff members.

b) October Board Meeting

Chairperson Lin asked if we could move the October board meeting back a week to October 19. Members agreed and a new meeting appointment will be sent out.

c) Board member Landry-Altman requested the GM send a letter on behalf of the Board to the City of Greater Sudbury Transit department requesting that bus service to the Lake Laurentian Conservation Area be extended to weekends. Carl committed to do so.

9. Adjournment

Resolution 2017-60

Cormier - Watelet

That we do now adjourn.

Carried.