

NICKEL DISTRICT CONSERVATION AUTHORITY



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL BOARD MEETING

Thursday, March 21, 2019

South End Public Library
1991 Regent Street, Sudbury

Commenced: 4:40 p.m.
Adjourned: 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Lin Gibson, Chairperson
Steve Kaufman, Vice Chair
Jennifer Davidson
Joscelyne Landry-Altman
Bill Leduc
Paul Sajatovic
Al Sizer
Anne Watelet (arrived before agenda item 6)

ALSO PRESENT: Carl Jorgensen, Secretary –Treasurer, General Manager
Sarah Woods, staff

COMMUNICATION: Mike Jakubo, regrets

1. Chairperson Lin Gibson began the meeting by welcoming attendees and providing some opening remarks:
 - On February 26 Carl Jorgensen, Madison Keegans (staff) and Chairperson Lin attended a video-conference meeting of the Northern Chapter CAs
 - On February 28 Jen Davidson and Lin attended the Community Builders Awards
 - Next week Joscelyne Landry-Altman, Daniela Stuewer (staff), and Lin will attend a progress meeting re: this year's Fast-Flowing Water poster contest
 - Carl and Lin will be attending the Conservation Ontario AGM on April 1 in Vaughan

2. No declarations of conflict were made.

3. Adoption of Agenda/Addition to Agenda

Resolution 2019-28

Landry-Altman - Kaufman

That the agenda of the March 21, 2019 General Board Meeting be adopted as circulated.

The following addition was made to the agenda:

- 7. c) Carl to provide update on various topics

Carried.

4. Previous Meeting Minutes

a) Adoption of Minutes of February 14, 2019 (AGM)

Resolution 2019-29

Sajatovic - Leduc

That the minutes of the February 14, 2019 Annual General Meeting, as circulated and reviewed, are approved.

Carried.

b) Business arising from the meeting not addressed below

- Carl indicated that he has sent calendar invitations to Board members for board meetings during the duration of their term (next 4 years), and that board members have been added to the snow-survey distribution list.

5. General Business

a) Draft minutes of the Audit and Finance Committee meeting

There was some discussion. Member Jakubo was selected as Head of the Audit and Finance Committee. Via an email to Chairperson Lin, he indicated that he'd reviewed the minutes of the AFC meeting and believes they well reflect what was discussed.

Resolution 2019-30

Sajatovic - Leduc

That the draft minutes of the Audit and Finance Committee meeting of March 18, 2019 are received.

Carried.

b) 2018 Audited Financial Statements

Carl indicated that the changes that were requested at the Audit and Finance Committee meeting have since been made, and are reflected in the Financial Statements that were circulated to the Board on March 19.

Chairperson Lin read an email from Member Jakubo, Chair of the Audit and Finance Committee that stated he'd reviewed the updated financial statements (FS) and believe the changes asked for are properly reflected and therefore, the A&F Committee's recommendation for board approval of the Audited FS remains.

Carl highlighted some points within the statement and there was some discussion.

Resolution 2019-31

Sizer - Kaufman

Given that the Audit and Finance Committee of the Authority met with the appointed Auditor from KPMG on Monday March 18, 2019, to discuss the Draft Audited Financial Statements and

That, following a productive session, the Committee recommended a few changes and edits to the Financial Statements that have been since made and are included in the audit distributed to the Members on March 19, 2019, and

That the Audit and Finance Committee recommends that the General Board approves the 2018 Audited Financial Statements, therefore

Be it resolved that,

The Audited Financial Statements for 2018 are approved as presented.

Carried.

c) Section 28/29 Report

Resolution 2019-32

Sajatovic – Landry-Altman

That the Report for permits issued under Sections 28 and 29 of the Conservation Authorities Act during the month of February 2019 is received.

Carried.

6. In-Camera Session

Resolution 2019-33

Landry-Altman - Davidson

That we go in-camera at 5:07 p.m.

At 5:30pm the Board ended the in-camera session. There were no resolutions forthcoming; direction was provided to staff on one matter.

7. New Business / Upcoming

a) Red Tape Reduction

Chairperson Lin explained that conservation authorities throughout the province are looking for ways to proactively support the provincial government's priorities for Ontario. Carl went through the staff report and there was much discussion that resulted in a friendly amendment of the proposed resolution.

WHEREAS the provincial government intends to increase the supply of housing and streamline the land use planning and development approval process to achieve this goal; and

WHEREAS the Conservation Authorities play an important role in the planning and development review process with respect to watershed protection and hazard lands; and

WHEREAS Conservation Authorities support and can help deliver the Government's objective not to jeopardize public health and safety or the environment; and

GIVEN THAT a report dated March 14, 2019 entitled MEETING PROVINCIAL PRIORITIES FOR REDUCING REGULATORY BURDEN, prepared by staff with assistance from Conservation Ontario staff, was reviewed by the Members and discussed,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to work with the Conservation Ontario Working Group and our clients to identify additional improvements; and further

THAT staff be directed to implement these solutions as soon as possible.

Carried.

b) Smoke-Free Conservation Area

Carl referred to the presentations that had been distributed previously as background reading on this topic. The purpose for this discussion is simply to seek direction from the Members.

The Members supported further investigation, or study, of the possibility of declaring the Authority's managed properties to be smoke-free, i.e. all substances, all methods.

c) Updates on various projects

- Carl indicated that staff is in the process of coordinating another "beaver meeting" as we work toward standardizing beaver management among large land holders within the watershed (including NDCA, CGS, industry).
- Anoop Naik and Carl will be presenting our flood forecasting process to the Greater Sudbury Emergency Management Group next week.
- Carl asked if Board members would be interested in participating in a tour of the watersheds within the NDCA jurisdiction. Since interest was expressed, staff will coordinate a tour for this summer.

8. Adjournment

Resolution 2019-35

Watelet - Leduc

That we do now adjourn.

Carried.