

NICKEL DISTRICT CONSERVATION AUTHORITY



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL BOARD MEETING

Thursday, January 9, 2020

Tom Davies Square, room C-12
200 Brady Street, Sudbury

Commenced: 4:34 p.m.
Adjourned: 6:20 p.m.

PRESENT: Lin Gibson, Chairperson
Geoff McCausland
Jennifer Davidson
Mike Jakubo
Steve Kaufman, Vice Chair
Joscelyne Landry-Altman
Bill Leduc
Paul Sajatovic

ALSO PRESENT: Carl Jorgensen, Secretary –Treasurer, General Manager
Bailey Chabot, Watershed Planner
Gerry Bilodeau, Chair of the Source Protection Committee
Norm Eady

COMMUNICATION: Anne Watelet, regrets

1. Chairperson Lin Gibson began the meeting by welcoming attendees and providing some opening remarks including the introduction of Gerry Bilodeau, the new Chair of the Sudbury Source Protection Committee. Gerry took a few moments to introduce himself, provide a brief overview of his career in the mining sector and his interest in source protection. Chairperson Lin also introduce a new member of the staff, Bailey Chabot, who started in the position of Watershed Planner at the end of November 2019.
2. No declarations of conflict were made.
3. Adoption of Agenda/Addition to Agenda

Resolution 2020-01

Leduc - Davidson

That the agenda of the January 9, 2020 General Board Meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

4. Previous Meeting Minutes

a) Adoption of Minutes of November 18, 2019

Resolution 2020-02

Landry-Altmann - Sajatovic

That the minutes of the November 18, 2019 General Board Meeting, as circulated and reviewed, are approved.

Carried.

b) Business arising from the meeting not addressed below

a) Regarding Item 7. E)

GM Carl informed the Members that the teleconference with the Minister's staff had taken place on December 13, 2019. He and Member Jakubo provided an overview of the Authority and used a 15-item backgrounder document, this was shared with the members, as the guide to the conversation. Both were of the opinion that the time was well spent. Some discussion about the effect of these one-on-one consultations and possible next steps followed. It is understood that another broader engagement effort will occur early in 2020.

5. General Business

a) Delegation: Mr. Norm Eady re: second access to South Bay Road

Mr. Eady shared his views about the pros and cons of eliminating the South Bay Road extension southerly to Regent Street. He shared a few documents including a map and referred to support he has already obtained from other parties. He'd like to see the option remain in the City's Transportation Master Plan (TMP) and would like the Authority's support. He said he had more studies and information that would support his position and he said he'd share that. The Chairperson thanked him for the presentation and requested that he forward more information on this subject for consideration by the General Board through the General Manager. Mr. Eady's presentation was completed within the allowed 15 minutes; some questions went beyond by approximately ten minutes.

b) Section 28/29 Report

A question was raised about the new appearance of several septic systems within the report of projects permitted. Bailey Chabot replied that after a long period of not doing so, the health unit had once again started referring proponents with septic

systems proposed in the regulated area to our office for review. It was noted that the Authority does not permit the system structure itself but only the earthworks associated with installing the system.

Resolution 2020-03

Jakubo – Sajatovic

That the report for permits issued under Sections 28 and 29 of the Conservation Authorities Act during the months of November and December 2019 is received.

Carried.

c) Health and Safety Policy revision

The policy changes were reviewed with the board and a few typos and other wording corrections were suggested. These will be made in the final copy and distributed to staff. The main changes deal with updating language to include language referencing e-cigarettes and vaping along with more more-traditional smoking methods; with addressing the risks associated with staff encountering sharps and needles, the removal of lock-out tag-out section and addition of language indicating that certain types of equipment should have standard operating procedures b(SOPs) developed based on manufacturers' guidance (eg. Brushcutters, ATVs). It was also noted that a *trip and fall* section should be added for future versions.

Resolution 2020-04

Leduc – Kaufman

Be it resolved that the revised Health and Safety Policy dated January 9, 2020 is received and approved for use in 2020.

Carried.

d) 2019 Unaudited Budget Report

GM Carl shared an unaudited report with the Members but was concerned that the Other Revenue figure was too high. He pointed out that the figures include investment revenue that has not been allocated to reserves and also operational costs of less than \$50 000 will be allocated to capital expenditures. The Members had a few comments and questions; GM Carl indicated that he is working with the auditors soon and is confident that uncertainties will be resolved in due course.

Resolution 2020-05

Kaufman – Jakubo

Be it resolved that the unaudited budget report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019 is received as information.

Carried.

6. In-Camera Session

Resolution 2020-06

Jakubo – Davidson

That we go in-camera at 5:50 p.m.

Carried.

Member Leduc departed the meeting at 5:50 during the in-camera session. At 6:10 p.m. the Board ended the in-camera session. Direction was provided to staff regarding one item; no resolutions were forthcoming.

7. New Business / Upcoming

a) Correspondence file

A brief discussion took place with regards to this correspondence file.

b) Webinar CA Act

Reminder to Members Re: a webinar hosted by Conservation Ontario that will provide an overview of the current provincial government review of changes to the *Conservation Authorities Act*, mandate and regulations. The webinar will be held Thursday January 16 at 10am at 199 Larch Street, provincial boardroom A.

c) Next Meeting: will be the Annual General Meeting on February 13.

d) March 12 Meeting

The meeting of March 12 will not be held in C-12. The location will be announced prior to the meeting. One of the Members requested that we look into the technology required to allow participation by video conference in future.

8. Adjournment

Resolution 2020-07

Jakubo – Landry-Altman

That we do now adjourn.

Carried.