

NICKEL DISTRICT CONSERVATION AUTHORITY



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL BOARD MEETING

Thursday, May 12, 2022

Via MS Teams

Commenced: 4:33 p.m.

Adjourned: 6:00 p.m

PRESENT: Steve Kaufman
Jennifer Davidson
Mike Jakubo
Bill Leduc
Geoff McCausland

ALSO PRESENT: Sarah Woods, Planning and Regulations Officer
Melanie Venne, Staff
Carl Jorgensen, GM/ Secretary-Treasurer

REGRETS: Lin Gibson
Joscelyne Landry-Altmann

1. Chair Kaufman called the meeting to order. He welcomed and thanked the Board Members for their attendance. Chair Kaufman also recognized the attendance of members of the public from Walden Lands Inc., in attendance for a matter related to their Section 28 permit on the agenda for this meeting.
2. No declarations of conflict were made.
3. Adoption of Agenda/Addition to Agenda

Member McCausland suggested adding a Community Delegation agenda item before the agenda item 5b). Members were in favour.

Resolution 2022-40

McCausland - Leduc

That the agenda of the May 12, 2022 General Board Meeting be adopted as amended.

Carried.

4. Previous Meeting Minutes

a) Adoption of Minutes of April 14, 2022

Resolution 2022-41

Jakubo - McCausland

That the minutes of the April 14, 2022 General Board Meeting, as circulated and reviewed, are approved.

Carried.

b) Business Arising from the Minutes of April 14, 2022

At the April meeting, there was a resolution passed to bring the decision regarding board membership to an upcoming City of Greater Sudbury Council meeting. Carl has been in contact with the City Clerk and the item will be brought to the May 31 City of Greater Sudbury Council meeting.

5. General Business

a) Permission under Section 28/29 Report

Resolution 2022-42

Leduc - McCausland

That the report for permits issued under Sections 28 and 29 of the Conservation Authorities Act during the month of April 2022 is received.

Carried.

b) Community Delegation

Nicola Mitchinson, on behalf of Walden Lands Inc., introduced herself and the other members attending. They have requested a board approved five year permit to accommodate some unanticipated construction related delays. She thanked the Board for allowing her to attend and speak. They look forward to continuing to work with Conservation Sudbury.

c) Five Year Permit Request

Sarah Woods briefly explained the site in questions, the history of the site, and the regulations that need to be considered. She explained the two options in response to the request for a five year permit.

The Board had questions regarding the process, the site and the wording of the

resolution. After a productive discussion, the members voted in favour of extending the permit.

Resolution 2022-43

McCausland - Leduc

That the General Board of the Nickel District Conservation Authority extend permission to Walden Lands Inc. for development at 0 Regional Road 55 (Pt 1 Plan 53R8730) for an period ending July 17 2024,

And further, that this extension be conditional upon the applicant satisfying staff that the control of erosion has been addressed in the design of the development.

Carried.

d) Update to Camp Bitobig Safety Plan

Melanie Venne provided an update to the Camp Bitobig COVID-19 safety plan. The plan was updated in spring 2022 and follows guidelines provided by the Ontario government. All necessary health and safety precautions are being taken in order to provide a safe environment for both staff and participants.

Camp Bitobig and spring education programming at Lake Laurentian Conservation Area both sold out very quickly.

Resolution 2022-44

Jakubo - Davidson

That the staff report on COVID-19 Policy and Protocols for Camp Bitobig and School Programming, dated May 5, 2022 is received.

Carried.

e) Request for Reserve Allocation – WECI Program

Conservation Sudbury's WECI (Water and Erosion Control Infrastructure) cost-share application was successful and we will be receiving funds to continue working on the Junction Creek Box culvert.

Resolution 2022-45

Davidson - Leduc

That the Staff Report entitled Request for Reserve Allocation – Nolin's Creek Box Culvert Rehabilitation dated May 5, 2022 is received, and

That the transfer payment agreement for the grant from the MNMNR is authorized by the Chairperson and Secretary-Treasurer, and

That the Water Control Preventative Maintenance Reserve is utilized as required in the completion of the project.

Carried.

f) Financial Report, Jan-Apr 2022

Carl provided a brief financial report. Some information was still pending regarding revenues from Planning review fees collected and Building Permit Fees from March and April, so the full financial report for the first third of the year will be shared in June. Some information was shared, including a more detailed look at Lake Laurentian education program revenues and expenses to date. The Audit and Finance Committee will be looking to set up a meeting as well.

Resolution 2022-46

Jakubo - McCausland

That the verbal financial report for January to April 2022 from the General Manager is received.

Carried.

6. In-Camera

Resolution 2022-47

McCausland - Leduc

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

Carried.

The Board exited their in-camera session at 5:58 p.m. There were no forthcoming resolutions however direction was provided to staff on a human resources matter.

7. Adjournment

Resolution 2022-48

McCausland - Davidson

That we do now adjourn.

Carried.